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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am writing to you to apply to the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme 2018. There are a number of reasons for my desire to apply. Byrne Wallace offers an unmatched breadth and standard of legal experience, tailoring services to the business needs of its clients. The challenge of engaging with the diverse situations faced by clients such as Irish Life Assurance PLC and Aer Arann would be a constant motivation to reach my full potential, in the early steps of being a legal practitioner.

I am a recent graduate of University College Dublin, where I achieved a first class honours degree in Law with Philosophy. I believe that my academic, organisational, and extracurricular experiences have given me a wealth of skills that make me well suited to the corporate, client-focused environment of a world-class law firm like Byrne Wallace.

As Auditor of the UCD Law Society I was responsible for overseeing the organisation of the 4,500 member society. As well as anticipating potential difficulties, I had to provide calm and sensible guidance to committee members when challenges arose. This experience allowed me to develop the ability to think clearly as well as to communicate succinctly in pressurised situations, attributes that I believe are valuable to the role of a lawyer. My experiences collaborating with co-workers in FCR Media, and with peers in scouting, have ingrained a collaborative working practice, where success is shared and everyone is accountable for their own contribution.

Reaching the top four teams in the European Debate Championship has developed multiple skills which are directly applicable to the world of law. It has taught me to quickly and effectively engage with problems posed, and to express complex ideas succinctly. Finding constructive alternatives when presented with a problem is also directly applicable to addressing the needs of clients.

My experience in Moot Court has taught me to research the law effectively and efficiently, to construct legal arguments, and to prepare usable synopses of case law in order to write memorials. I have recently honed my writing and computer literacy skills, working for Kialo. These are skills which I believe will be of significant use as a legal practitioner, which are not developed to a comparable extent by academic pursuits alone.

My experience interning in a leading commercial law firm this summer has confirmed my ambition to use my talents and aptitudes to contribute to a multinational and evolving legal workplace. The opportunity to train in one of Ireland's leading commercial law firm would be a truly amazing opportunity.

Many thanks for your time. I have enclosed my CV for your consideration. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Aodhán Peelo