

My name is Ciara Herlihy and I am currently doing the LLM in Child and Family Law at UCC which I will complete in September 2016. Before this, I completed a BCL (Law and French) degree, achieving a first class honours standard with the second highest results in my course. I also studied law for my Erasmus year in Montpellier, France, with a focus on human rights, comparative and international law. I am also working towards achieving a first class honours in my masters which I achieved in the first semester.

I have also worked as part of a team as I am a member of the Child Law Clinic at UCC which provides a pro-bono legal research service to lawyers in order to support litigation in the area of children's rights and child law generally. My work with the Child Law Clinic has served to develop my research and communication skills as I am involved in the preparation of briefs. I am also a member of the Family Law Clinic, involved with the development of familylawinformation.ie which is an information portal on Irish family law, providing up-to-date information and resources on family and child law in clear, accessible language for the layman. I have improved my IT skills from working on the website. I have good organisational skills and I am also familiar with online databases such as Westlaw as I frequently access these during my studies.

I am enthusiastic and passionate about law and have the ability to work well independently or as part of a team. As I have gained previous experience by doing internships with local practitioners, I would love the opportunity of an internship at ByrneWallace to get further insight into the law in practice and the workings of a large legal firm, as I am hoping to go into practice in the area of child and family law following my completion of my masters.