

## Cover Letter

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you in regards to your internship programme for students working towards their FE1 exams. I am a 23 year old Economics graduate from UCD and have been working with Ernst and Young as an Audit Associate up until now. I have recently made the decision to forego my accountancy career in search of one in Law as a Solicitor and am currently preparing for my FE1's. As a result I am searching for an internship in a Law firm that is willing to take me on for a few months so that I may gain exposure to law and build towards becoming a solicitor.

My decision to leave EY and pursue Law is not one I took easily especially when considering the current economic climate, but it is one I felt I had to make for myself as I feel I'm at a major crossroads in my career and I needed to pursue something that I have always wanted to achieve for myself. I have chosen to pursue a career as a solicitor as I believe that with such a qualification I could use it to help protect individuals at risk and also become an educator and influencer in society in order to promote good will, which I believe to be most important especially during these challenging times. However my interest in Law does not stop there. I also have contacted several family relatives/friends who have given me an idea of the day to day. From them I found that the many areas of law that one can work in, various people interactions and meaningful cases means that I see myself as getting a high value career that allows me to grow as a professional and also impact people.

I am seeking a firm that will give me the education and opportunity I need to progress towards my outlined ambition. Byrne Wallace solicitors is a well known firm that grants excellent hands on experience, a great social structure but also an exposure to a corporate element that greatly interests me due to my background. The opportunity to take my first step in becoming a Solicitor with Byrne Wallace would do so much for my prospects and grant me with further drive in achieving the long goal Ive set myself.

In regards to what I may bring to the job, I am a hardworking individual with good Microsoft excel, pdf and word experience. I am a fast learner and enthusiastic personality that thrives in social settings and in communicating with people. I also have a proactive approach in problem solving and used to having to learn new detailed processes quickly while performing to an excellent standard.

I have attached my CV for your consideration,

I am available immediately and any time for an interview,

I hope to hear from you soon,

Kind regards  
Sam Gallagher

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