

Dear HR Manager,

My name is Lorcan Hurley and I would like to apply for a traineeship with ByrneWallace. I greatly enjoyed the open evening and it was a pleasure to meet the ByrneWallace team who were very hospitable. I am from Cork City but I have lived in Dublin for the past three years. I enjoy playing rugby, hiking, sailing, reading and keeping fit generally. I hold two law degrees and can evidence a consistent and varied interest in law by reference to my work at UCC, Yahoo, and the Commercial Court. I currently work as a Legal Associate at an investment manager.

Why ByrneWallace? I am applying to ByrneWallace as it is an ambitious and unconventional firm: it is large enough to carry-out a diverse spectrum of work while its lawyers are among Ireland's leading legal practitioners allowing them to excel in the most complex of transactions. In addition, although the culture is highly professional the firm retains a down-to-earth culture characterized by an open-door policy and a host of social events. Furthermore, during the traineeship trainees are afforded the opportunity to complete different seat rotations exposing them to new and exciting areas of law. Trainees also enjoy consistent feedback from partners combined with ongoing professional development lead by Sandra Masterson Power. Lastly, the opportunity to learn from leading lawyers such as Catherine Guy, Darren Daly and Sinead Kearney, among others, is very exciting. This unique combination and the firm's desire for further growth has prompted my application.

What do I have to offer? I am a very enthusiastic person who is very comfortable working with others or in an individual capacity. For example, last Summer I setup and captained my company's tag rugby team to success by defeating LK Shields in the final. I possess an able intellect: for example, I have worked on the most complex commercial court cases, helping to distill intricate details into easily understandable summaries. I also hold editing and research credits for published papers which demonstrates that I have an eye for detail. In addition, I already understand so much of what a corporate lawyer does; I am accustomed to working on international transactions and for example, liaising with lawyers from Berlin, tax advisors from Luxembourg and corporate finance advisors from Frankfurt. I am result-driven, and I am the only law graduate I know who attends high-pressure meetings and who works in a legal capacity using a foreign language. The pressure of addressing a large group of German lawyers during a meeting is the sort of experience I can bring to ByrneWallace from day 1. Lastly, I am also interested in the business of law and have built up a strong network of contacts both in Ireland and Germany. It is my goal to setup a dedicated German group at ByrneWallace to attract new clients and given my expertise in German language and business I feel this is a realistic prospect. I am confident that ByrneWallace will support my work at every turn in achieving this goal.

I would be delighted to attend interview to discuss my plans further.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Yours faithfully,

Lorcan Hurley