

Cover Letter

2024 Legal Summer Internship Programme – Byrne Wallace LLP.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Maria Podzegunova, and I am a recent graduate of the LL.M. Commercial and Company Law programme at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam. I am writing to apply for the 2024 Legal Summer Internship Programme at Byrne Wallace LLP. Given my educational background, combined with my legal experience and skills, I believe that I would be an excellent fit for this role.

Having had the opportunity to extensively study both the commercial and corporate legal fields, I am seeking work opportunities where I could apply and contribute my knowledge in practice. Throughout my LL.M. degree, I have gained in-depth knowledge in areas such as international corporate governance, company law and restructuring, carriage of goods, intellectual property law, and EU competition law, amongst others. Due to my personal interest in intellectual property law, I further attained an additional 5 ECTS credits by following the Capita Selecta Trademark Law course. In 2022, I further completed my LL.B. in International and European Law at the University of Groningen, graduating with an overall GPA of 8 out of 10 (First Class Honours equivalent).

Alongside my studies, I have further involved myself in a range of extracurricular activities that allowed me to develop some invaluable soft skills, such as leadership, collaboration, and time management. For instance, in 2021, I participated as Chair of the Legal Council of the Model United Nations (TEIMUN), where I co-wrote two extensive reports regarding issues of international law and helped lead the debate alongside two other Chairs. The same year, I was selected to participate in the United Nations International Student Conference of Amsterdam (UNISCA) as an Associate Judge, which combined aspects of academic learning with an International Court of Justice moot. Upon completion, I was awarded Best Judge as recognition for my contribution and hard work during the proceedings. Due to my personal interest in commercial contracts, I have also gained additional accreditation relating to contract automation by following two courses offered by ClauseBase and Avvoka Academy in 2022.

My recent internship with Fieldfisher LLP has further allowed me to gain valuable practical experience. During the internship, I received training on Evolve Plus and iManage. Moreover, I helped schedule several title documents, organised wills, and attended several court hearings and inquiries with the other departments. I believe that completing an internship at Byrne Wallace will allow me to apply my knowledge and learn even more about the legal workplace. With its reputable rankings and amicable work culture, I believe that this internship could be the stepping stone to my legal career.

Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Podzegunova.