Beth Onslow

HR Administrator

Byrne Wallace

88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2

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Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Ms. Onslow,

Further to your advertisement on [www.byrnewallace.com](http://www.byrnewallace.com), I would like to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme.

My first memory of wanting to pursue a career in law was at “Law Day” in Transition Year in secondary school. We were given roles and I can specifically remember the interest and determination that I had in solving the problem. My interest grew from there on, I attended law events in both UCC and UCD whilst in my leaving cert year to find out more about the course and to meet some of the lecturers. These events further strengthened my interest in law as they portrayed the key skills and characteristics needed for a successful career in law, those of which I knew I possessed.

In my opinion, the most important skill for a successful career in law is good communication. It is the most effective skill in building strong, long lasting client relationships. While working at Maples and Calder, I liaised directly with important clients on a daily basis. This enabled me to further develop my skill set. I have demonstrated my excellent oral communication skills in the delivery of my presentations at University. I have received positive feedback from my lecturers and employers in relation to my ability to communicate my point effectively in both my presentations and with clients.

Research plays a huge role in the day-to-day life of a lawyer. It is a skill which I developed at a high level throughout my four years at University and is reflected in the high grade that I achieved on my final year project. My non-legal work experience has also afforded me the opportunity to develop the skills which I believe will be useful for a career in law.

I chose to apply to Byrne Wallace because of the premium level mentoring programme that they have to offer, coupled with the opportunity to work in a firm that has an impressive international reach. It is clear that a dedication to maintaining global client relationships is of the utmost importance to Byrne Wallace and is something that I believe I can contribute to with my excellent interpersonal skills. I am really interested in working in a corporate law firm and the diverse practice areas that Byrne Wallace have to offer are boundless. The Byrne Wallace trainee programme is second to none. Reliable sources have informed me of the level of guidance, support and encouragement offered to trainees by highly respected top-tier lawyers. I am enthused by the idea of working alongside some of the best corporate lawyers and would benefit greatly from their experience and knowledge. My academic achievements alongside my legal experience would make me a perfect fit for Byrne Wallace. I can confidently say that the training I would receive at your award-winning firm would kick-start a very long and prosperous career in law.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Laura O’Connor