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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am writing to apply for the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme. Since I unsuccessfully applied for the 2017 Programme I have gained experience in professional legal environments and commenced my study for a Masters in Common Law degree in UCD. This is a two-year degree for non-law graduates, which I decided to pursue following my completion in May 2016 of a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Trinity College Dublin.

My primary professional goal is to train and qualify as solicitor in a Dublin-based commercial firm. The opportunity to pursue the MCL degree is an important first step. It is designed to present non-law graduates with the key tenets of an undergraduate law degree at an accelerated pace, and in a postgraduate environment. This will crucially prepare me for FE1 exams in the first instance and, beyond that, a legal career.

This internship would provide an immensely valuable opportunity to gain further work experience in a professional legal setting. In July 2017 I completed a one-month internship in a Dublin firm, and enjoyed the challenge of engaging with legal principles even without an academic background in law. By this summer I will have studied six core legal modules, and will be eager to apply what I have learned in a practical manner as an intern. With regard to future training considerations I believe that a firm the size of Byrne Wallace strikes the ideal balance between having a defined structure and support network and giving trainees relevant experience. This was a point emphasised by your trainee representative at the UCD Internship Fair on 1 February.

I have developed a variety of skills that will be of great utility in my legal career. Throughout my education I have maintained a high standard of presentation in the written and spoken word, winning prizes for exam success in English and Public Speaking as well as acting as Valedictorian for my graduating year in school. In my undergrad degree I strengthened these skills alongside the ability to research primary sources, formulate original arguments and produce large-scale projects while maintaining a close attention to detail. More recently I worked as an Administrative Assistant at the Law Society of Ireland, through which I gained a greater insight into working in a professional environment and the solicitors’ profession in Ireland.

I am available for a potential interview at any time, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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