

Dear Manager of the summer internship programme,

I am writing to express my interest in your summer internship. Currently I am a second year student studying law in the LLB course in Maynooth University. I feel that a placement at Byrne Wallace would be a great benefit to my future, providing me with vital knowledge and experience for a successful career in law. I have a keen interest in business achieving a letter of commendation from the head of the Maynooth University Business Department, Professor Peter McNamara for my high grades and receiving an overall first in my business modules. I also believe I would thrive in a competitive corporate environment as a boxer.

I am an extremely hard worker which is evident by my commitment to boxing and horse riding. I have been fortunate enough to represent my country last year at the Swiss Nations Box Cup where I came 4th. I have an All Ireland national title and am the current silver medallist of the All Ireland Senior Championship and the All Ireland Under 22 championship. While training six days a week, twice a day I was able to achieve good grades receiving a first in every law exam throughout first year and receiving an overall grade of 69. I balanced my studies, sport and a part time job by honing my time management skills. Being actively involved in sport has proven the importance of dedication, determination, resilience and most importantly hard work.

Currently I hold the position of Careers Officer on the Maynooth Law Society committee. Through this role I have gained a broad range of legal experience. As an elected member of the committee part of my role was to organise the annual Law fair, I invited ten of Ireland's most prestigious law firms to the University. This required a huge amount of organisation and communication between myself and the firms involved. I also organised various talks for the students of Maynooth University from these firms and other experts.

In April of 2019 I received my certificate of Achievement from the Free Legal Aid Centre. This required me to attend talks on public disorder, employment law and housing law with the aim of volunteering at a Free Legal Aid Centre and advising clients on their individual cases.

My work in Gerald Kean Solicitors is the most valuable legal experience I have garnered to date. I had the opportunity to sit in on a negotiation between solicitors for their clients. This was extremely interesting as I witnessed first hand the skills used by both parties to achieve their goals.

I thoroughly enjoy mooting and participating in mock trials. This has provided me with the skills to research and build a case and then communicate it to a judge. I was a semi-finalist in the Philpot Curran Moot Court 2019 and was recognised in the Trinity Mock Trial 2019 as one of the highest scorers of the day.

I am applying to Byrne Wallace as it is clear that the education that I would receive in your placement programme would provide me with excellent knowledge and experience. It is clear that Byrne Wallace is one of the leading law firms in Ireland, I have had the pleasure of experiencing excellent work that Byrne Wallace do through their representation of my fathers companies. What sets Byrne Wallace apart for me is your support for local communities and charities. I especially admire your work placement from St. John of Gods, this resonates with me as I have a disabled family member and it is very easy for communities to leave them behind resulting in them feeling isolated and different. I think that this is a great programme for the firm and the young men and women from St. John of Gods

If I were to work in Byrne Wallace as an intern I would take advantage of this excellent opportunity and show my determination and resilience. If you have any queries or would like me to expand on any information given, I would be delighted to attend for an interview at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,  
Isabella Hughes