

Dear Ms. Onslow,

Further to the advertisement on the Byrne Wallace website, I am writing to express my interest in applying for the Summer Intern Programme. By way of background, I am a BCL and LL.M graduate of University College Cork. I successfully sat and passed all five FE-1s on my first attempt last year and will sit my remaining three in March. An internship with Byrne Wallace would allow me to build the experience I desire in an established commercial law firm, and I am confident that I could contribute substantively to the work of your office based on my diligent, creative and enthusiastic character, legal experience and general work experience to date.

Although specialising in healthcare law and juvenile justice at Master's level and having gained much experience in these fields both inside and outside university, I have most recently sought to obtain experience in the nuances of the legal world that I have developed a newly acquired interest in. Last year, I worked alongside a number of junior barristers as part of a discovery review team in a large commercial case. Following the review's completion, I continued to develop my interest in the area of commercial law as a paralegal for the same firm where I gained experience in the conveyancing, probate and litigation departments. I have also previously completed an internship with a mid-sized Dublin law firm where I worked closely with the firm's regulatory law and commercial litigation partner in helping with challenges to practice and procedures before the Medical Council.

Having gained some experience in the commercial law sphere, I believe I would hugely enjoy and benefit from the opportunity to experience the inner workings of a full service commercial law firm operating to the calibre exercised by Byrne Wallace. I would also love the chance to experience other areas that your firm has carved out a niche in and the practical workings of which I am hugely interested in, such as healthcare regulation, in practice.

I am aware that the most valuable skill sets for an aspiring solicitor are diligence and a passion for learning. My desire to learn about, and keep up with the ever-changing interpretations and applications of the law is reflected in my academic success in the areas I have specialised in. As an LL.M candidate, I received First Class Honours in mental capacity law and a number of other modules. Last year, I also received the highest mark on record since the establishment of the UCC Child Law Clinic in 2011, for my reflective assessment.

Were I to be chosen to work as an intern with Byrne Wallace, I would bring the same unperturbed drive, enthusiasm and commitment to my work as I consistently bring to my studies and all endeavours I pursue. I would be delighted to have the opportunity to speak with members of your team concerning a prospective internship.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Philippa Bourke