To Whom It May Concern,

I am currently a final year student in Trinity College Dublin studying Law and Political Science. I hope to receive an upper 2.1 in my degree.

I am very interested in pursuing a career as a solicitor. I completed an internship in the Ronan Daly Jermyn offices in Galway in June 2015 prior to my year on exchange in Brisbane, Australia. My time at RDJ cemented my desire to seek a training contract. The ever-prevalent influence of the law in all aspects of society and business intrigues me to no-end and ensures a constantly evolving and fast-paced work environment. While Byrne Wallace has dealings across a wide range of legal sectors, a career as a commercial solicitor appeals to me most, mainly on the basis of job satisfaction. The idea of aiding in the progression of a client's business agenda is one that appeals greatly to my competitive, ambitious and ultimately loyal side.

I believe a traineeship with Byrne Wallace would offer me an insight into the world of commercial law on a much greater scale than I experienced in RDJ where I dealt more predominantly in employment and personal injury law. The vast reach of the various sectors embodied by commercial law in particular, demonstrates its significance in the corporate landscape and is therefore a discipline of which I want to be a part. While the local feel of the RDJ firm was appealing in many ways, Byrne Wallace, in the hub of Dublin City, is a growing and leading firm thriving in a fast-paced environment which I am greatly attracted to. Further, your firm appears to value a highly-motivated, driven work ethic of which I can guarantee I possess.

I certainly think there is much I could learn if I am fortunate enough to obtain a position within Byrne Wallace. I am acutely commercially aware, and the opportunity to enhance this and learn how to put it to use in driving clients’ business forward is one I would grasp enthusiastically. I would count myself remarkably lucky to be able to be involved, first-hand, in your firm’s innovative approach to commercial law. As Law Firm of the Year 2016, as awarded at the AIB Private Banking Awards, it is evident that Byrne Wallace is a leading and trusted player in Ireland’s commercial sphere today and is somewhere where I would gain invaluable experience.

I am confident I am a suitable candidate for a traineeship with your firm. I have constantly achieved highly throughout my academic life but I have also found it is just as important to challenge oneself in other areas. I am an avid sportswoman and have competed for both my county and province in athletics and hockey tournaments in the past. Participation in sport throughout my life has taught me the value of teamwork and comradery. Further, I have worked consistently in various part-time jobs up to this point in my life. I believe my experience in hospitality and retail is invaluable. Despite not always being a particularly innovatively challenging job it requires consistently working to meet targets and it has certainly enhanced my interpersonal skills, which are something I take great pride in and believe are essential to a successful career in law.

Aforementioned, I spent a year of my university degree studying in the University of Queensland in Australia. I feel it is relevant to mention this here as my time in Australia was in many ways a coming-of-age experience for me. Despite having lived abroad, separate to my family, before, I always had good friends to turn to and never felt like I was experiencing the transition alone. My move to Australia however was different. It was my first time making such a long journey and despite being 20 years of age at the time I didn't feel like I was quite mature enough to be fending for myself so far from home. In the beginning the loneliness of only being in the company of strangers could at times be overwhelming but I committed myself wholly to university life and succeeded in making friends for life, performing well academically and experiencing a country and a culture that I will always appreciate. I strongly believe this opportunity to travel and live independently has positioned me in the perfect place to pursue a challenging career. My time away taught me the value of rewards earned from taking risks and committing yourself to seeking the best from decisions you have made. Over the past year I have grown remarkably as a person, in both confidence and ability, and I truly believe as a result I have much to offer at Byrne Wallace.

Essentially, I feel my academic performance, exceptional work ethic and interpersonal skills make me a strong and flexible candidate to tackle any role put before me. I am available for interview at any time and should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Ruth O’Sullivan