

I have an interest in a career in law because I believe that it is a challenging, yet rewarding career that is constantly changing and evolving to keep up with the ever changing legal system. The benefits of a legal career go far beyond potential for financial success and provide opportunity for professional and personal growth. I particularly like how diverse a career in law can be, and how many different sectors and potential specialisations there are. One of the most attractive aspects of a legal career for me is, alongside the intellectual challenges, is how at its core it is ultimately about client service. I have always been passionate about having a career that helps others, on a large scale such as corporate contracts, or on a more personal, individual level. I have a particular interest in Corporate & Cyber crime, as it merges criminal law; competition law; and elements of economics, which are subjects I have a strong personal interest in. Cyber crime is one of the newest areas in law and since the internet is a core aspect of our society and daily lives, I believe it is of fundamental importance to our legal system.

One of the reasons I would like to work at ByrneWallace is the fact that there is an experienced and reputable team advising on Corporate and Cyber crime. I particularly admire how Byrne Wallace both prosecutes and defends in this area, and has experience in advising both companies and private individuals, something which I believe is invaluable in developing skill and expertise. This is just one of the reasons why I would like to work at ByrneWallace. The diversity of areas of expertise provides an opportunity to learn about all significant areas of Irish law, and international interests. Being named Ireland's top legal firm to the public sector for the fifth consecutive year by the Excellence in Business Awards reflects this

I have recently graduated from UCD with a 2.1 degree in Law with Economics. Although law is my main area of interest, I chose to minor in Economics as I believe that they are two areas that complement each other, particularly in the areas of corporate and financial law. While law has developed my skills in communication and critical thinking, economics has helped to develop my analytical skills and ability to apply theory to problems in the business, financial and public sectors. These skills aided me greatly while working on the investigative journalism team for UCD's College Tribune. I greatly enjoyed this experience, especially as it allowed me to pursue my passion for journalism and current affairs. Volunteering for UCD's Student Legal Service gave me the opportunity to provide help and advice to students, particularly in matters arising out of disputes with landlords.

I also take part in a number of extracurricular activities outside of my degree. I recently completed my Grade 8 in Ballet and enjoy playing musical instruments, namely the piano and guitar. I enjoy exercising, particularly running, and I am currently training for a 5km run. While on my J1 in Chicago this past summer I had the opportunity to travel around the United States which is also a passion of mine. I believe that having hobbies and interests outside of your career is incredibly important, as it both aids in personal development and improves mental health, which in turn contribute to a successful career. I have found them to be of particular help while studying for the FE1 examinations.

Thank you for your time, I would be extremely grateful to be considered for a traineeship with ByrneWallace. Sincerely, Beth Cody

