

To whom it may concern,

I am a hard-working and motivated Trinity Law graduate seeking a traineeship at ByrneWallace. If given the opportunity to train at the firm, I know I could make a valuable contribution to the team.

I have always been ambitious and driven when it comes to academia and have steadily achieved high grades and demonstrated intellectual rigour throughout my education. I completed my Leaving Certificate to a very high standard and was awarded a Trinity Entrance Exhibition for my achievements. I obtained a First Class Honours in my degree and I also passed all of my FE1 exams first time round, in two four-exam sittings.

I completed an Erasmus semester at the University of Copenhagen as part of my degree and found the experience very formative, it was a period of great academic and personal growth. I had never even visited Denmark before so the move was challenging and tested my resilience but I quickly adapted to the change. I have also lived in Vancouver and now in Melbourne. These experiences have taught me independence and responsibility and really developed my interpersonal skills. I am now completely confident in my ability to adapt to new environments and overcome any challenges they may present.

I have many interests outside of academia. I love fitness. Pushing myself to train regularly is challenging and requires drive and dedication. I also love to read. I enjoy fiction but also like to read books that explore topical social issues such as sexism and sustainability. I think it is vital for my personal development to engage with a variety of different perspectives on these issues. I am very outgoing and social and meet up with friends as much as I can, grabbing food and drinks, going on walks, or watching a movie. My social life is important to me.

I have chosen a career in law as I am genuinely fascinated by the subject. I have the academic skills, as well as the personal qualities, necessary to make a good lawyer and colleague. I have developed these qualities through my previous jobs and life experience. My previous jobs have taught me time management, commitment, organisation, and problem-solving skills. My work in law firms has shown me that this is definitely the career I want to pursue and I have the skills necessary. I thrive working in a fast-paced environment and find an element of pressure motivating, this is one of the reasons life at a busy law firm appeals to me. I also discovered I love to work with people. I excel working in a team and so the team atmosphere at a firm suits me perfectly. Over the years, I have honed my ability to build and sustain meaningful relationships with both customers and colleagues. I know that one of the most important aspects of your role as a solicitor is to develop long-lasting, collaborative relationships with your clients and I have the skills to do so.

Through my experiences in Coleman Legal and Pinsent Masons, I have developed the core skill areas that the ByrneWallace Trainee Programme focuses on. These experiences also showed me that I find the practical work of a solicitor stimulating and engaging.

I am particularly drawn to ByrneWallace because of its excellent reputation. The recognition the firm has received assures me that I will receive an exceptional standard of training at the firm. The culture at ByrneWallace paints a picture of a friendly and supportive work environment. This is showcased through the firm's dedication to corporate social responsibility. I particularly admire the firm's commitment to becoming more environmentally sustainable.

Finally, I think I would be happy and fulfilled working with ByrneWallace. The benefits and social events provided to employees demonstrate the value the firm places on work-life balance and fostering relationships within the team.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rachel Guerin.