

Lauren Corby - Cover Letter – Byrne Wallace 2024 Summer Internship

Dear Byrne Wallace recruitment team,

I would like to first thank you for taking the time to read my application. I understand that you must read many cover letters so I will try to keep this as succinct as I can.

There were many facets that drew me to apply for your firm, such as the stellar reputation of Byrne Wallace and my positive experience in talking to your trainee solicitors and former interns over the years at various graduate fairs and through events I managed as a committee member of the DCU Law Society.

As a final year college student, I have had time to consider what career area I could see myself in. Despite studying both law and politics, I am committed to a career in law, and whilst I would be open to learning about new areas of law, I have a particular interest in the areas of EU law, compliance, and intellectual property. As you can see from my CV, I lived in Brussels for a year on Erasmus, during which I studied various modules relating to EU issues, so I love to see your firm has a team dedicated to law relating to the EU, competition, and regulated markets. Your teams that deal with compliance, data protection and intellectual property law also look very exciting, as they cover so many modern areas of law that are developing rapidly, from social media law to environmental law etc. To prove my curiosity in this area, in my spare time, I have even been reading “Irish Compliance Quarterly” magazine for the past year to see how compliance law is developing because it interests me so much, so to see that your firm has dedicated solicitors in these areas excites me at the thought of potentially working with you.

During Erasmus I also attended lectures at my college ‘Vrije Universiteit Brussel’ of the module “Legal, Ethical and Social Issues of Artificial Intelligence”. Despite being unable to take the module as it was a masters level class for non-international students, I really enjoyed sitting in and hearing important info on how this area of law was growing rapidly with uncertain future consequences. In short, I hope this proves how I am trying to constantly update my commercial awareness and learning experiences, and I think the practical, on the job experience offered through this internship would go hand in hand with how I plan to grow further.

I believe my variety of experience through volunteering, retail employment, Erasmus, being a class rep and being a committee member in college societies, also displays my enthusiasm for stepping out of my comfort zone and jumping at the chance to prove myself, which I think would be beneficial both for myself, and for working on a team with new colleagues. My highest priority goal in my five-year plan is to train to become a solicitor, and to begin that journey straight out of college in a renowned Irish law firm would be an invaluable opportunity that I would love to be a part of.

Thank you very much again for your time and consideration, my email is laurencorby10@gmail.com and my phone number 0894583244 should you wish to contact me further.

Kind regards,

Lauren Corby