

Jim Gibbons

Why me?

As presented in my CV, my university life was filled with sporting activities that have most certainly added to my development as a person. All these extracurricular activities brought not only leadership and inter-personal skills, but more importantly, invaluable experiences, friends and memories. My involvement in my local GAA club has allowed to volunteer with the younger generations of the club, which included developing their skills and teaching them the fundamental skill of teamwork. I have been lucky enough to captain my age group from the age of 14 until 18. I am currently a member of the senior hurling team. My experience as being part of a team has given me invaluable skills that are essential to any working environment.

These skills include:

Listening

Expressing ideas

Facilitating group discussion

Providing appropriate feedback

Negotiating

Perceiving nonverbal messages

Persuading

Reporting information

Why Law?

Leaving school, I was too young to know what I wanted to pursue as a career. I chose my two favourite subjects in schools and studied them as part of my BA degree. It was during that time, I realised that I needed to study Law. I chose to enrol in the Postgraduate Diploma in Law at the Technological University Dublin. I embarked on this path because for me the law is intellectually challenging, personally fulfilling and financially rewarding. The law is also about rights, justice and understanding human behaviour and society. The law has also broadened my horizons with regards to a broad range of subjects, especially in current affairs.

Why this firm?

Byrne Wallace is a large, fast growing global law firm with expertise in a broad range of fields from Banking and Finance to Public Law. I would love the opportunity to learn my trade at Byrne Wallace. My intention is to combine my undergraduate degree in Economics with my postgraduate diploma in Law to excel in corporate law. The prospect of having a personal development plan is a key attraction for me. The opportunity to work directly with the partners who are experts in their various fields is a chance that I could not turn down. I expect to have completed my FE-1 exams in March 2021.

Thank you for taking the time to read my cover letter. I would love to be part of your team.

Yours sincerely,

Jim