Dear Sir/Madam,

I am both ready and determined to start my career as a solicitor and would love the opportunity to do so at ByrneWallace. Thank you for taking the time out to assess my application and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

In relation to my academic background, I chose commerce as I've always had a great interest in business and it provided me with the opportunity to study a broad range of interesting subjects. Therefore, although I didn’t study law, I feel that I instead have a good understanding of how your client’s business operates as well as the standard of service they expect from a top law firm. I am passionate about the goings on of the world and pride myself on being well-informed about politics and current affairs. A role in a commercial law firm is the perfect fit for me as it couples my background and interest in business along with my current focus, future and commitment to becoming a solicitor.

After considerable thought and after speaking with friends and family members that work as solicitors, I decided to complete the FE1-s. I didn't attend any lectures, instead I just bought the books from a friend and studied in the evenings after work during my time at Zurich. Although it was a difficult few months, I passed all eight FE1-s during the October 2017 and March 2018 sittings. I found all of the subjects extremely interesting, particularly Company, Contract and Property Law and between the law based electives I chose in college and this in-depth insight into the many different areas of the law, I am confident that this is the perfect career path for me.

The importance of the law cannot be understated and to me, it is completely compelling, as it is at the centrepiece of society and influences the way individuals and corporations function, interact and make decisions. The intellectual challenges it presents as well as the diverse practice areas along with the continual opportunity to interact with clients for me, makes it the most alluring and exciting career option available. I never felt challenged or intellectually stimulated in any of my previous jobs and that is something I personally need in order to develop and attain self-fulfilment. I am both excited and determined to kickstart my career as a solicitor and would love the opportunity to contribute to ByrneWallace’s success.

One of the main things that attracts me to ByrneWallace is the high calibre of its workforce. ByrneWallace is renowned for being one of the best and most diverse law firms to work for which attracts the top talent. Once working for ByrneWallace, the training in place and the support system created provides interns and trainees alike with the optimal learning and development opportunities. This commitment to invest in its people ensures the workforce remains ahead of the curve in its quest to provide the most innovative and practical advice to clients on extremely complex and broad ranging legal issues.

Along with providing clients with sound business judgment, I think clients also have the utmost of confidence in ByrneWallace as a result of the lengths the firm has gone to create strong business relationships with its clients. ByrneWallace since its establishment has worked relentlessly, as demonstrated by the many awards and accolades the firm has received, to secure its reputation as one of Ireland’s largest and most respected law firms. The result of creating a rapport with clients founded on mutual trust and respect is that the client can proceed with confidence based on the advice given and it also ensures repeat business for the firm.

I also really admire all of the charity work that ByrneWallace undertakes. The firm’s involvement with charities such as Breast Cancer Ireland, Special Olympic Ireland and many more, highlights ByrneWallace’s commitment to other social issues and not just its turnover.

Thank you again for reviewing my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Kelly Matthews