

Aidan Carolan

19 The Moorings, Marina Village, Greystones, Co. Wicklow | aicarola@tcd.ie | 0863030776

Dear Cathal Duffy,

I am a final year Law and French student at Trinity College Dublin and I am very excited by the prospect of a summer internship at ByrneWallace. I have an outstanding academic record as well as significant experience with legal research. I believe I would be an excellent addition to your intake of summer interns this year as I am passionate about corporate law and I am eager to work at a forward-thinking firm dedicated to the provision of expert legal services.

This year, I am taking part in the Irish Innocence Project as a legal researcher. The goal of the Project is to aid people who claim to be factually innocent of the crimes of which they have been convicted. At the moment, my team is researching how certain procedures surrounding the disclosure and preservation of evidence could be improved through statutory intervention.

Moreover, I also spent four weeks working as an intern in the Criminal Law Reform division of the Department of Justice this year. While there, I carried out research into the impact of recently enacted legislation, legislation enacted in other jurisdictions, and private members' bills from the Dáil. This experience taught me a great deal about the practicalities of legal research outside of university as well as the impact the law has on everyday life.

Both of these experiences have developed my legal research skills to the level required for a leading firm like ByrneWallace.

I understand that a modern solicitor often needs more than simply legal knowledge, however. On top of my legal research skills, my previous work experience has taught me a lot about customer service and working as part of a team. I spent 15 months working in my local SuperValu and have spent the past two summers working with children in summer camps abroad. These experiences gave me first-hand experience with how customer interactions can make or break a company's business model. Previous managers have praised my interpersonal skills and demeanour around customers and other members of my team. I greatly look forward to the opportunity to work as part of a team in a commercial law setting.

Finally, I believe my extensive experience volunteering would add to the intern team this summer. I have been volunteering with Saint Vincent de Paul since 2016 and in that time I have set up a Technology Clinic for elderly people suffering from social isolation, led an activity club for economically disadvantaged children, and given grinds to Leaving Cert students living in inner-city Dublin. I have a very strong sense of social justice, which I think could provide valuable insights to ByrneWallace's CSR team in the future. The experience of leading these clubs has also instilled a strong sense of responsibility and initiative in me that is reflected in my attitude towards work.

Thank you for your time in reading my application. I believe that my achievements, academic and otherwise, as well as my extensive legal, customer service and volunteering experience would make me an outstanding intern with ByrneWallace this summer.

Yours sincerely,
Aidan Carolan.