Dear Byrne Wallace,

 I am writing to you to express my interest in being considered for the Trainee Solicitor Programme at Byrne Wallace. Researching the Trainee Solicitor programme online led me to find out more about Byrne Wallace’s practice, such as its Commercial Litigation Department, an area in which I have a keen interest. Having studied Politics in First Year, I am usually the first to bring in a copy of the Irish Times to fill the lunch breaks at the weekends in my part-time job with discussions about current trials and interesting cases in the news. I know that litigation work can be particularly complex, given the large number of parties and billons of euro involved, and I believe that my attached application demonstrates that I have an aptitude for complex analysis and long-term projects.

I have always enjoyed the litigation-based assignments while at university. In particular, I would draw your attention to my first class grades in Moot Court and Dispute Resolution. Moreover, I feel the skills I have learned working in retail are transferable to a career in law. I am comfortable working in a fast-paced commercial context dealing with clients on a daily basis. I am required to think on my feet, work effectively in a team and be adaptable to customers’ needs while delivering outstanding service. I feel that these skills correspond with Byrne Wallace’s values.

Whether it is the Renewable energy practice or the Life Sciences group team, Wallace Byrne are innovative and on the cutting edge of legal practice and that is something that I would like to be a part of in my formative training years and in the future. I am applying to Byrne Wallace because of its exceptional reputation and because of its commitment to professional development, both as a trainee and as a solicitor. The diversity of areas to gain experience during the traineeship as well as Byrne Wallace’s and supporting the development of its solicitors to the highest level through partner supervision makes it the outstanding choice for me.

I believe that my first class academic credentials, committed work ethic, passion for analytic work and my willingness to learn would make me an asset to Byrne Wallace and an excellent Trainee. You can contact me at ross.power.2013@mumail.ie or at 00353851473579. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Ross Power