

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express significant interest in your 2019 Internship programme. I am a final year Masters of Common Law student at UCD, with previous experience in publishing, and I hope to secure an Internship with Byrne Wallace for the summer of 2019.

I expect to achieve a first class honours (I) result when I graduate later this year. This Masters course focuses on core areas of law such as EU, Tort, Criminal, Property, Contract, Constitutional, Company, Equity, Evidence and Administrative Law. It also gives students the opportunity to study several electives and undertake an independent research project.

The topic of my research project is the controversial Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market. This Directive has garnered much debate and is proving to be an extremely interesting project, particularly as it incorporates aspects of my previous career in publishing, where I gained first-hand knowledge of the problems facing by authors and publishers.

In addition to undertaking a Masters in Common Law, I have achieved an honours undergraduate degree from the University of Limerick in New Media and English, as well as an honours Masters degree from the University of the Arts London in Publishing. On completion of my Masters in Publishing, I worked for Penguin Random House as a project editor, coordinating projects and carrying out copy editing for titles. I also presented my teams' achievements to the company at the bi-annual Penguin Random House conference. In 2017 I was awarded the Print Futures award for contributions to the publishing industry in London.

I moved from London to Dublin in 2017 to pursue a career in law. I am currently working at Denis McSweeney's Solicitors as a Legal Assistant. I have been working here since January 2018. In that time I have gained invaluable experience in many practical areas of the law: attending Court, preparing booklets for Court, meeting clients with solicitors, filing documents and raising queries on behalf of solicitors at the Four Courts, Probate Office and Family Court.

An internship with Byrne Wallace would be highly beneficial to my career in law. Byrne Wallace's brilliant reputation, client-centred approach and focus on areas of commercial law and technology are areas I am keenly interested in, and to intern at such a successful and modern commercial law firm would be a truly invaluable experience.

I believe my past career has equipped me with many valuable skills that can be transferred to the area of law. My focus, drive, creativity and resilience are qualities that I believe are well suited to meet the challenges of an intern at Byrne Wallace.

Byrne Wallace stands out for being a dynamic and exciting law firm and I would love the opportunity to interview for an internship here.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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