

Re: Application for the Position of Trainee Solicitor

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to my application to be considered for the Trainee Programme in Byrne Wallace and submit this motivational letter in support of same. I am a current Judicial Assistant with the Courts Service, having recently completed the LLM programme at the University of Edinburgh and would very much like to be considered for the trainee programme in Byrne Wallace for the reasons that I set out below.

Ireland's large legal firms tend to blend together in their efforts to sell themselves to students; Byrne Wallace's smaller trainee intake affords greater opportunities to work with and learn from the most experienced industry experts. This is enhanced by the firm's collegiate environment; trainees are assigned to partners and are treated as an equally important part of the team.

Byrne Wallace has been at the forefront of legal thought and practice since the foundation of the firm. I think it is incredibly important to be cognisant of the ever-changing climate of the Irish legal system and Byrne Wallace has shown an unmatched ability to adapt to these changes, while maintaining its status as the market leader in the field. It is a firm that strives to lead, but equally that prioritises quality of service to its clients. This quality of service is reflected in the vast client base that Byrne Wallace has retained over such a long period and continues to build upon.

This vast client base includes a large variety of public sector clients. Byrne Wallace represents clients across areas that encompass the main institutions of the State. This very much attracts me to the firm as I have a particular passion for healthcare and environmental law. Byrne Wallace's extensive practice and depth of knowledge in this sector is unparalleled and offers a unique opportunity to learn from the best in the industry. This coupled with the firm's renowned employment and wider litigation practice would allow me to pursue my desire to become a commercial litigator.

There can little doubt that the trend of change in the Irish legal sector will continue into the future and I believe that the trainee programme in Byrne Wallace prepares you for this constantly changing legal environment better than any other programme in the country. The fact that you have the chance to gain experience within a number of the firm's departments offers an unrivalled opportunity to learn to become a truly well rounded practitioner; I believe that developing a diversified skillset is integral to navigating the ever-changing legal landscape.

The constant development of the Irish legal sector also requires an emphasis on continuous learning. A big attraction for me in applying to this programme is the additional Learning and Development programme that Byrne Wallace provides as I believe it would provide an invaluable insight to professional commercial law that

one simply cannot get from either university education or professional practice courses.

My desire to apply to the trainee programme grew further during the UCD Law Recruitment Fair at which I was representing the Courts Service. I was given the chance to interact with a current trainee from Byrne Wallace who communicated how much they have enjoyed and gained experience to from the programme.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Heery