

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Master's student in International Law & Business at UCD Sutherland School of Law and Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, I am hoping to embark on my career as a solicitor at a leading law firm like Byrne Wallace. I was immediately drawn to Byrne Wallace because of its excellent reputation as well as the outstanding training and development opportunities available for graduates. The Byrne Wallace Traineeship Programme truly encapsulates all that I could hope for in a programme: direct experience with legal partners and professionals, direct client experience, networking opportunities, and a platform to learn and develop my skills within the legal field.

Over the past few years, I feel that I have developed many skills which make me suitable candidate for this role. I strive to deliver excellence in everything I do and am highly adaptable and capable of working within a challenging and fast-paced environment. I have consistently demonstrated leadership, communication, team-work and time management skills throughout my studies, sports achievements and career to date. I pride myself in being an excellent problem-solver and a creative thinker. I possess strong commercial awareness and am eager to take on a challenging role in a dynamic company where I can learn and improve my skillset. Playing sports has made me appreciate the importance of team-work and leadership. From my experience's, I have learnt that effective teamwork promotes the enhancement of skills and allows for the collaboration of ideas, fostering a positive work environment. In my time as team captain, my role was to lead, mentor, encourage and motivate others to achieve our common goals whilst always being a team-player. I believe the skillset I have taken from these experiences collectively make me an ideal candidate for this role.

Throughout my undergraduate studies in Economics, Politics and Law at DCU, I studied the fundamental areas of law including Contract Law, EU Law, Company Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Employment Law. I am currently building on my knowledge of law by completing a Masters in International Law & Business where I am taking modules in International Tax Law, Transactions, Commercial Networks, Corporate Governance, Managing the Negotiation Process and International Financial Management. I am very commercially aware and I have a keen interest in the world of business, finance and law, which particularly draws me to your programme as a firm with a strong business and corporate focus. I have a specific interest in international corporate law, especially in areas such as tax, restructuring and insolvency and M&A. Law is a powerful tool that can bring about positive changes that benefit individuals, companies and society as a whole. Solicitors play an integral role in identifying issues, negotiating, finding solutions, and advising clients thus adding value to commercial transactions. As law is such a multidisciplinary area, I feel that my competencies in business and economics in addition to law have given me a broader understanding of the scope of law and its impact in commercial settings and society as a whole.

If given the opportunity, I feel confident that Byrne Wallace would be the perfect platform to facilitate my development and allow me to reach my full potential. My goal is to soon be a qualified solicitor, who is dedicated and passionate about my role. I would truly relish the opportunity to foster a career within your organisation and would like to express my profound gratitude for taking my application under consideration. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully, discussing my application further.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Murray-Moran