

To whom it may concern,

I write this to express my desire and suitability for ByrneWallace trainee programme. I have been thoroughly impressed by the innovative culture within the company; being the sole large law firm in Ireland certified with ISO 27001 is a testament to this. Furthermore, winning or being in contention for law firm of the year for consecutive years speaks volumes about the ethos of employees and the shared culture within the firm. I believe that my values and areas of interest are aligned closely with those of ByrneWallace, and as such the prospect of securing an traineeship within the firm excites me immensely.

I am a commercially-minded and ambitious communicator with an entrepreneurial streak and a thirst for excellence. I was awarded for the best results in the country in Spanish as part of a set of leaving certificate results that consisted of 5 A1s and 1 A2. I have demonstrated the ability to multitask effectively in financially supporting myself throughout college, balancing a number of jobs including retail, lifeguarding and swim teaching with my studies and am on course to graduate with a high 2.1.

I have maintained a strong interest in both established and emerging technologies throughout my life. To this end I took the initiative to learn and become proficient in HTML5, CSS3, Javascript and Python. In 2014 I became enamoured with the revolutionary potential of blockchain and distributed ledger technology. I learned everything that I could about this novel technology and the related asset class. I began an internship with the Blockchain Association of Ireland and upon impressing the Directors with my work ethic and capacity for knowledge, was offered a position on the Core Committee. As a result of my connections gained in this area I was offered a position as head researcher in a boutique blockchain consultancy. In this capacity I further developed my communication skills in dealing with a diverse array of stakeholders including CEOs, lawyers, investors, technical leads and other researchers. My work here was noticed, and I was invited to contribute to an article for *Coindesk*, the premier cryptocurrency news outlet with over 10 million monthly readers. However, I became disillusioned with some of the underhand practices prevalent throughout the initial coin industry. So along with a colleague, I co-founded a startup that sought to combat some of the more unscrupulous behaviour commonplace in this sphere. We were successful in reaching the finals of the NDRC's business funds 2018 competition. Reaching the finals of a competition organised by Ireland's largest business accelerator and in doing so beating over 200 applicants ranks highly in my personal achievements.

I hope that in this brief cover letter I have given you a flavour of my character, interests and achievements. As mentioned above I believe that I am a natural fit for the ByrneWallace trainee programme given your innovative culture and the nature of the work undertaken by your firm. I sincerely hope that you offer me a chance to surround myself with and learn from the industry leaders in this regard. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Kind Regards,
William Weaver