Clare Louise Neville.

Internship.

I would like to apply for the summer internship at Byrne and Wallace as I feel that I would be able to gain valuable insight into the day-to-day working of a full-service law firm. I have a variety of skills, which I have acquired over the years in my working life, in addition to the legal knowledge I have developed through my studies; places me in the unique position of having the eagerness of a student and the maturity of an experienced working professional. This means that my dedication to the internship and pursuit of a legal career is well considered and grounded in balanced decision making.

I am currently a mature student at University College Cork pursuing a postgraduate LLB. I took the opportunity during the lockdowns of 2020 to change my career and so I began the FE1 examinations. Subsequently, I realised that I wanted a deeper understanding of the law and all the different possible avenues that were available, so I chose to return to college and pursue the LLB.

As you will see from my resume, I spent 9 years teaching English to diverse groups of students of different nationalities, abilities, and ages. Having taught English, I have a deep understanding of the subtleties of language and the importance of context on meaning and interpretation. In managing the classroom, not only did I learn to express complex concepts in clear and simple terms, but I also had to do so in a way which was sensitive to the needs of each student. I feel that these skills can be applied to the legal profession. One would have to be able to build relationships with clients and explain the legal issues at hand in a clear and understandable manner. Additionally, as a teacher I learnt to anticipate problems and plan solutions, while developing new material and ideas to engage the students and anticipate the consequences. Moreover, I am currently working part-time whilst studying and managing my time between my studies and work. I feel that I can bring these skills and experience to the internship.

In addition to my academic and professional life, in my free time, I like to engage in fundraising activities. I have completed charity runs and I am currently taking part in an 80km walking challenge for Women’s Aid. I am also a member of the Irish Council for Civil liberties and regularly follow their campaign work and since starting at UCC I have joined the UCC Law Society and FLAC. Furthermore, having studied history and politics at undergraduate level I am profoundly interested in current affairs and the interconnection of the past with the present. I have a keen interest in foreign languages, having studied Russian and French, with an intermediate level of Italian.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider my application.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Louise Neville.