

To Whom it May Concern,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to express my interest in the Trainee Solicitor Programme in ByrneWallace LLP.

Regarding academics, I am a final-year Business and Law student in UCD and I am currently on track to graduate with first class honours. I feel the course provides a good balance between the theoretical and practical aspects of law, as well as offering a strong commercial component. I believe this latter feature is essential in the modern workplace.

I have gained considerable legal experience which is relevant to life in ByrneWallace. Over the Summer of 2021, I completed a two-week internship in Michael J. Staines & Co Solicitors. What I learned from this employment went far beyond simply adding to my legal knowledge. I gained a greater appreciation for the role of a solicitor and developed a significant understanding into day-to-day life of working in a legal practice. This work is relevant to a career in corporate law as it provided me with insights, knowledge and skills that I can apply in your firm. Furthermore, this experience will be helpful in adapting to a traineeship position in ByrneWallace as I already feel fully acclimated to the dynamic and rewarding environment of the legal world.

In addition, I spent four weeks shadowing a Barrister-at-Law. This experience taught me primarily about litigation and the type of legal issues and disputes that can arise - particularly in a corporate context. It provided me with a strong understanding of how to quickly discern the issues at hand in a legal matter and how to apply them in a logical and clear way to further the interests of a client. I have gained a familiarity with the type of legal issues and disputes that can emerge in corporate law, thus making myself well equipped to handle similar duties as an trainee in ByrneWallace.

I was also involved in an operations role in the Institute of Education for a number of years throughout college. Honing my communication skills as an intermediary between different business departments, processing sensitive information and interacting with suppliers (clients) are skills which I believe are transferable to the role of an trainee.

I also engage in a number of extra-curricular activities. I am an active member of UCD Commerce and Economics Society, the UCD Investment & Entrepreneurs Society and the UCD Law Society. I have a strong interest in current affairs, and I routinely keep abreast of politics, economics and market trends, podcasts and day to day news. This gives me a commercial awareness which I believe is paramount to a successful career in law. I have a keen interest in Sport and closely follow teams in rugby, soccer, American Football and basketball. I am particularly interested in Gaelic Football and for a number of years I played competitively with Kilmacud Crokes and served as a captain throughout the underage groups. I am an avid golfer and have been a member of Rosslare Golf Club for a number of years. I play golf both socially and competitively across the country.

The firm's continuous focus on providing quality legal advice in a versatile and collaborative fashion is what sets ByrneWallace apart. I believe that I represent the ideal candidate for the Trainee Solicitor Programme in ByrneWallace and that I would be a perfect fit for the present and future of the firm.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Thank you for your consideration of my application,

With Best Wishes,

Niall Kickham