

*To whom it may concern,*

I am writing this letter as an expression of my interest in the Training Contract programme at Byrne Wallace. In my time at Trinity College Dublin, I have worked hard in my studies in law and political science, maintaining a 2.1 grade. More than the grades, my passion lies in how law intersects with the real world and its impact on people and communities. To elaborate, my primary motivations for the extracurricular societies, and publications I work with represent a desire to engage with a more practical application of the law in my community, and life.

My journey as the President and Competitions Convenor at ELSA Trinity College Dublin has been a transformative experience. Leading a committee of twelve individuals, we successfully tripled ELSA's membership in just six months. One of my proudest achievements was co-founding and organizing the Frances Kyle National Moot in March 2023.

As President this academic year I have strived to make the competition more accessible, with a workshop on mooting, and increased engagement with participants in the lead up to the competition. This has resulted in doubling the participation. Other events with Elsa involve academic and citation workshops for first-year students, and diverse arrays of legal panels concretely planned for this semester. Furthermore, I have developed skills in relation to leadership, and understanding the needs and capabilities of my committee. This increased attention to the workload of committee members has allowed the society to become far more productive.

Witnessing ELSA's success and impact this year fuelled my commitment to making legal knowledge accessible, and I am excited about the prospect of contributing my energy and ideas to the collaborative spirit of Byrne Wallace.

Furthermore, my involvement as a section editor with Misc. Magazine, the oldest student publication in Ireland, has given me the opportunity to engage with student issues in a collaborative way. My writing centres around platforming a diverse array of student voices. Furthermore, I find that using my academic background to simplifying complex legal concepts for a broader audience, contextualises the issues faced by students.

I have worked full-time throughout my time at university, and whilst inconvenient to some this has allowed me to develop my work ethic, time-management, and has quickly taught me how to multi-task various commitments at once. Currently, I work as a supervisor in a busy restaurant and bar. The constantly changing atmosphere, and the responsibility of over-seeing staff well-being, tills, and overall ensuring high quality customer service with consistency and professionalism. Between the unpredictable nature of the job, and the broader responsibility of balancing my academics, society commitments, and work I have learned adaptability. As well as this, the focus placed on customer service in my work is applicable to a career in law – I am passionate about giving the best experience possible to my customers and clients and I would apply this to clients in a corporate law firm.

My commitment to balancing diverse needs and perspectives and performing well under high stress is something essential to becoming a solicitor. Furthermore, my interest in applying what I love studying is something I am excited to do in a corporate environment. The diverse areas of practice and international clientele of Byrne Wallace is the ideal environment to acquire my qualification.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mia Allen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mia Allen

