

Dear Ms Loftus,

I am writing to you today to express my keen interest in joining the highly esteemed ByrneWallace as part of your Trainee Solicitor Programme.

I am a recent LLM Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law graduate from Trinity College (final thesis result pending, however, I have an expected 1:1 grade), and I hold a 2:1 BA in Economics, Politics and Law from Dublin City University. As a recent graduate, who is looking to take my first steps into the legal profession, and create a strong and lasting foundation for a career as a solicitor, the possibility of obtaining a training contract with ByrneWallace represents an exciting opportunity for me, and one which I am eager to engage with.

The fact that ByrneWallace is one of the country's largest full-service law firms, with a fantastic reputation and heritage very clearly puts the firm on the radar of any recent graduate, however there are a number of elements of the firm, the programme and the practice that particularly appeal to me and make ByrneWallace a particularly exciting opportunity.

As a young graduate, the commitment of the organisation to being a progressive firm is incredibly appealing to me. From the various corporate social responsibility commitments made by the firm to the noted embrace of technology, as well as the general reputation of the firm, the vibrancy and energy of ByrneWallace is incredibly attractive and it has shone through in the testimony of previous trainees. The promise of being given responsibility and empowerment during the programme is crucial to me, and the retention of many partners who began as trainees in the firm is more than encouraging.

Whilst I have pursued through my studies a passionate interest in the areas of Intellectual Property and Information technology law, the wide range of high-level services provided by ByrneWallace in a staggering number of fields is incredibly attractive to me as an applicant and potential candidate. Despite my passion and in-depth knowledge of IT and IP law, I am eager to further learn and experience other fields of practice. I have also been fortunate enough to gain experience with Maples and Calder, where I undertook an internship with their Aircraft Finance team.

In regards to Intellectual Property and Information technology law, I focused my study and interest in issues of Data Protection, Cyber Security, Patent, and Design law. Writing two theses at an undergraduate and postgraduate level titled: 'Luxury and Fast fashion: Symbiosis or Parasitism? A comparative analysis of EU and US fashion design law' and 'One Size Does Not Fit All – An Analysis of the Disadvantages in Intellectual Property Protection Faced by Small and Medium Enterprises in the Fashion Industry'. I also partook in a module on Islamic Law, which was a fascinating and engaging experience.

I am an ambitious, curious, and driven individual, and have developed and proven these traits through years of study and work. Most recently, whilst undeniably a challenge, I was able to complete the demanding LLM course at Trinity College throughout the COVID pandemic, an undertaking that required me to hone my self of self-motivation and develop a work ethic that takes into account long-term goals and plans.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kilian Harrison