

Dear Ms Ciara Loftus,

Having graduated from the University of Pretoria (BCom Law), majoring in business management and economics, I am currently a first-year LLB (Graduate Entry) student at the University of Limerick. It is with interest and intent that I apply to ByrneWallace for the 2024 Summer Internship Programme.

With a background in business management and economics, I am particularly drawn to ByrneWallace, one of Ireland's leading full-service law firms. ByrneWallace, drawing from a 50-year heritage, consistently delivers excellent advice and legal services to clients, both domestic and international, across various sectors. My academic and professional journey has led me to a fascination with the intricate world of legal matters that intersect with business and technology. I am particularly intrigued by the firm's role as one of Ireland's premier technology law firms. In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, where emerging technologies and the law often converge without clear regulatory guidelines, the firm stands as a beacon of expertise. ByrneWallace being the first large Irish law firm certified with the ISO 27001 information security standard security, is a testament to the firm's commitment to innovation and excellence in this field. My previous role as a business development administrator for a software development company has given me valuable insights into the Fintech industry, further fueling my desire to explore this dynamic sector at the firm. Beyond ByrneWallace's remarkable legal prowess in the technology sector, the firm also provides specialist advice on Irish law to domestic and international clients, with niche expertise in banking and finance, employment, property, litigation, corporate, recovery, intellectual property, just to name a few. Therefore, the firm's internship program particularly appeals to me as it promises a comprehensive insight into life in a full-service commercial law firm. I am eager to contribute to and learn from a firm with such a dynamic approach to legal services. The prospect of growing professionally in an environment that values innovation and extensive legal expertise is highly motivating to me.

My experiences have honed my research, analytical and interpersonal skills. Firstly, my research and analytical skills are displayed by my work as a business development administrator at a software development company, managing complex outsourcing agreements with clients across different sectors. This role required a deep understanding of client relationships, enabling me to nurture positive, long-term partnerships by tailoring our services to their unique corporate cultures and specific needs. My exposure to diverse business environments has equipped me with a comprehensive understanding of various industries and their distinct demands. Secondly, my interpersonal skills are displayed by my part-time work as an interviewer at an occupational therapist's medico-legal practice while studying at the University of Pretoria. In this role, I gained insight into the legal profession's impact on people's lives by interviewing claimants about their background information, medical history, and the effects of injuries on daily activities. Through this experience, I learned to build rapport with claimants and adapt my interviewing style to be more effective, accounting for differences in people, and building relationships with other employees. My previous job shadowing experiences at various law firms have further solidified my commitment to becoming a legal practitioner and exposed me to the different facets of specialised legal fields. These experiences have instilled in me essential qualities such as time management and a strong work ethic, which I am eager to apply and cultivate further in my future legal career.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how my background and aspirations align with ByrneWallace's goals during an interview.

Yours sincerely,

Sabelle Jacobs