

8th October 2021

Trainee Solicitor Recruitment
BryneWallace LLP
88 Harcourt St,
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Dublin.

Dear Emily,

RE: APPLICATION FOR TRAINEE SOLICITOR AT BRYNEWALLACE LLP

I am a post-graduate student at the University of Limerick, undertaking an LLM in International Commercial Law. I completed my LLB at the University of Kent, England in 2017, and qualified as a Lawyer in Nigeria in 2018. Then, I begun my career at a leading commercial law firm in Lagos, Nigeria. I am writing to apply for a position as a trainee solicitor with BryneWallace LLP. I became interested in BryneWallace LLP after learning about the Firm's broad practice from independent research but I became more intrigued after joining the Webinar of 28th September 2021, where I learnt about the professionals at the Firm and the learning opportunities it presents.

My desire to pursue a career in commercial law began when I took the corporate law and International Business Transactions modules at the undergraduate degree level. I was interested in the intersection between law and commerce. Also, I aimed to have an in-depth understanding of commercial issues that arise, and the corresponding solutions. This interest informed my decision to specialize in corporate/commercial law at my last place of employment and to further my education in International Commercial Law. I want to train at a Firm with experts in commercial contracts, corporate law, compliance, corporate governance, company secretarial services, and where I will be challenged to deepen my knowledge and experience in these areas.

BryneWallace LLP is a Firm with over 200 professionals and experts in over seven practice areas with several high profile clients. Therefore, it will provide an ideal environment to align my training experiences with my career ambitions. As a trainee, BryneWallace LLP presents me with an exciting opportunity to maximize my exposure to contract draft and review, commercial transactions, Mergers and Acquisitions, legal compliance, Company Secretarial, and other practice areas.

From my work experience, I learnt that communication is one of the bedrock of a successful legal career. From writing several emails, legal opinions, court appearances, attendance at meetings, I have become proficient at communicating clearly and breaking down complex legal scenarios in a simplified way. Likewise, I have developed the skills of reviewing and drafting contracts by working on contracts in industries ranging from Telecommunications, Textiles, Oil and Gas, employment firms. This also strengthened my ability to pay attention to details. I acquired the skill of carrying out due diligence for corporate clients, especially in the process of Mergers and Acquisitions.

I developed research skills during my undergraduate degree studies by using online legal databases, financial and academic journals, and continuous use has made me adept at it. The competence I exhibited at my last place of employment earned me a quick promotion to head the Company Secretarial practice area of the Firm. I supervised the provision of services to eight client companies and led a team of four lawyers to grow the Firm's corporate client base by thirty per cent within six months. I am excited by the opportunity to apply these skills at BryneWallace LLP.

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From the Webinar, listening to Feargal Brennan describe the Firm's culture as one of decency, and integrity got me excited as this was the prevalent culture at my last place of employment. The ability to treat everyone with respect, fairness and honesty in all my dealings are ingrained in me, and it makes me confident that I will fit in your Firm. I particularly enjoyed hearing that the speakers have been with the Firm for many years, save for the recently recruited trainee solicitors. It shows that your Firm has a high retention rate, and it can avail me of the possibility of career progression.

I look forward to the high client exposure and rotational seats that BryneWallace LLP provides because I enjoy the prospect of being challenged. Through this, I can make the best use of my ability to approach problems rationally and efficiently and deliver excellently in a short time frame.

I am confident that the competencies I developed from my degree and work experience will cause me to excel as a trainee solicitor at BryneWallace LLP.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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