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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am writing to you to apply the Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme 2018. There are a number of reasons for my desire to apply. Byrne Wallace offers an unmatched training experience, tailoring services to the business needs of individual clients. The challenge of engaging with the diverse situations faced by firms 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 believe that Byrne Wallace would provide a unique opportunity to become an integral part of a legal team working on ground breaking cases with the highest calibre clients.

I believe that my organisational, extracurricular and academic experiences have given me a wealth of skills that make me well suited to the corporate, client-focused environment of a leading 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 which I believe are valuable to the role of a lawyer. My experiences collaborating with staff in University College Dublin, with co-workers in Boojum, 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 even complex ideas succinctly. Finding constructive alternatives when presented with a problem is also directly applicable to addressing the legal needs of clients. I have also developed strong communication skills, and a firm understanding modern political and business issues around the Globe. These skills were enhanced by my work in FCR Media. Professional and composed communication was expected as part of a comprehensive service, providing solutions to the specific IT issues they faced by customers.

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. 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.

I am eager to continue to develop my aptitudes and talents further, and to use them to contribute to a challenging, and evolving legal workplace. Training with Byrne Wallace would be a truly amazing opportunity.

Many thanks for your time. I have enclosed my CV, and a full account of my academic results 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