

Byrne Wallace Traineeship Application 2015

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am a Law graduate of both UCD and Trinity College Dublin. I completed my undergraduate degree in Law with French Law at University College Dublin in 2013. I hold an upper second class honours in my primary degree, and I hold a similar result in my LLM from TCD. I currently work in the Contracts and Legal Team for an International Business Management Consultancy, based in Dublin. This is a position that I aim to remain in until I finish my FE-1 examinations in 2016. I am writing to you to apply for your trainee solicitor programme.

There is no denying the fact that Byrne Wallace is an extremely reputable law firm, which prides itself in demonstrating unparalleled legal practice to its clients. A firm dedicated to maintaining and catering for its clients' needs, the firm is an ideal place for an aspiring solicitor to begin an exciting legal career. Your modern and forward thinking approach to law and legal practice are attributes that I would find particularly appealing and is certainly a culture to which I would endeavour to contribute to, not only with any potential dealings with clients, but also with fellow colleagues. Furthermore, the opportunities and possibilities at your firm are ones to which any legal graduate would be envious of. Not only does your firm provide top quality services in corporate, financial services and dispute resolution, but also provides services in growing areas such as EU competition law and Intellectual Property Law. It is this diversity of practice, and international outlook, that really makes your firm stand out from the rest. Furthermore, it provides any trainee solicitor with a solid backdrop of practice to learn from as well allowing particular employees to develop specialisation knowledge in areas which interest them.

My four year BCL (Law with French Law) degree has given me the opportunity not only to develop in-depth legal knowledge with an international mix, but also given me the opportunity to develop certain legal and more general interests. Outside of the academic courses, I had the opportunity to participate in mooting, debating and the student run Law Society during my time in UCD. The highlight of my mooting career came in 2014 when I reached the semi-final of the 'ELSA European Court of Human Rights Mooting Competition'. My teammates and I progressed through a multitude of rounds, arguing at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, presenting our arguments to a judging panel comprising of various experienced lawyers of the Strasbourg Court. Furthermore, my continuous involvement in both the UCD and TCD student bodies, and my active participation in various public campaigns highlight my ability and dedication to interacting with people, necessary and crucial attributes for any solicitor who must deal with clients on a daily basis.

I have a particular interest in EU law and wider EU affairs and I hope to gain some practical experience in EU Competition law in a Brussels based Law Firm after I complete my FE-1s in March 2016. I would thus relish the opportunity to work in a firm that boasts an EU and Competition law team and to learn from some of the best and most experienced lawyers in this area.

I am confident that I could contribute greatly to Byrne Wallace in terms of ethos, ideas and commitment and being a forward looking team member. I would be delighted to be considered for your traineeship. I am available for interview at your discretion and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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