

RE: BYRNEWALLACE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2022, DUBLIN

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am applying for the Summer Internship with ByrneWallace in Dublin.

I am an ambitious second year student currently studying Law in the University College of Dublin.

I am highly motivated and driven, with an infectious positive 'can do attitude'. I continuously seek to challenge myself and bring innovation to anything I do. This is evidenced through the number of advanced, prestigious competitions I have competed in at a very early stage of my undergraduate degree. A particular highlight is having the opportunity to present cases in front of renown judges like George Birmingham, President of the Court of Appeal and Mary Laffoy, ex-judge and President of the Law Reform Commission.

Furthermore, I always aim to excel at any given task whilst effectively managing competing priorities, as can be seen from my 1.1 in first year and my more recent 2.1 for the first trimester of second year, both achieved whilst managing a part-time job and a number of research-intensive competitions.

I thoroughly enjoy working in a collaborative team-based environment as well as being capable of working efficiently on my own initiative. I have strong organisational and project management skills – I think this is particularly important as it drives quality output, technically accurate application of knowledge and clear, easy to follow advice.

I have exceptional interpersonal and client-facing skills, as is evidenced from many client-facing roles such as working as a Server in the Shelbourne Hotel, which has taught me a significant amount about satisfying customer needs and the importance of building strong relationships with clients with utmost professionalism. I often deal with difficult situations where clients are not entirely satisfied, or a problem arises for the client that requires quick-thinking, strong analytical skills. I know the importance of honesty and integrity in any role, particularly one that is client-facing and often deals with sensitive business information.

I am forward-thinking and always try to bring creative solutions to any problem. I completed a Law and Technology module in first year and have been fascinated by technological disruptions to markets and the legal implications that come after it, data protection and cyber security. I also find LegalTech solutions and the 'future of the law firm' to be fascinating and is something clients are increasingly looking towards. ByrneWallace embracing technology and innovation, along with their reputation for legal expertise regarding information security management is what drew me to this Internship programme.

I am extremely inquisitive and have a natural curiosity when it comes to all things law and business. I have participated in many negotiation competitions including being a finalist in the UCD SLS Negotiation Competition, which requires excellent commercial awareness and communication skills in order to effectively achieve a win/win outcome based on the commercial dispute brief given.

The skills I have listed above paired with my motivation to succeed, learn and be a team-player are what contribute to my belief that I would be an excellent candidate for your Summer Internship programme at ByrneWallace.

I would love the opportunity to shine in your programme and would ask that you consider this application, as I know I would relish in the chance to learn in ByrneWallace.

Kind regards,

Darragh Gorman