Dear Ms Onslow,

I am a final year Trinity Law student and I am applying to your firm’s summer internship programme from from 5 June to 29 June 2018. My credentials are outlined in my C.V., so this letter will emphasize why I’m applying to the programme as well as why I should be offered a place.

My previous intern experience was with the Mercy Law Resource Centre on Cork Street. With Mercy Law I learned a lot about the practical intricacies of solicitor work. Although the centre specialised in homelessness, I was exposed to responsibilities from drafting formal documents to liaising with clients. I’m hoping to participate in another internship programme to develop these skills. Further, the professional nature of the ByrneWallace programme offers new challenges that I’m eager to face.

I also remain somewhat undecided as to the direction I want to take my legal career. The chaos of courts has always been appealing, but so too does the team-oriented work of a solicitor in a law firm. While the Kings Inns has an allure to it, I remain drawn to Blackhall Place. I hope an internship like the one offered by ByrneWallace will at least illuminate the nature of work as a solicitor, and therefore make my decision an easier one.

As a law firm, I find ByrneWallace particularly appealing. While I consider commercial and company law engaging, my general interests are much more diverse. The diversity of my own interests coincide with the plethora of practice areas that ByrneWallace boasts. In particular, the Family Law, Child Law and Tax Law departments of ByrneWallace draw me to the firm. I participated in a GradLink programme during the third year of my undergraduate, where Trinity graduates are paired with third year students to mentor them and provide information. During the reception I recall being fortunate enough to meet a ByrneWallace solicitor, Ms. Morag McCullagh. She worked in the Child Care Law determent and spoke very highly of the firm and the work it does. I also discussed the internship with friends who have been lucky enough to have secured a place in the past. Between Ms. McCullagh and my friends, ByrneWallace is spoken of very highly. My own research also paints ByrneWallace as a firm that elicits personal development and teamwork. These features of a firm I find hugely appealing and are ultimately the reasons why I hope to spend four weeks of summer with ByrneWallace.

Thanks you for your time and I look forward to hearing back from the firm.

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