

To whom it may concern,

My name is Zainab Masood and I am currently a third year Law and Business student at Trinity College Dublin. I am applying to Byrne Wallace, as in comparison with other companies in the industry, I personally relate to and agree most with its mission. I agree that a company's most valuable investment is its workforce. By developing the workforce, a company achieves the best results for their clients. The most important aspect of a business is to cater to its clients, and Byrne Wallace has demonstrated that it is dedicated to meeting its clients' needs. It provides advice to clients in a wide range of practice areas, and it continues to implement technologies to further improve the experience of their clients. As a person who values contributions to community, I am impressed by Byrne Wallace's commitment to corporate social responsibility. The placements of people from St John of God particularly resonated with me, as I reside very close to the hospital and I am delighted to see a law firm contribute to my community. I hope to achieve an insight into the career of a corporate lawyer and I am of the opinion that Byrne Wallace is the right place to do so. I strive for excellence in all my pursuits, and I aspire to work at a firm that is known for its excellence.

I have a strong work ethic, and strive to achieve the best possible results, in every aspect of my student life, both academically and in societies and other extra-curricular activities. My study of law has taught me problem-solving and logical reasoning, while my study of business has taught me analysis, these skills are particularly suitable for a career in the corporate law sector. Through my experience in the Streetlaw programme (an initiative aimed at making law more accessible for secondary school students from disadvantaged backgrounds) and the Student Managed Fund (a student run asset management fund), I have gained strong communication and presentation skills. By teaching and pitching stocks in front of a large crowd of people I have learnt to be a confident public speaker, which I think is an essential skill for a corporate lawyer. As the representative of business development of AIESEC (the world's largest student run organisation) in Ireland, I am well experienced in working in teams and leading projects. I am an active member and secretary of Trinity Aikido. My role involves administration, organisation and communication.

I am interested in law because law entails teamwork and intellectual challenge. I enjoy working with people who share the same objectives as me. Working in a team also allows me to build relationships with others. The career of a lawyer is challenging and demanding but stimulating. My interest in Corporate Law initially developed when I worked at a corporate law firm while in Pakistan. My main area of work was in competition law, and most of my work related to analysing, researching and creating arguments in the defence of a large multinational litigant that was being sued for engaging in collusion and other anti-competitive practices. I studied many cases, and read several books while searching for counter-arguments, so while I was working, I learned a significant amount about the subject of competition law. In university, we learn about the law, and read and criticize case law, in order to see the development and significance of the law, but seeing the law work and affect corporations is quite a different experience.

I have the desire and the enthusiasm to contribute to your organisation. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully,

Zainab Masood