

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to apply for the 2017 Byrne Wallace Summer Internship. In 2015 I graduated with an LLM degree from Uppsala University, Sweden. To widen my horizon and develop myself as a lawyer, critical thinker, and more importantly as a person, I enrolled in an LLB at University College Cork, Ireland. This decision was mainly in order to gain in-depth knowledge in common law so that I can apply civil and common law perspectives into my subsequent practice or research. In 2017 I will move to the US to study for a masters of law in American legal studies and subsequently qualify for the NY bar.

I am certain that my background has prepared me for the kind of workload and environment that your Byrne Wallace provides for. I consider the fact that I hold experience in civil law, common law, international law, journalism, and international affairs as a great asset. I benefit extensively from this unique combination, but am equally certain that I can share my experiences. I am also happy to have served as editor for Cork Online Law Review and having published two papers in arbitration reviews. Having been called as CPD speaker to the CI Arb in Dublin was another very valuable experience that I cherish highly.

My aim is to work for a top Irish law firm in the US and consult businesses from Ireland, Sweden, Albania and the US on corporate matters in respective countries, such as incorporation, M&A, commercial transactions, arbitration, etc. I think that I would be a perfect fit for Byrne Wallace.

In conclusion, I believe that I hold a set of core skills that would enable me to excel in a career within law. Owing to my academic and professional experience in Ireland, Sweden and Turkey, and my demonstrated practical experience from Sweden and Ireland I hope to be an asset to Penn State Law. However, my strength as a person does not come from my academic track record and work record alone, but is due to my strong work ethic fuelled with my deep interest to learn new things. On a personal note I am a team player with good teamwork capacity, interpersonal skills and an energetic and forward thinking attitude. I have played soccer in a semi-professional level and love all sports.

I am convinced that the summer internship would allow me to gain much valuable experience and knowledge, but meanwhile I am confident that I could contribute by hard work and dedication. I am enthusiastic to undertake the internship and all the obligations (and happy moments) that follow.

Yours sincerely,  
Ylli Dautaj