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Dear Ms Onslow,

I am a 2015 graduate of Law and Political Science in TCD and currently a trainee accountant in the Consulting practice of KPMG Ireland. As my current position indicates, it was not always my ambition to be a corporate solicitor. In my final year in Trinity, I chose a career in consulting as I wished to gain experience in a broad variety of roles across multiple industries, something which I have been very fortunate to achieve over the last two years. However in each engagement I have been involved with to date, I have immediately been drawn to the legal aspects of the project, not because they are what I am familiar with, but because they are what capture my imagination. As such, I have made the decision to pursue a career in the legal industry, and would love the opportunity to work with an innovative and growing firm like Byrne Wallace.

Over the past two years in KPMG I have gained considerable experience working with clients in both retail banking and aviation leasing. My role requires me to analyse all of our client’s unique characteristics in order to define policies for managing compliance, financial and reputational risks. Specifically, I have worked on a number of projects assisting NYSE listed companies’ design and improve their risk management procedures and policies. This involves researching the market and regulatory framework applicable to each of our clients and analysing how their business operates in practice before suggesting and where necessary, assisting them to embed new policies and procedures. I have experience in working with many departments including Operations Teams, Legal Departments, Public and Regulatory Policy, Investor Relations and Finance, both in Ireland and internationally. This has allowed me to develop a strong capacity for research and critical thinking and I can quickly familiarise myself with novel and abstract concepts, skills which I believe are essential for a trainee solicitor. I also have direct experience helping clients to prepare and embed policies for new regulations, a number of which are pertinent to Byrne Wallace’s clients. These include the CCMA, MiFID and the forthcoming GDPR regulations.

I am especially impressed by the focus Byrne Wallace has not just on legal education, but also on commercial awareness and innovating with clients. By the time I would commence my Traineeship, I will be a Chartered Accountant with CAI and in this regard, I believe Byrne Wallace’s focus on collaboration and innovation matches well with my own personal values and experience. KPMG has instilled in me the importance of market awareness and client focus and this is something I hope to bring with me as I transition to a career in corporate law. Byrne Wallace clearly holds these values in equal esteem, as is evidenced by your recent recognition with the [Chambers Europe Ireland Client Service Award 2017](https://byrnewallace.com/news-and-recent-work/byrnewallace-wins-european-award-for-service-excellence.html) and the Irish Law Awards Excellence in Client Service Award 2017.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I hope the above has demonstrated my suitability and desire to become a trainee with Byrne Wallace. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

Emma Coogan