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Dear Ms.Onslow,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the legal traineeship position available at Byrne Wallace as advertised on your website. I am currently working as a Paralegal in Maples and Calder and I believe that the experience and skill set that I have gained to date aligns well with the attributes you are seeking for potential trainees at your firm.

As a highly skilled professional with a strong legal background, I am passionate about developing my career as a trainee solicitor especially in a legal firm such as Byrne Wallace which has been recognised highly in Ireland and which was recently awarded Law Firm of the year 2016 by the AIB Private Banking Irish law Awards.

I have worked full time in the investment funds industry for the past five years both in large corporate banks and a commercial law firm. During these five years, I have developed various skills which I believe would make me a great fit for Byrne Wallace. I have strong attention to detail which ensures that work is completed efficiently and within the relevant deadlines. I have experience of working with associates and partners across various departments showing that I can work as part of a team and build strong working relationships. I also have excellent communication skills. This is evidenced through my one day weekly secondment to a client where I assist with their compliance testing. I have presented at conferences where I discussed issues such as mental health and youth unemployment. I am also good at prioritising my workload and working under pressure. In March 2016, I successfully passed my first three FE-1 exams while also ensuring that work deadlines were met.

In my current position with Maples and Calder, I have had the opportunity to work on various large assignments, such as a recent ICAV conversion project converting a large Public Limited Company to an ICAV. I assisted both the associate and partner with updates to fund prospectuses, supplements and service agreements. The success of this project demonstrated my ability to produce work to a high standard under tight deadlines.

Aside from work, I have various interests and hobbies. I have always been a keen sporting enthusiast and have played both rugby and Gaelic football at a high level. I am a former Donegal GAA underage player and still regularly play club football. I captained my club to its first underage title in the club's history. I was on an underage Ulster Rugby development squad and I still currently play rugby with a local club called De la Salle Palmerston. I also travel to Ulster and Ireland rugby matches when possible. I feel there are many benefits from playing both Gaelic football and rugby. After a long day at work, it provides me with some down time. I enjoy the training sessions as I work as part of the team preparing for an upcoming match. On match days, I enjoy the atmosphere and the challenging environment which helps me play to the best of my ability.

Since I was young, I have always had an interest in politics. While attending university, I became involved in politics and was elected to a national youth committee over a three year term from 2007-2010. The main objectives of the committee were to highlight issues that affected young people on a national level and to draft policies that could be discussed with the national government. We successfully lobbied the government on issues relating to road safety, mental health and youth employment.

I am also involved in providing awareness on mental health issues in Ireland. I have been involved in fund raising for the organisation Connect Mental Health which included organising a Croke Park abseil and a recent 5k run which took place in Donegal. Both events were a great success raising much needed funds to facilitate a week long seminar promoting mental health awareness in Donegal. The organisation has received a lot of recognition and I am proud to be involved.

I hope that you might consider me a suitable candidate and would very much welcome an opportunity to attend for interview. I wish to thank you for considering my application and look forward to possibly hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Diarmuid McIntyre