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Byrne Wallace

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a twenty-three year old Law and Business graduate from Trinity College Dublin and am writing to you to formally express my interest in the Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme for 2016. I entered Trinity College on the strength of excellent Leaving Certificate results and maintained this high level of achievement throughout my college career, culminating in an II.1 Honours degree. I have also sat four FE1 Exams and intend on sitting the remaining four next March. I believe that my ability, discipline and drive combined with my law and business degree would enable me to excel at Byrne Wallace.

Extra-curricular activities have played an integral role in my life, both in team sports and individual pursuits. I have always believed that the power of a team is greater than the sum of its individual facets and realising that this sentiment exists at Byrne Wallace only buttressed my desire to train and learn there. It is my competitive nature which has ensured that I have always been a pivotal member of any team I have been part of. I have captained the school hockey team during my time at Our Lady's School and the camogie team of my local GAA club. In addition to this, in order to succeed in my position as Cinnire and Ard-Cinnire during my time in the Gaeltacht the ability to co-operate and co-ordinate with the members of the team was of paramount importance. I believe that recognising and appreciating the individuality of different members is crucial in ensuring the successful synergy of any given team.

My ability to flourish in team situations is also evident from my time at Trinity College. I joined the Trinity Student Management Fund and was an editor of Trinity College's newest publication, The Eagle: Trinity College Law Gazette. A cohesive team is the lynchpin of any successful endeavour and this was most evident when organising and coordinating college trips with the members of the Surf and Snow Committee.

While my time studying at Trinity College has been fulfilling and my opportunities in various law firms rewarding, I have always been a practical learner and I believe that the skills I would acquire at Byrne Wallace would be invaluable. Following my internship at McMahon Goldrick and my business studies at Trinity College, I am convinced that I belong more at the helm of negotiating business which a career in commercial law would offer me. I have a variety of skills which I have utilised across a vast range of activities; illustrating my diversity and ability to adapt and grow. I constantly seek to challenge myself and hence I am applying for a traineeship at Byrne Wallace. I believe that I have the ability, competitiveness, innovation and work ethic to contribute to your organisation in return for the opportunity and guidance such a traineeship would afford me.

I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this position with you. If you have any questions please contact me by phone at +353 851172390 or by e-mail at tedunne@tcd.ie in advance of the interviews. I have attached by CV to the application for your information and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Teresa Dunne

