

**Byrne Wallace**  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to apply for a position on your traineeship programme, at Byrne Wallace as advertised on your website. I am currently in final year of the BSc (Hons) Business and Law at Technological University, Dublin, achieving a top-five position in my year with a 2:1 honours grade.

I have a keen interest in law that stems from my undergraduate degree. I further pursued my interest in law last year by founding TU Dublin's first-ever Free Legal Aid Clinic. I have applied to Byrne Wallace because I specifically want to work in the restructuring and insolvency department. I possess a keen interest in the area, especially in insolvency, from studying company law at university. The department is well known and highly regarded for its work in the area by The Legal 500 and The Chambers Global. I would be delighted for the opportunity to grow as a professional by learning from this renowned team.

I possess the necessary soft skills to be successful in the role, including good client relations and customer service. I developed strong interpersonal during my time at Supervalu where I was responsible for a team of staff which looked after the busiest aisle in the shop. Understanding and listening to the customer's point of view were key elements of our success.

Running the FLAC clinic last year required excellent time-management skills as I frequently had to balance between studying for exams and running different events. Planning a daily schedule and prioritising the main issues were key in ensuring that I was able to do effective study and organise successful events.

As treasurer for my local scouts' group, I gained invaluable financial and analytical skills in managing our cash flow and operating budget. I believe these skills will give me a great foundation to deal with any tasks or assignments at Byrne Wallace and makes me an ideal candidate for the role. My internship at Enterprise Rent-a-car further enhanced my commercial awareness as I learned to negotiate, spot potential sales opportunities and conduct financial analysis.

My degree has provided me with an appreciation for the legal profession and has also provided me with a solid understanding of the law. I received a first-class honour in a moot court assignment. In this example, I analysed the law, applied it to the case and argued the case in class.

I am eager to learn and gain experience working as a trainee and I believe that I will be a good fit for the company as I feel that I align with the firm's value of collaboration. I have displayed this value in my own life, whilst working in Enterprise I worked as part of a team with senior staff dealing with VIP clients. I believe I could thrive on your programme as I am eager to learn and possess a genuine interest in the area, with the ambition of sitting the FE1s sitting next October.

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Masterson