

I am a second year student at University College Dublin studying Business and Law and wish to apply for a ByrneWallace internship this summer.

My course has begun to give me an insight into the practical connections between the Law and Business and an internship with your practice would allow me to bring my studies to life. As one of the leading commercial law firms in Ireland, I am interested in exploring how, among other issues you manage the challenge, the implications and the uncertainty of Brexit especially where this relates to business.

I have some business acumen and experience in the operation of Irish exporting businesses pre Brexit through working in family businesses which include a technology company specialising in time and attendance software. I am interested in legal solutions for businesses following Brexit for example as they relate to U.K employment law and European regulations and standards. Changes could be detrimental to technology companies such as this, as their software will now be incompatible with U.K legislation preventing its sale. I am keen to explore how innovative legal solutions can assist such companies. Another family business in the food industry and with an export arm, faces potential problems post Brexit relating to divergent health and safety standards, increased time spent at border control, customs duties and currency fluctuations. These are business challenges which many others may face and have clear legal implications. From an entrepreneurial perspective, with a U.K supply chain and an Irish and U.K market, there is a hedging risk. If sterling weakens against the euro, this is good from a supply point of view, as more products can be produced for less euro. However, this will decrease sales in the U.K market. Furthermore, if the U.K impose standards below European legislation, Irish businesses with production facilities in the U.K will no longer be able to sell their goods in Ireland. Foreign Direct Investment and multinational companies will now require legal advice as they look to move towards English speaking, internationally facing Dublin. Uniquely, Irish law firms, like ByrneWallace, are in an advantageous position to benefit from Brexit despite its potential damage to the Irish and EU economy. I have a developing business acumen, an interest in current affairs, and am keen to learn more about how facilitates legal solutions to these business challenges and operates in the wider commercial world.

My involvement in music has taught me the importance of partnership, cooperation and teamwork. As well as adaptability, flexibility and determination, I have excellent communication and organisational skills, an eye for detail, patience, and the ability to keep a calm head and sense of humour in moments of crisis.

I admire the attitude your firm takes towards charitable causes and the environment as outlined in your Corporate Social Responsibility effort. Your ethos of giving back to your community sets a tone which is echoed in all of the volunteering and fundraising work you do. I share and exhibit these values through a variety of activities and interests. For example, I am a member of the UCD SVP group and regularly do soup runs around Dublin City. At Christmas I am involved in the 'Sing for Simon' carol singing, fundraise with the Rotary Club, participate in the Sligo Academy of Music Spring Gala and Christmas Concerts, as well as charitable volunteering with St Vincent de Paul in Sligo. Additionally, I was a musical assistant in the Sligo Academy of Music. This involved helping the children in the Junior Orchestra to read music and play in a group. This was rewarding as I watched them develop their confidence and skills. I also led kindermusik classes designed to guide young children onto the musical instrument which best suited them.

I would love the opportunity to learn from a firm who are not only leading in the fields I have an interest in, but who have an admirable social conscience and a passion for innovation especially in relation to up and coming technology. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my application for an internship in person.

