

Byrne Wallace
87–88 Harcourt Street
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Dear Sirs,

Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme Application Form

I refer to the above and by way of application enclose the following, as required:

- Completed Application Form; and
- Curriculum Vitae.

I am currently a legal executive in Mason Hayes & Curran's ("MHC") commercial litigation department. In tandem with this, I am also completing my entrance exams for the Law Society of Ireland. I have successfully completed four exams and I will have all exams completed by March 2017. I also worked full-time and completed my law degree part-time within three years. I believe that juggling both a full-time job and pursuing my studies shows not only my ability to manage time efficiently and effectively but also is testament to my drive to qualify as a solicitor.

As set out in my CV, I have extensive experience in large Irish law firms a total of six years. My current role in MHC, working predominantly with a senior partner, has given me invaluable experience. The position has afforded the opportunity to improve and develop in a number of areas to include: drafting, litigation practice and procedural and research skills. In terms of day to day work, I regularly prepare briefs for counsel, attend court, update clients as to developments on files, issue and pursue invoices and carry out administrative tasks. I have also had the opportunity to work and attend hearings on some high profile cases.

In addition to my formal experience, I am an active volunteer with FLAC since 2014. This involves 8 - 10 hours per month. Outside of work related experience or academic achievements, I have travelled to Asia, Australia and South Africa. When you travel, things go wrong, plans change, there are mudslides that you can't predict. As a traveller you are forced to change plans constantly. You handle the issues that hurdle your way quickly after a few months on the road. In the ever-changing world of business, the ability to adapt is important. I would also describe myself as a humanitarian at heart and I am passionate about animal welfare hence making a decision to become a vegetarian.

As a result of my experience, in addition to developing my legal skills, I have honed my communication and interpersonal skills, both of which are critical for dealing with clients and colleagues. Furthermore, in light of my experience with MHC, I appreciate the need to be commercially aware, so as to be a valuable member of a team in a large commercial practice. I have a particular interest in the following areas of law: litigation, healthcare and employment. My interest in

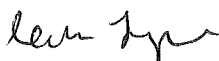
law derives from the effect it has on clients and my desire to assist clients in resolving their problems. Having seen this in practice in MHC, I see the fulfilment that a successful legal career provides for trainees, solicitors and partners alike.

Having worked in various law firms in Dublin I am confident that Byrne Wallace is the right fit for me. I believe the environment is one of collegiality, fostering learning and working towards one common goal - client satisfaction. From my research, Byrne Wallace values and nurtures its employees not only in their professional lives but also through the active sports and social committee.

What grasped my attention in particular was the fact that Byrne Wallace offer a diversity of expertise that covers all significant areas of Irish law. I note you advised on a landmark case for the Child and Family Agency. It is not often that you see such top firms advising on areas such as Child Care law an area which I am passionate about. Despite knowing that the top law firms have high standards, this is one of the reasons that encouraged me to apply to Byrne Wallace. I understand Byrne Wallace support Focus Ireland Shine a Light Night which is due to commence this weekend. I think it is admirable quality that a leading firm is supporting this. Solicitors in this field need the leadership skills to hold the attention of different parties (shareholders, creditors, directors and clients) with competing priorities. I would like to work in a firm that values determination and diligence, a firm which offers opportunities, encouragement and future prospects. I believe Byrne Wallace can offer this prospect and I would really appreciate the opportunity of an interview.

If you require additional information please contact me. Thank you for your time in considering my application.

Yours faithfully



Leah Traynor