

ByrneWallace
Solicitors
Online Application

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Re: Trainee Programme 2022

To whom it may concern,

My name is Stephanie Lyons and I am currently working as a Legal Executive within the Commercial Litigation Department of ByrneWallace. I have built many connections with my colleagues and I enjoy the collegial atmosphere. The culture in ByrneWallace has been an excellent fit for me and I would be proud to further my career by training and subsequently, practising in such a prestigious law firm.

By way of background, I graduated with a 2.2 Bachelors of Law from Griffith College Dublin. I eventually joined Bank of Ireland in April 2016 within the branch banking network and worked towards a promotion to the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Unit. In July 2017, I was promoted to a Legal Executive on the aforementioned team. I have passed 3 of my FE1 exams on the first attempt whilst working full-time and now wish to secure a Training Contract with the hope of attending Blackhall for PPC1 in September 2022.

I have gained legal experience from working in both private practice and in-house legal teams. What sets me apart is that I have almost five years extensive experience across two highly regulated industries. I bring practical experience within highly charged, time constricted environment. I also bring life experience and maturity to this role. My experience within Bank of Ireland allowed me to understand the operations of a large corporation. As part of my role, I worked on the Judgments team, the Possessions team and the Receiver and Title Analysis team. My daily tasks range from instructing panel firms to initiate proceedings, reviewing affidavits, reviewing enforcement strategies for Judgments we have obtained and assisting counsel with discovery motions etc. – all within tight time frames.

My current role sees me working as a Legal Executive within the Commercial Litigation Department of ByrneWallace where I have been for two years. My daily tasks range from drafting Instruments of Appointment, Validity Letters, Demand Letters and assisting with Settlement Agreements and Land Registry Applications for both registered and unregistered title, instructing barristers and summon servers, attending court and the preparation of debt collection proceedings for a state body etc.

As a candidate, I am extremely hardworking and driven and I am self-motivated by achieving goals that I set for myself. I have consistently performed well and am a very quick learner and I am easily briefed. I have had exposure to how a business actually operates on a daily basis and from a practical point of view, this means I have an understanding of some of the issues that arise for clients. The experience I have gained whilst in ByrneWallace has allowed me to develop commercial awareness.

Naturally, my time in ByrneWallace has sparked an interest in Commercial Litigation but I also have an interest in exploring other practice areas.

I am confident that I will bring dynamism, focus and energy to this position. I am further confident, that if favoured with this role that I will do both myself and ByrneWallace proud.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
Yours Faithfully,
Stephanie Lyons

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