

I am writing to you to express my interest in applying for a position as a trainee solicitor at Byrne Wallace. Having successfully completed my undergraduate degree at Maynooth University studying Law and Business I developed a significant interest in furthering my legal studies, specifically in the area of International Commercial Law. I was eager to complete a masters in an area of law that is considered to be evolving and progressive. In 2018, I was offered a place by Trinity College Dublin to complete a LLM in International and European Business Law. This opportunity allowed me to further my knowledge of International Commercial Law and set a solid academic foundation for my career path.

In 2018, I completed two summer internships with Leman Solicitors and Fieldfisher Solicitors. This opportunity confirmed my appreciation and passion for commercial law. Upon completion of my internship, Fieldfisher offered me a full time position as a paralegal on their Corporate, Commercial and Renewable Energy Department. I gained an expansive skill set in respect of working on a legal team and distinct knowledge in respect of commercial law. I subsequently worked with the Insolvency Department which allowed me the opportunity to learn about the systematic approach to insolvency law. I gained invaluable experience in drafting, general correspondence and preparation for court. I left Fieldfisher to volunteer for four months in Kolkata, India. Having travelled to the city for an immersion experience in fifth year in school, I vowed I would return. I felt that time was the perfect opportunity before I committed to my FE-1 examinations and a traineeship. I had an eye opening experience, I was immersed in a completely different society which allowed me to develop a skill set of communication and professionalism that is truly invaluable.

After my time in India, I began working in Enterprise Ireland as a legal executive. This role allowed me to gain insight into investment and equity maintenance matters while continuing to develop my fundamental skills that are paramount on every legal team. In January, I began working with Jazz Pharmaceuticals as a contract analyst and paralegal. This role has greatly improved my drafting skills and allowed me the opportunity to learn about jurisdictional differences in respect of commercial and pharmaceutical law.

I believe an opportunity to work as a trainee for Byrne Wallace would allow me to further my legal knowledge and skills and ultimately, allow me to reach my full potential as a solicitor. It is incredibly important to me to work for a firm that is considered innovative and forward-thinking as this ensures that evolving client needs can always be met. It is evident that Byrne Wallace considers this to be imperative in maintaining their competitive advantage.

The firms collective approach seems to allow for a very inclusive experience for all employees. I consider working in an organisation where my colleagues are approachable during my traineeship to be vital, allowing me not only to gain greater insight into various aspects of the role but also so that I could complete any task given to the best of my ability and reach my full potential.

Given that the firm was awarded the Law Firm of the Year in 2016, it is clear that Byrne Wallace is an outstanding firm, with exceptional solicitors who strive for excellence. I would be delighted to be considered for a position as a trainee solicitor so I too could strive for excellence within such an exemplary firm.

