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Byrne Wallace

Dear Sir/Madam.

I wish to apply for the traineeship 2021. I am a current fourth year BCL student in UCD and believe that I have many of the qualities that are needed for a future trainee. I am a hard, diligent worker and really thrive working in a fast paced environment. I believe a career in law would offer me a lot of daily variation and opportunity, and that through Byrne Wallace I could reach my full potential.

While I have no previous legal experience I have a vast amount of other work experience that has taught me many valuable lessons that I believe would be beneficial for working in a law firm. Having working in a busy shop for over a year, my communication skills have greatly improved. I learned how to deal with clients in a professional and efficient manner, with many customers returning and asking for me personally. Working on the shop floor was excellent for team building skills as we had to work seamlessly together in order for the floor to run smoothly. We had group targets and individual targets so it was very important that we all learned to have each other’s’ backs. This position allowed me to become very commercially aware, I was able to see the inner workings of a business and how import each decision is. I would like to continue developing my commercial knowledge but also learn from all the other legal areas. This is one of the main reasons I have chosen to apply to you as I believe this firm some unique learning opportunities, like the life science area, that I cannot gain at other firms.

Apart from retail, I have been working as a cleaner for a household since I began university. I have become very good at managing my time efficiently as I have a very limited time to ensure all jobs are completed. This role has also taught me a lot about responsibility, when I see something that needs to be done I do not need to wait to be told to do it.

Apart from my academic studies I have many other interests, of which my favourites are music and dance. I began playing the piano when I was very young and I am currently studying for a performance diploma with the London College of Music. Being involved with music my whole life has taught me a lot about determination and how hard work always pays off. It has also really helped my memory skills and ability to multi-task, which has been very helpful while studying law! Apart from the physical benefits of ballet, it has really helped my communication skills. As it is storytelling with no words, I have learned the importance of body language, posture, and eye contact in professional settings. Ballet has taught me how to listen and follow complex instructions after being told only once. It has also been excellent in helping my social skills as I have often been in classes where I know no one and may have to dance with one soon after but appearing confident and relaxed. It has really helped with trust and how I can quickly adapt to working with new people.

Byrne Wallace being a highly professional firm with many different learning opportunities has really drawn me in and I would be honoured to secure a training contract with the firm.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in reading my application.

Sincerely

Siobhán Moriarty.