

## Byrne Wallace LLP Summer Internship

I am a diligent and dedicated undergraduate law student at Queen's University Belfast who would love for an opportunity to apply my curiosity and interest in law to the real world of litigation and court work at Byrne Wallace. I currently have a 2:1 average and I am on course to achieve a 2:1. I particularly admire Byrne Wallace's reputation for excellence as evidenced by being a top ten law firm in Ireland with Lexcel accreditation. An aspect which particularly impressed me is Byrne Wallace's Corporate Social Responsibility commitment to go beyond conventional and statutory business obligations and manage their impact on the environment. Byrne Wallace skillfully navigates sensitive and complex public tribunals and inquiries and advises clients, institutions and bodies in a range of different areas such as commercial contracts and EU competition law. Furthermore, the firm's dedication to providing excellent training and future career opportunities made Byrne Wallace an obvious choice to gain experience in the work and role of a solicitor.

I am confident that my three years of experience as a tennis coach, part time work in a café and study abroad in France has enabled me to develop strong attributes which make me a strong candidate for the summer internship programme. Working as a tennis coach has shown me the importance of building good relations and being organised. These skills are essential when collaborating with coaches or instructing players, as it is essential to be approachable and clear to foster a productive and fun learning environment. Furthermore, I have learned the value of effective teamwork through my role as a tennis coach. Assertive communication and embracing different viewpoints are important when creating coaching sessions, as providing input and collaboration only strengthens lesson plans. Working in a café has also been important in my development of team skills and initiative. Clear communication between the front of house and kitchen staff and initiative to perform tasks ahead of time are non-negotiable skills when working in a busy environment. While studying in France, I have quickly adapted to a new environment and challenging learning system, showcasing essential skills for fast-paced legal work.

A place on the summer internship team would enable me to gain strong experience and help further my career opportunities in my pursuit of becoming a solicitor. The extensive fields in which Byrne Wallace practices has furthered my ambition to leverage the skills I have refined in my previous roles and to transfer them into the realm of being a solicitor at Byrne Wallace.