17th October 2018

Dear Ms Onslow,

My name is Paula Stuart and I would like to apply for the Solicitor Traineeship Programme with Byrne Wallace. I graduated from Maynooth University with a 2.1 LLB degree in 2017.

Since my LLB degree, I have undertaken voluntary legal work experience in a law firm which I have thoroughly enjoyed so far. I have gained exposure to the functioning of a law firm and the workload of a Solicitor through several areas of law such as Conveyancing, Wills & Probate, Litigation, Family Law and Criminal Law. Through this experience, I am greeting clients and dealing with their queries, assisting the Solicitors and Office Manager of the firm, operating the CORTBASE Case Management System, and filing and scanning documents, as well as other tasks in the office. This experience has further encouraged me to pursue my goal to become a Solicitor and I intend to sit my FE-1 Examinations in the near future.

I believe that the Traineeship Programme provided by Byrne Wallace is an excellent platform on which to achieve my goal to become a highly skilled lawyer. I would like to become a Byrne Wallace trainee as this firm provides an intense programme of multi-faceted training both on a personal and professional level.

I chose to pursue a career in law as I enjoy problem-solving. I like to combine problem-solving with working with clients. Interacting with clients and providing exceptional service for them is a very rich and rewarding experience for me. Constructing innovative legal solutions and arguments for clients will be a fulfilling career for me as I can empathize with clients and understand their concerns and needs. Accordingly, the fact that Byrne Wallace are the only Irish law firm accredited with the Lexcel excellence mark coupled with this firm being the only Irish member of the ALFA International network, ensures a seamless client service from the firm as a whole.

From my research on Byrne Wallace, I understand that trainees are supported and encouraged immensely throughout their Traineeship. I would like to become a Byrne Wallace trainee as there are many opportunities available to trainees such as becoming involved in a variety of ongoing cases. Also, I like the diverse areas of law provided by Byrne Wallace and what each one has to offer.

Having undertaken voluntary legal work experience in a law firm, I have a greater understanding of the role of a lawyer and I am fully committed to becoming a trusted legal advisor. I would like to become a Byrne Wallace trainee as I believe that this Traineeship will provide the best start to my legal career. I enjoy learning immensely and regard this opportunity as a great start to a career in which I would always be learning.

Thank you very much for your time and for reading my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Paula Stuart.