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Byrne Wallace

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Dear Hiring Manager

I refer to the application for the trainee solicitor programme for Byrne Wallace for 2024 herein.

My experience in working as an intern with Gartlan Furey LLP for the last year has given me an insight into the career of a solicitor and I have learned many of the duties a solicitor carries out on a day-to-day basis. This paired with the sitting of six FE-1s has led me to determine that a career in the law is the career for me.

I thrive in fast-paced environments with a focus on collaborative elements by way of team-based tasks and delivering results in a client-facing business. To date, beyond my work already in a law firm, I completed an academic internship with TASC, Ireland’s leading progressive think-tank. I acquired many skills from my time there, particularly with regard to developing my teamwork skills as all of the initiatives on a local, national and international basis were based on the foundations of being community-led and not unilaterally imposed. Prior to my time with TASC I held two roles within Fianna Fáil, one of which being a campaign manager for a general election candidate in my home constituency. I first got involved with the party during my time in UCD. As equality and membership officer I increased the membership of the cumann by 40% and achieved a 50% gender balance on the office board as well as multiple LGBTQ+ board members. Due to my work with the cumann I was awarded an honorary life membership and I was granted membership to the US Embassy Young Leaders Council from 2020-2022.

My strengths lie in being an effective communicator which lends itself well to working in a full service, client-based firm like Byrne Wallace. Academically, my strengths lie in writing, reading and analytical thinking which are beneficial traits to any solicitor. While I do not have a degree in law I have displayed a proficient ability to learn the law both from a practical perspective as well as an academic one, evidenced by my passing of three FE-1’s on my first attempt, achieving over 60% in two of them. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Louis Brennan