

Dear Sirs,

I am a recent graduate of the Master of Laws (LL.M) in Intellectual Property Law programme at Trinity College Dublin, with in-house, and legal research experience. I am writing to apply for the position of Trainee Solicitor in Byrne Wallace.

My decision to apply to Byrne Wallace is guided by three factors; the quality of training provided, the roster of clients, and the high standard of legal services. The leading factor for my application to Byrne Wallace is the quality of the Trainee Programme. I believe that the partner supervision aspect of the programme is particularly advantageous and promotes development. I am highly motivated and want to continually learn and identify areas for improvement. Byrne Wallace's range of clients present significant opportunities for Trainees to deal with challenging and diverse legal tasks. The programme's focus on personal growth is a weighted factor in my application. Lastly, the quality of the legal services provided by Byrne Wallace is a highly influential factor. Byrne Wallace's commitment to SMEs in regards to the upcoming GDPR proves to illustrate the high standard demonstrated by the firm.

The three primary skills that I feel best highlight my candidacy for the position of Trainee Solicitor with Byrne Wallace are research, drafting, and teamwork skills. Through my experiences in tutoring and legal research groups I have gained the ability to effectively research and concisely present my findings. These capabilities have been further developed during my internship in Yahoo!. Effectively researching legal topics, and presenting them in a coherent and concise manner is a paramount skill for a Trainee Solicitor. A position at Byrne Wallace would allow me to continue to hone these skills. Throughout my LL.M Dissertation I expanded upon my attention to detail and effective drafting ability. As a part of my role in Yahoo! I held the responsibility of drafting responses to relevant Data Protection Authorities. This required a significant amount of thorough editing. This is directly applicable to a role within Byrne Wallace, as minor typos or mistakes can reflect poorly on the firm's reputation. Lastly, I participated in a number of teams throughout my undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. Most notable, were my roles as VPAA to ELSA Ireland and Vice Chairperson to the DCU FLAC Society. I acted as the Lead Coordinator for the Council of Europe ("CoE") supported Legal Research Group on Freedom of Expression, the results of which were ultimately published on the CoE website. This was a particularly challenging project which tested my teamwork and communication skills. The team consisted of eleven researchers from a number of universities across Ireland. Therefore, it was imperative that I kept up to date with the progress of the report and ensured we met the upcoming deadlines. The ability to take initiative, and meet deadlines is a directly applicable skill to the role of Trainee Solicitor.

I believe my extracurricular activities, academic strength and enthusiasm to pursue a career in law heightens my candidacy for the position of Trainee Solicitor.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Kaleb Honer