

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to formally apply for a position as an intern this summer with Byrne Wallace.

I'm a recent graduate from Trinity College Dublin, with a 2:1 degree in English Studies, and am currently pursuing a Diploma in Law in The Law Society of Ireland Blackhall Place. This diploma is to help myself prepare for the FE1 examinations in Autumn 2016, and to equip myself better with some of the more practical skills needed when practicing Law.

Law is an area that I believe I would thrive in. I have excellent written and communication skills, with practical as well as academic experience in research, debate, and through my studies have developed a keen eye for detail. There is a long standing tradition of Law in my family particularly on my mother's side. From my Great-Great Grandfather down to two of my uncles, one of whom has his own practice and the other being a senior partner in a well known practice in Dublin. Being the eldest grandchild in my family and having grown up surrounded by people involved in the area of Law, I developed an interest early on and persuaded my uncles to allow me work with them during my Transition Year in school and from there on cemented my interest in the field and have actively pursued it following.

I am a hard working and ambitious young woman. My whole way through college I was fully financially independent from my parents, paying my own rent, utilities, transport etc. I performed to a high academic standard, while holding down a demanding job in cash processing which at times meant having to work nights. Throughout all of this I honed in on my passion for law and philanthropy as a volunteer for the Trinity Volunteer Teaching Programme, and taking on internships with Seamus Maguire & Co and Byrne Wallace, as well as shadowing Barrister Martin Dully as he worked in the Central Criminal Courts.

During my time working in these environments I got to experience distinct and compelling aspects of the law such as Child Care Law, Criminal and Family. I got a practical taste of what life as a Solicitor or Barrister would be like. I got to experience what it was like to be under such time constraints while faced with an insurmountable number of tasks and trained myself to manage it. I got to watch and take note of Solicitors and Barristers litigating. I got to pick through contracts and reports with a fine tooth comb to learn the value of close attention to detail, I sat in and kept time on office meetings and saw how legal teams work together to ensure

they all individually reach their goals. I got a very specific taste of each of these three areas of the law and got to know how it worked in the courts and in the office in great detail.

My skill set is diverse given the diverse nature of my current position alongside my degree and through it I have developed much more of a varied skill set than a lot of my peers. I'm passionate about developing new skills and learning new information, and have always regardless of the challenge performed to a high standard.

Most importantly I consider myself hard working and diligent. Thank you for considering my application.

Regards,

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