

## Byrne Wallace Cover Letter - Orla Moriarty

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I am confident that my passion for complex legal matters, coupled with my diverse international legal experience, make me an ideal candidate for a legal traineeship at Byrne Wallace.

For the past 3.5 years, I have been employed as a Legal Specialist (DACH/EU) in Legal & Compliance Operations at Meta. My work in this role has allowed me to gain a unique understanding of the intersection between human rights and technology, as well as the importance of mitigating legal risk for a Global International Company. As a Legal Specialist, my responsibilities include reviewing and processing incoming reports of alleged legal rights infringements, as well as building out and launching new legal reporting workflows that are required by local laws or regional regulations (e.g. the EU Digital Services Act). In doing so, I am regularly required to present to in-house counsel in order to obtain approval for operational legal guidance in our respective workflows. My role requires me to consistently liaise with counsel and present proposals in such a way as to minimize risk for the company, whilst at the same time ensuring operational excellence and efficiency for legal specialists.

Similarly, I work closely with our German outside counsel partners (Freshfields) on complex legal cases in our German Impressum Channel, which largely consists of high-risk pre-litigation appeals regarding content that was removed for violating Meta Policy. In working closely with our Legal partners, I have gained a unique understanding of what constitutes risk for a large corporation, and how to mitigate said risk without compromising the company's mission and vision. As we are often required to conduct legal review under tight dead-lines, this role has further allowed me to gain the ability to consistently deliver high-quality outputs under tight time-constraints.

Moreover, I am passionate about complex legal matters and believe that my academic background has given me a unique perspective that will make me an ideal candidate for a commercial law setting. As a Public International Law master's student, I was often given the task of writing concise legal memoranda on broad topics, as well as presenting on a number of assigned legal topics (e.g. the legality of the Sergei Skripal Poisoning under International Law). This allowed me to gain the ability to think in a structured, methodical and organized manner that allows for clear communication and ability to portray complex ideas in simple terms.

Moreover, many areas of International Law remain unsettled and 21st Century international legal issues require innovation and progressive thinking in finding a solution. This is something that I believe to be particularly important in a legal setting and is a skill that I was able to develop further as a legal trainee in the European External Action Service of the European Union.

On a more personal level, I am passionate about working with and for people and consider myself a sociable team-player who interacts well with others and quickly adapts to new working environments. I am result-oriented, ambitious and stay composed in high-stress situations, and I would be grateful for an opportunity to further my legal career at Byrne Wallace.

