* A full-time trainee in the European Parliament in the Office of the First Vice-President from 2018-2019.
* An ambitious and motivated LLB postgraduate of NUIGalway, holding a high 2.1 Honours degree (67%).
* Bachelor of Corporate Law (International) graduate of NUIGalway, holding a 2.1 Honours degree (64%).
* A versatile individual who thrives in a fast-paced dynamic, team-working environment.
* Strong cross-cultural competencies developed from various international experiences, including an Erasmus year, where I attended a German university and gained German fluency.
* Strong organisational, interpersonal and communication skills acquired from working in the European Parliament and studying in Germany.
* Five-month clinical legal placement in a solicitor’s firm, where I acquired a strong legal basis.
* Currently seeking a challenging internship within a dynamic commercial law firm, which will offer early responsibilities, and the opportunity to develop practical legal skills.

**Education**

**University:**  National University of Ireland Galway

2017-2018 LLB

2013-2017 Bachelor of Corporate Law (International)

**Secondary school:** St. Paul`s Secondary School, Oughterard, Co. Galway

2007- 2013 Leaving Cert 2013

**Work Experience**

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| **Date** | **Employer** | **Title** |
| **1.** July 2018-2019 | Mairead McGuinness | European Parliament Trainee |
| **2.** Jan 2018-May 2018 | D.M. O’Connor & Co. Solicitors | Legal Intern |
| **3.** June 2018-July 2018 | European Parliament | European Parliament Intern |
| **4.** May 2017-Sept 2017 | Cormac McCarty Solicitors | Legal Intern |
| **5.** June 2013-May 2018 | Connemara Marble Ltd | Sales Assistant/Factory Worker |

**1. European Parliament Trainee**

* My work on several committees including AFCO, AGRI, ENVI and budget allowed me to develop an in depth knowledge into all areas of EU law. This includes attending committee meetings, drafting proposals and amendments for plenary in Strasbourg.
* I attend the plenary in Strasbourg, to be present for voting and produce detailed documents for the Vice-President. The drafting of such important amendments to be put to plenary has equipped me with a useful skill set, which would be a beneficial addition to ByrneWallace.
* Brexit has required me to do an in-depth analysis into Brexit negotiations and work on cross-border trade and constitutional affairs within the European Union, particularly the Irish border issue.
* The extensive research and level of networking required to respond to constituency queries has allowed me to develop a global network, in a variety of areas. This network will be at my disposal for future references.

**2. D.M. O’Connor & Co. Solicitors**

* This legal placement required me to perform various tasks including;
* Researching various areas of law including litigation, family law, commercial law and EU law.
* Preparing and researching a diverse portfolio of cases
* Attending court hearings regularly and preparing written briefings
* Legal filing and administration duties
* Working with integrated legal teams of solicitors on various legal issues
* This placement allowed me to develop and nurture my legal competence and to familiarisemyself with standard practices. It equipped me with a range of research skills, legal competence, professionalism and the traits required to work on a successful legal team. This experience has prepared me for the day-to-day workings of a solicitor. It has allowed me to acquire skills that will be useful to my work at ByrneWallace.

**Academic Writings**

* “The cause of the 2008 banking crisis in Ireland was a lack of proper regulation.” Critically discuss.
* “There is a need for radical reform to the banking system”. Discuss with reference to at least one radical reform proposal.
* Exploring the Limits of EU Law: The Stability Treaty and the use of EU institutions in intergovernmental agreements
* The Scottish law of positive prescription is the same in all but name to the English law and the Irish law on adverse possession”. Assess this statement critically in light of cases and academic commentary from all three jurisdictions

**Interests**

* National Cup basketball player with Maree BC – Having played the sport since I was five, competing both at local and national level, it has equipped me with strong team-working skills. Attended training camps in the USA and played in France.
* Basketball coach for two weeks every summer from 2009 – 2015.
* A competitive Irish dancer for twelve years, competing all over Ireland, which required a large amount of discipline, commitment and motivation. Although retired, I still dance in my spare time.
* Car mechanics

**International Experience**

* An Erasmus year in Germany proved to be an invaluable experience, where I studied law through German for a year at the Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen.
* An introduction to a new environment and culture enabled me to conquer change.
* International business law, criminal law and criminology are examples of the modules I studied through German. I also took several language classes to acquire German fluency.
* A high level of intercultural competence was also acquired, as I travelled throughout Europe and observed various new cultures, acquiring an in depth global awareness.
* It required independence, confidence, and individuality that equipped me with effective adaptability.

**Achievements**

* Received Bronze Gaisce Award – One hour of community work for thirteen weeks, which I varied between the community such as volunteering at a nursing home, at the local national school, and coaching young basketballers.
* One of twelve chosen to go to Boston to participate in basketball training camps and US leagues.
* Student testimonial for School of Law at NUIGalway

**Skills**

* Cross-cultural communication, analytical skills, flexibility, interpersonal skills and adaptability are all valuable skills, which I developed on my international experiences.
* Bilingual – Native English, fluent in German, advanced Irish and basic Dutch.
* Planning, organisational and administrative skills further developed through my legal experiences.
* Excellent research and listening skills developed through my work in the European Parliament on various EU law policy areas and Brexit.
* Excellent teamwork as well as leadership skills obtained through a sporting role.
* Proficient in MS office computer (Excel, Office, Word) and I.T skills.

**References**

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| Postgraduate LLB 2017-2018 | Result % |
| Criminal Law II | 72 |
| Clinical Placement | 72 |
| Administrative Law | 70 |
| Essay | 70 |
| Jurisprudence  | 67 |
| Criminal Law I | 67 |
| Land Law I | 67 |
| Jurisprudence  | 67 |
| Equity | 66 |
| Land Law II | 62 |
| Overall Result | 67 |
| Final Year 2016-2017 |  |
| Legal Business and Ethics | 72 |
| Employment Relations | 70 |
| Cross-Cultural Management | 70 |
| Banking Law | 68 |
| Legal German | 68 |
| Medical Device Law and Regulations | 67 |
| Labour Law II | 65 |
| Health and Safety Law | 63 |
| Information Technology Law | 62 |
| Consumer Law & Policy | 54 |
| Overall Result | 64 |

University Results

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| Erasmus Year 2015-2016 |  |
| International and European Business Law I | 72 |
| Applied Criminology  | 71 |
| Criminology  | 74 |
| International European Business Law II | 75 |
| Introduction to German Legal System | 73 |
| Second Year 2014-2015 |  |
| Management | 72 |
| Company Law II | 70 |
| European Union Law I | 66 |
| Company Law I | 65 |
| Legal German | 64 |
| European Union Law II | 62 |
| Commercial Law | 56 |
| Essay | 55 |
| Principles of Macro-Economics | 55 |
| Management of Organisation Change | 51 |
| Overall Result | 61 |
| First Year 2013-2014 |  |
| Legal Methods & Research | 64 |
| Legal German | 58 |
| Tort Law | 55 |
| Constitutional Law | 50 |
| Introduction to Financial Accounting | 48 |
| Introduction to Management Accounting | 48 |
| Irish Legal Systems | 45 |
| Contract Law | 40 |
| Overall Result | 51 |