

## Letter of Application

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### **Re: TRAINEE SOLICITOR ref 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application for the position of trainee solicitor for Byrne Wallace Solicitors as advertised on the firms website. I am a graduate of the BCL Law International programme at University College Cork and recently complemented this qualification by attaining an L.L.M Masters in International Commercial Law (with Professional Arbitration Skills) at the University of Aberdeen. I believe my skills and experience would be particularly useful for the position as described.

As you will see from my attached resume, my varied work experience and modules studied during college may be particularly useful for the position. Indeed attention is directed at the broad spectrum of legal knowledge I have gained over a variety of practice disciplines. Indeed I have been involved with issues of Employment law in Ronan Daly Jermyn solicitors, Litigation and Debt Recovery in Baily Homan Smyth McVeigh and currently general conveyance and Banking matters in Hayes solicitors. Each of these roles has involved a strong emphasis on teamwork and working in consultation and understanding with the partners and solicitors of the firm. In addition to this my recent (MCI Arb) qualification in an internationally recognised dispute resolution course has provided me with so much practical skills in case management and oral advocacy.

My motivation for applying to Byrne Wallace now lies following the completion of my last two remaining FE1 examinations; I desire to become a solicitor in Ireland, and to this end I feel Byrne Wallace would provide a particularly strong platform to train within. Indeed it was the positive word of mouth that surrounds the firm that first attracted me to the firm. I experienced this from a solicitor I worked with in the Property team of Hayes who herself trained in Byrne Wallace and still has close relations with the firm. In addition to this I myself have experienced, during my time participating in the collection of title deeds from the firm or even at prior interview stage last year, the positive nature of the staff in Byrne Wallace and I find this encouraging.

Furthermore the position of the firm in dealing with rights based issues and as a market leader in litigation and employment is something that interests me greatly given my prior involvement in issues such as unfair dismissals hearings and A.D.R. during my various internship positions. Indeed the firms stellar work in the area of the Waterford Crystal Pensions Scheme is of note and of particular resonance to me. Finally I am keenly aware of the firms endeavours as part of its C.S.R. programme and the high

level of engagement the firm presents at events like Special Olympics Ireland. As I hope my extracurricular events evidence this is an area of a firm which is particularly important to me.

As well as this, throughout my extracurricular activities, I have also strengthened my interpersonal and leadership skills and through my involvement with both Aberdeen University Volunteers and my work as Postgraduate Class Representative for my class I have really developed an ability to interact with people from a breadth of cultural, ethnic and professional backgrounds. I am an ambitious person who works hard, is eager to learn from others and pays attention to detail.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Owen Sheehan