**Kate Burns**

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 Recent law graduate and current LLM student seeking exhibit my aptitude at ByrneWallace.

**Education:**

**University College Cork**: LLM in Intellectual Property and e-Law, 2019-2020

Modules: Cybercrime, E-Commerce & Data Protection, Intellectual Property Law, Intellectual Property & Internet Regulation, Revenue Law, Employment Law, Mental Capacity Law

**NUI Galway**: Bachelor of Civil Law with French, 2015- 2019, high 2.1.

1st year grade: 2.1., 2nd year grade: 2.1., Erasmus grade: 1.1., 4th year grade: 2.1.

Final year semester 1 results: Media Law = 65%, I.T. Law = 73%, Alternative Dispute Resolution = 72%, Land Law I = 68%, Equity I = 66%.

Final year semester 2 results: Legal French = 77%, Land Law II = 67%, Equity II = 60% , Intellectual Property = 70%, Final Year Research Paper = 68%.

Research paper: “The current law on artistic copyright, when compared with literary copyright is very detailed. In Ireland, there is no justification for this.”

**Université Toulouse 1 Capitole:** Erasmus year, completed a diploma in E.U. law consolidating my understanding of the E.U. and obtained entirely through French. The diploma consisted of three sections: The Institutional Context, Law of the E.U. (such as free movement of goods and people, competition law etc.), Common Policy (such as health, economy, consumer protections etc.) Grade = 1.1.

**Experience:**

Tom O’Regan & Co Solicitors, Galway, May 2019- August 2019:

* Gained practical legal experience in a busy general office.
* Attended court the four courts and assisting barristers,
* Filed legal documents in the High Court Central Office,
* Prepared files, delivered booklets of pleadings,
* Adhered to the confidentiality requirements of case materials.

John F. Martin Solicitors, Galway, January 2019 - May 2019:

* Undertook legal placement concurrent with my final semester alongside an established criminal law solicitor offering a wide range of expertise including assault, European arrest warrants & extradition, firearms & offensive weapons.
* Observed case work and gained an excellent insight into the law.
* Wrote court appointment and court result letters.
* Had the opportunity to experience litigation and court proceedings and assisted solicitor effectively in this.

French Tutor, September 2016 - June 2017:

* Gave French grinds to students at both Junior & Leaving certificate level.
* Helped with various aspects of the curriculum such as oral preparation, essay writing and comprehension.

**Skills:**

* Research and writing: produced quality material on diverse areas of the law in both an academic and practically capacity.
* Time management: have consistently reached deadlines.
* Communication and dealing with the public; gained through work experience and volunteering.
* Ability to work calm and well under pressure.
* Leadership: can co-ordinate a team and rise to the challenge when someone is needed to take charge.
* I.T. skills (Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Pages)
* Analytical: studying law, particularly my current LLM programme, has fostered strong logical reasoning and critical skills that are a highly beneficial asset at ByrneWallace.

**Hobbies:**

* Gym: served as a great stress relief in college and work.
* Languages: a strong love of French and constantly polishing these skills. Active member of both the NUIG and UCC French society.
* Volunteering: strong experience of showing initiative and getting involved:

I.T. Law Clinic, January 2020 – May 2020:

* Currently an active volunteer in this UCC legal clinic which provides start-ups with legal information on various issues such as copyright, domain names, public domain content etc.

University Society, August 2018 - May 2019:

* Chairperson of the International Student Society. I took this position as after my year abroad I was determined to help make incoming international students have the best experience in Galway.
* Duties included planning events and trips away and answering queries from international students.
* Very large and active society, boasting over 2,000 members, so leadership and organisational skills were essential to ensure it ran smoothly.
* Society gained the highest number of new members this year, with over 500 joining in September.

Student Connect Mentoring, September 2016 - May 2017:

* Acted as a mentor to first year law students.
* This role included informing them about the studies that were ahead and helping with general first year problems such as the use of VLE, using the library and legal citations.