

Waiver Request Letter

When you do not meet the firm's GPA requirement for an on-campus interview

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Dear Ms. Bryl:

I am writing to express my strong interest in Seyfarth Shaw and to request a waiver of the firm's OCI hiring criteria of _____ at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. My rank of _____ falls just outside your firm's hiring criteria. I am a second-year student at Loyola and recently became a member of Loyola's Law Journal. I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to interview with our firm when it conducts on-campus interviews at Loyola on August _____, 2021. I've attached my resume and transcript for your review.

I am interested in Seyfarth's diverse and well-respected practice areas and in particular, its robust employee benefits practice. Last fall I attended the Seyfarth Shaw information session held at Loyola and enjoyed hearing Kelly Riley speak about her transition to Seyfarth's employee benefits department. Listening to Ms. Riley generated my interest in the firm and in learning more about Seyfarth's unique and innovative approach to consulting and representation through SeyfarthLean. I also had the wonderful opportunity to meet with Mr. Adam Smith to learn about his employee benefits practice at Seyfarth Shaw. He offered great insight into his day-to-day life at the firm and his professional growth since joining Seyfarth in 2003.

Studying economics as an undergraduate sparked an interest in compliance with federal and state regulations and consumer behavior. After arriving at Loyola last fall and learning about employee benefits and executive compensation, I realized this area of law compliments my interests in compliance. I continue to strive to combine my love of economics and business with my current legal curriculum. As such, I recently became a member of Loyola's Business Law Society.

This fall, I will take Employment Law and Consumer Law to further develop my practice area interests. I hope to use what I learn in these classes, in addition to my strong legal writing and research skills, to contribute to Seyfarth Shaw next summer.

If you would be willing to waive your hiring criteria in my case, the Office of Career Services asks that you contact them at law-oci@luc.edu no later than July 18, 2022. I would be truly grateful for the opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Student