

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am a Law graduate from Maynooth University and wish to apply for your Traineeship opportunity at Byrne Wallace, Dublin.

Raised in a Franco/Irish family in France, I speak fluent English, French, and have strong knowledge of the Spanish language. This bilingual and multicultural upbringing has given me a great capacity for adaptation as well as providing useful skills in analysing situations from different perspectives.

Having moved to Ireland four years ago, I have completed my Bachelor of Laws at Maynooth University, to which I have been awarded a Second-class honours degree, upper grade One. I was grateful to have the opportunity to perform my third year of studies through work placement in a law firm. After a competitive selection process, I secured a position as a High Court Legal Assistant in the Commercial Litigation/Debt Recovery Department of Mason Hayes and Curran LLP, ranked in the top five law firms in Ireland. My role consisted of obtaining High Court judgments and enforcement of Irish and foreign judgments with a specialisation in Bankruptcy. My daily tasks included attending counsels in court, drafting pleadings and Inter Partes communications, securing deadlines, dealing with the Courts office, handling queries from French speaking clients, interacting with barristers, clients, debtors etc. This experience allowed me to further develop my analytical skills, time management, attention to detail and perseverance. Separately, my customer service background enhanced my multi-tasking, communication, and teamwork skills.

This academic year, I participated in the National Intervarsity Negotiation Competition in Maynooth where I was selected to represent Maynooth University at the National Negotiation Competition organised by the founding Law Society of Ireland. Furthermore, I was selected to represent Maynooth University as a Solicitor/Substitute Mooter at the EUROPA Moot Court Competition, which was meant to take place in Portugal, April 2020. Additionally, I am currently undertaking an online course on 'Child Protection: Children's Rights in Theory and Practice' from Harvard University. Separately, I am signing up with *lawschool.ie* FE-1 Preparation Course to sit four exams in Spring 2021.

I wish to join your esteemed law firm to improve my practical knowledge in different practise areas and to apply for a traineeship. I believe your firm could be a great step for my future legal career. I am an extremely hard-working and determined candidate that can adapt through various challenges. I believe my previous experience as a Legal Assistant in MHC LLP has given me an enriching insight and hands on legal practice that I only wish to expand further.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information and recommendation letters.

Many thanks for your kind attention to my application and I look forward to discussing this further in an interview.

Yours sincerely,

Ríona Denys