RE: Traineeship Application

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am a fourth year LL.B. student at Maynooth University and I am extremely interested in obtaining a training contract with ByrneWallace in the coming years. I am applying for this programme as I have a keen interest in pursuing a career as a commercial solicitor. I am drawn to commercial law due to the diversity of work that can be guaranteed. I firmly believe that a diverse workload leads to the enjoyment of one’s day-to-day professional life, a factor that I value highly. In this regard, I am drawn to commercial law firms due to the vast range of practice areas that the firms are engaged in. Further, I believe that this programme would provide me with an invaluable insight into the fast paced, exciting and competitive world of an international commercial law firm that provides a diverse range of legal services to a wide range of national and international clients.

This programme will also allow me to develop my core legal skills which will complement my academic education while also allowing me to gain valuable practical legal experience which is essential to one’s progression. As a committed, high performing law student, I would truly relish the opportunities that this programme provides for students to learn from national and internationally acclaimed lawyers.

I have developed my legal skills, primarily, through my academic studies of company law, land law and administrative law; and undertaking practical modules such as legal skills while also volunteering as a legal information provider with FLAC Maynooth. My experiences to date and my passion for international business have provided me with a rounded global perspective of commercial law. It is my firm belief that I possess the skills, ability, and personality to succeed at ByrneWallace and complement the team orientated work environment, in a very positive manner. I believe that effective communication, commercial awareness, and confidence are the fundamentals of success and I would consider these to be my core strengths. I have very firm goals and I am resolute in achieving them. I have also refined and enhanced my legal skills through my extracurricular interests. I am currently the Public Relations Officer of the Maynooth University Law Society. I am also an Editor of the Golden Thread, a student-edited publication of Maynooth University School of Law. The Golden Thread provides a forum for judges, practitioners, faculty and students to publish short pieces on current Irish Legal topics. My editorial position allows me to indulge my passion for contemporary legal topics, while allowing me to explore and research areas of law that are of particular interest to me, such as developments in banking & financial law, injunctions and constitutional reform as well as a wide variety of specific or specialist areas.

My extracurricular achievements include winning divisional titles with my local football club, Phoenix FC, which is proof of my competitive drive and aspirations. In the past I have also been involved with school teams and enjoy organising and competing in five-a-side, local football leagues. My sporting experience has allowed me to hone my team working and networking skills, and my involvement in the local leagues has vastly improved my organisational skills as well as enabled me to take responsibility and confidently execute plans or strategies. Travel is also something in which I have a keen interest. Travelling has allowed me to gain an invaluable insight into a number of different societies and given me the capabilities and independence to believe in my own abilities and to fulfil my working potential.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Luke Walsh

*Final Year LL.B. Candidate, Maynooth University*