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Ms. Onslow,

I am writing to apply for a position in the ByrneWallace trainee programme commencing September 2018. I am convinced that the opportunities for professional training and growth offered in the structured manner of your firm will be invaluable in taking my career to the next step. Further, I know my experiences in international academics, various previous employment roles, voluntary and extracurricular work would make me a strong addition to the trainee intake.

As can be seen from examining my CV, I have a long history of small group work and learning in both my voluntary and employed capacities. My work in Scouting Ireland trained me from a young age to maintain positive dispositions with teammates regardless of the situation in order to ensure results. This has been added to by years of work in customer service, as well as my work with the District Attorney’s office, to make me an able communicator. More than simply polished and measured presentation skills gained from my pursuits such as debating, I have a refined approach to interpersonal situations built on this broad based experience. In my experience active listening, as well as awareness of non-verbal cues, are extremely important skills in teamwork. As a member of the firm I would bring a level-headed aptitude for problem solving in interpersonal settings with clients and colleagues built upon these foundations.

My professional interests in commercial law are broad, and built on experience and study. In particular, my initial study of company law raised my interest in directors’ duties and corporate governance. This study was added to by my personal work with the directors of Christmas2u and the board of Scouting Ireland. Recognising that in particular directors of SMEs and charities can struggle to comprehend their legal obligations and relevant structures I have long desired to undergo sufficient professional training to be able to serve as a professional advisor with regard to these areas. Understanding the complexities of the law, and proficiently communicating it to such parties, would be of particular interest to me, and I believe I would gain a lot from work within the ByrneWallace corporate department.

My interests in the law were broadened considerably when I was selected to study abroad for my third year in Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto. Being taken out of my comfort zone and challenged by the considerably more research based post-graduate institution had a profound impact on my education. Having always had an internationally focused mind through my work with scouting and my internship in New York, I was drawn to research on private international law. The field continues to intrigue me, particularly in the wake of Brexit and the period of change in which the USA finds itself. An understanding of the nature of the regulated market of the EU is likely to continue to be integral to international business, particularly if Ireland becomes the only Member State with English as a first language. This personal interest of mine, which has led to my study of data privacy, environmental codes and finance among others, bleeds into many of the practice areas of ByrneWallace. I would hope during my traineeship and future with the firm to build substantially upon my knowledge of the area, making myself useful to the firm in continuing to establish itself at the forefront of Irish commercial law.

Overall, I believe you will find me to be a career focused, professional and affable addition to your firm should you choose to offer me a traineeship. In exchange I promise to undertake extensive learning commitments to improve my knowledge base, as well as my practical skills such as ADR, litigation and legal drafting.

Regards,

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