

Dear Ms. Loftus,

I am an LLM International Commercial Law student at the University of Groningen, and I am writing to apply for a position through the Internship Programme at ByrneWallace LLP in Dublin. I am excited about the opportunity to work in your full-service firm and admire the fact that as per the Legal 500 Rankings, ByrneWallace has several extremely interesting Tier 1 service areas (including employment, pensions and employee benefits, public sector, real estate, and healthcare and life sciences). Furthermore, ByrneWallace is one of Ireland's largest full-service law firms and a top ten law firm in Ireland with Lexcel accreditation and I am excited about the opportunity to apply for an internship position. One of the characteristics that make ByrneWallace stand out from other firms is due to the fact that it offers diversity and expertise in all significant areas of Irish law. I believe that my background in European Union law, commercial law, private international law, property law, and contract drafting will enable me to contribute significantly to the work of your office next summer.

As a background, before beginning the LLB and hailing from Spain, I obtained one of the 250 national Amancio Ortega Foundation Scholarships to spend a high school exchange year in the USA. As a result of this, I became a far more ambitious, conscientious, resourceful person with an akin ability to adapt to new environments. Most notably, I found my passion for the law for posterior to participating in the IOWA Bar State's "Know your Constitution" Competition, comprised of a written exam and essay around a legal case to solve, and was one of the five awardees of their scholarship to complete a week-long CloseUp Programme in Washington DC. The experience immersed me in a competitive and legal environment wherein I honed my analytical and communication skills, and inspired me to want to become a qualified lawyer.

During my last three and half years studying law, being active in student associations has greatly shaped me as a better leader, problem-solver, and better professional. I have participated in student associations not only here in Groningen but also at the University of Sheffield whilst in my exchange. Most notably, this academic year I was elected as the Vice President for Professional Development of the European Law Students Association (hereinafter ELSA) Groningen. This was a great achievement for me, due to the fact that I am passionate about serving people and, specifically, students. Furthermore, I have been able to develop a commercial edge, as I have negotiated and executed several partnerships with businesses. As discerned by the European Talent Grant Law, my active involvement as a board member and other extracurriculars, I can assert that I possess considerable time management skills and the same time and energy would be put towards working in ByrneWallace. In re past experience, during my two-week-long summer internship last summer, I was able to obtain practical knowledge in areas such as contract drafting, and gaining exposure to this made me a more resourceful law student. I believe the synergy between my European Law and stare decisis background as well as the Commercial Law LLM, make me an ideal candidate to embark on a career in ByrneWallace.

Whilst in the LLB, I received the Laurence Gormley prize of the 2021 edition in acknowledgement of my LLB Thesis "Closer to an EU-style Class Action for Antitrust Infringements?: An analysis of the Damage Actions Directive and the status quo of EU Private Antitrust Law." I am methodical in my work, and diligent in the research I conduct. Furthermore, I was awarded the European Talent Grant Law by the Faculty of Law at the University of Groningen in June 2021. This grant was intended to pay half of the tuition fees for an LLM International Commercial Law at the University of Groningen. Furthermore, during my LLM, I was accepted into the Honours Programme wherein I am completing 15 ECTS alongside my studies. These

achievements convey the existence of my research abilities, as well as time management abilities, which will undoubtedly be imperative in a legal intern.

Finally, I am eager to immerse myself in the process of becoming a qualified Solicitor in Ireland and I have commenced preparation to sit three FE-1 examinations this upcoming March whilst also studying for my Master. I would be very excited to contribute to and learn from the work of the team in ByrneWallace LLP. Furthermore, I admire the fact that clients instruct ByrneWallace not only due to its high quality of legal advice but also its dedication to delivering excellent client service.

Please see the attached my Curriculum Vitae describing my qualifications in detail. I can be reached at [renteriabiurrun@gmail.com](mailto:renteriabiurrun@gmail.com). I believe my academic training, combined with my passion for commercial law make me an ideal candidate for the Summer Internship Programme at the full-service Irish business law firm ByrneWallace. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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