

Kate O'Neill

Byrne Wallace Cover Letter

Dear Hiring Manager,

My name is Kate O'Neill and I am applying to be considered for the 2021 Byrne Wallace Trainee

Solicitor Programme. I believe Byrne Wallace is an ideal firm in which to pursue the first steps in my career on account of the firm's commitment to its employees and progressive culture. I believe that I would be a great addition to the Trainee Programme which would provide an invaluable insight into the daily working life at a dynamic, leading law firm.

I am a final year Business and Law student at Technological University Dublin. I chose to study a dual degree to broaden my educational background and I believe my Business studies have put me in good stead to better understand Byrne Wallace's diverse range of clientele, from sectors such as Mergers and Acquisitions, Corporate and International/FDI. I am grateful for the business understanding and context that I'll be able to apply to my professional work moving forward.

A career in Law is particularly attractive to me because it ties a challenging profession with an opportunity to help others. I am an articulate, well-rounded and enthusiastic candidate that will thrive in a competitive and rewarding environment. My previous employers will speak highly of my work ethic, ability to work in fast-paced settings and an ability to excel socially within a team dynamic. These traits would I believe, provide the foundations of success at a leading Legal Firm such as Byrne Wallace.

In University I am an analytical thinker and really engage with my Law Lecturers when asked to argue cases or lead a group discussion. I quickly get to the root of a problem and articulate what needs to be done in order to fix it. I have thoroughly enjoyed studying law and understand that it is a career which will require a lifetime of study. At the same time I really look forward to applying my knowledge to real-life work at a company such as Byrne Wallace and embracing the challenges that come with operating at a high level.

I made a big personal decision last year when I chose to travel abroad to Arnhem and complete my Erasmus year studies. In order to facilitate this year I worked as a waitress while also childminding in The Netherlands. I purposely chose this particular city as I knew that I wouldn't be surrounded by Irish students and in doing so, I felt that I experienced significant personal growth. While it was challenging moving to a new country alone, I embraced it and grew more

confident in myself as I succeeded in my new life. I look forward to taking this confidence into my professional career.

I chose to apply to your firm because of your reputation of excellence and broad range of clientele. I particularly liked the fact that Byrne Wallace exercises a rotation system. I would relish the valuable opportunity to understand each Core Group before making an informed decision on my future career path. Outside of what I will gain professionally and personally during a traineeship, I would strive to succeed and impress both clients and colleagues.

I would like to thank you for considering my application for the Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme and await any further correspondence. Please find my CV attached for your review.

Yours Faithfully,

Kate O'Neill