

Dear Ciara,

I am writing to apply to the role of legal summer intern as advertised on your website. I am currently in my final year of studying Law at University College Dublin.

I am interested in corporate law and aspire to do a seat in finance after completing such a rewarding internship in McCann FitzGerald's Banking and Finance department in 2023. As the winners of Banking and Finance Law Firm of the Year on multiple occasions, Byrne Wallace stands out to me as someone who seeks more experience in this very department. My desire to work in corporate law was confirmed during my internship, where I gained direct insight into the inner workings of large-scale legal transactions. Due to my exposure to the demands of this particular industry in a space where new challenges arise consistently, I can confidently say that I excel in such an environment and understand the expectations of someone in this position within a successful corporate entity. Having the opportunity to meet with clients helped me to understand the particular style of communication sought within a professional setting. I work best when I can engage and collaborate with others and yearn to experience more of this atmosphere where I would be working alongside and learning from exceptional legal talent.

I have a breadth of work experience across a range of industries, with the skills I gained as a care assistant during the pandemic in particular, being directly applicable to this role. My ability to navigate complex interpersonal situations was put to the test when dealing with patients suffering from various health conditions who were prevented from seeing loved ones due to governmental restrictions. While challenging and emotionally strenuous, the experience was rewarding when I could use my initiative to find solutions to such problems in a way which benefitted the patients, their family and remained in line with ever changing legislation. I became focused on transparent communication towards my coworkers to remain organised and efficient in often high-pressure situations.

Outside of my academics I have a passion for art and create and sell commissions in my spare time. My creative nature spurs me to be innovative, and to seek out unique and alternative solutions when faced with a problem. I am tenacious about attention to detail in both my artwork and my academic work, a skill I believe to be highly valuable when dealing with drafting and execution of documents in a corporate law firm such as Byrne Wallace.

My passion for corporate law reinforced by my diverse range of work experience has equipped me with the necessary skills for a successful candidate in this position. I am eager to contribute to Byrne Wallace's mission to deliver excellence and look forward to the opportunity to grow and learn with this dynamic organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Lily McCaughan