**Patrick Cagney**

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| Job Title: | Trainee Solicitor |
| Trainee Placements: | Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency, Commercial Litigation, Corporate , Employment |
| Qualifications: | BCL (Law and Politics) – NUIM- 2012LLM (Law and Governance) – Queens University Belfast - 2014FE1s - 2017 |
| Due to Qualify: | 2020 |

**Why ByrneWallace?**

1. ByrneWallace is a leading law firm, with an excellent reputation and a wide range of practice areas. When researching the firm in advance of applying for a training contract, and attending the Trainee Open Evening, I became aware of the firms unique and dedicated approach to trainees. ByrneWallace places an emphasis on education, learning and development as the core values of the firm’s trainee programme. The firm encourages you to drive your own training experience, and to explore the areas that interest you.
2. The broad range of practice areas, as well as the firms focus on collegiality and an open plan working environment means that trainees are not only able to work in areas that are of a particular interest to them, but to engage with colleagues at all levels.

**Describe your rotations to date**

1. Prior to commencing PPC1 in September 2018, I spent six months in the Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency Department. I was involved in a wide range of projects and legal proceedings.
2. My regular tasks included drafting deeds and instruments, appointing receivers over assets, preparing for and attending court, as well conducting research for partners and fee earners.
3. On my return from Blackhall, I joined the Commercial Litigation team where I was exposed to contentious and advisory work in areas such as regulatory law, data protection, emergency injunction applications, and settlement agreements. I was at the Four Courts on a near-daily basis, filing pleadings in the various court offices and attending on counsel in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.
4. On completing my rotation in Commercial Litigation, I spent the following six months with the Corporate Department. While trainee solicitors are encouraged to work on your own initiative, you will receive strong support during your rotation so that complex tasks will soon become second nature.
5. **Future at ByrneWallace**
6. I have just returned to the office from the PPC2 course, and am currently working with the firms Employment Department, an area I was excited to gain experience in before I qualify.