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Dear Ms Onslow,

I am writing to apply for a position at Byrne Wallace as part of the Summer Internship Programme for 2018. I am currently in my third year of a four year LLB course in Trinity College Dublin. I am a participant in Trinity College's 'Pathways to Law' Programme.

I would like to participate in the Summer Intern Programme to gain an insight into the day-to-day life of a commercial lawyer at Byrne Wallace. I am firmly set on pursuing a career in this field and I feel that spending some time working at your firm would be an invaluable experience and would offer me the opportunity to learn from the excellent solicitors and support staff at the firm.

Although I am only halfway through my LLB, I have decided to pursue a career as a solicitor rather than a barrister because I am drawn to the cooperative nature of the profession. I have found that working as part of a team appeals to me immensely. Having worked as part of a team last year for part of my 'Legislation & Regulation' module, I found that working in a team environment on a legal task, to be very rewarding. Having the input and ideas of others broadened my own mind and hearing views or ideas contrary to my own helped me to better articulate my own thoughts and viewpoints.

I have a strong interest in commercial and corporate law, particularly so in company law and M&A. Currently I am involved in a collaborative pilot case study project organised by the School of Law at TCD, The University of Bologna, Universidad Carlos III Madrid, and Clifford Chance. A small group of TCD law students will act as Irish solicitors advising Spanish and Italian attorneys representing prospective buyers of Irish companies on Irish company law. I am excited to get involved in a project in such an interesting area of the law and hope to learn a lot from it.

In the summer of 2016, I developed my verbal communication skills working as a tour guide at Lissadell House in County Sligo. During my time at Lissadell House, I often gave tours to as many as 90 visitors, from countries all over the world, at any one time during peak season. This experience allowed me to develop my verbal communication skills and to speak in public, with confidence and clarity. I was also afforded the opportunity to develop my research skills too. My employer gave me a very brief outline of the history of the House and asked me to compile my own research and draft up my own historic tour script. I feel as though I took a lot of skills away from this experience that I could apply in the workplace as a solicitor.

As you will note from my Curriculum Vitae, I have a broad breadth of experience in roles which required regular interaction with the public. As the legal profession is a people-oriented profession, and I have a strong academic record, I feel a career as a commercial lawyer, hopefully at Byrne Wallace, would be a good 'fit' for me.

Please find attached a copy of my Curriculum Vitae. I am available for interview at your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Woods.