

Cover Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Ailbhe and I am writing to express my strong interest in your Summer Internship programme at Byrne Wallace LLP. I am currently in my Third Year of studying Law with Economics at UCD. I am eager to gain valuable hands-on experience working in your firm and to contribute to your firm's success.

What attracts me to Byrne Wallace is your reputation for providing excellent legal services. I am impressed by your firm's thriving M&A and commercial law practice. I would find it exciting to advise clients such as Boojum on its sale to the Azzurri Group, or the former Baker Tilly on their acquisition by the accountancy firm Azets. I am drawn to corporate law in particular because of my interest in economics – I find it fascinating how factors such as interest rates, inflation and asset prices affect clients' needs. I believe that understanding the commercial context would enable me to communicate effectively with clients and to explain the implications of legal developments in a practical way.

I am currently gaining legal experience through my 14-week work placement in Mason Hayes & Curran, working in their Real Estate department. So far, I have researched legal requirements to provide advice to clients, written an article for the firm's website and critically analysed a contract for sale for errors or anything unusual.

I also learned to work as part of a team when I worked in the Central Statistics Office (CSO), where I worked with my colleagues to decide how certain data should be categorised, and had a target of forms to process each day. In my job as a Deli Assistant in Dunnes Stores, I learned to handle responsibilities, because I was often asked to close the deli on my own, and developed leadership skills by training and delegating tasks to other staff members. I believe these skills would be highly transferable to an internship, and potential future career, at your firm.

Finally, I am drawn to Byrne Wallace because of your CSR initiatives, in particular your partnership with St Audoen's National School. I was inspired to study law myself after participating in a Mock Trial competition in Transition Year run by Public Access to Law (PAL). Therefore, I know the impact that exposure to the legal profession can have on students. I would be delighted to contribute to this and other CSR initiatives that you run.

Thank you for considering my application. Once again, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to intern at Byrne Wallace this summer. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Kind regards,

Ailbhe Rogers