

Dear Hiring Team,

My name is Maeve Hopkins. I am now a second year student at Trinity College Dublin, studying law and minoring in French. I spent my first year of university in the biomedical sciences program, but decided ultimately to switch into Trinity College's law program, a decision which I am very happy with.

I am applying for this opportunity because I feel the Byrne Wallace team's many sectors of expertise, coupled with a unified vision for the progression of law, technology and society, would make for a rich working environment.

In college, I have studied private law subjects including land, contract and tort, as well as public ones like constitutional law and criminal law. I elected to sit the Foundation scholarship exams last month, an experience which was academically and personally challenging. Through disciplined and sustained effort, I dove deeply into my course work, particularly the theory and trends of private law. I left those exams last month confident that I had shown my best effort on those pages.

Much of my leadership experience is in editorial positions for various university journals and newspapers, but I balance my academics with my time in the boxing gym, where I act as my college's female Team Captain. My employment experience ranges from physically demanding jobs in the service industry, to the emotionally demanding task of caring for elders with advanced dementia. I have volunteered for many years with the spinal cord injury unit at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Palo Alto, CA, assisting with recreational therapy projects. My favourite experience with the VA was my time as an art helper to Earl, a quadriplegic naval veteran who painted with his mouth.

Byrne Wallace has the resources and reputation to make important changes in Ireland's legal landscape. I want to be part of this team and contribute to a more just and progressive development of Irish law. I feel I have the academic discipline, passion for Irish law, and the interpersonal skills to become a positive addition to this team. I would love the opportunity to deepen my knowledge of and experience with the law, and appreciate your consideration.