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Dear Mrs. Onslow

My name is Gavin Holland and I am applying for the 2019 traineeship position as advertised on your website. I am aware of the position through Byrne Wallace’s fantastic reputation as a major commercial law firm. I graduated Law BCL from University College Cork in 2017 and obtained a second class honors grade 1 during my final year. I have also completed my FE1’s and am available to commence a traineeship immediately. Further details on this can be found in my enclosed CV.

I am interested in pursuing a career as a solicitor in a commercial law firm as I believe this division of law is the most interesting having studied it during second year and having completed work experience in a large commercial law firm, Ronan Daly Jermyn. Working for a commercial law firm like Byrne Wallace, trainees can gain knowledge on a large number of topics such as intellectual property, employment and Brexit. This allows for the work environment to be stimulating and forever evolving. I also believe that a career within a commercial law firm would benefit me immensely as commercial solicitors develop an understanding that goes beyond legal issues as you obtain a business acumen that is similar to that of a banker or accountant. This means that the law I have studied will be beneficial when applied to practical, business situations. I am applying to Byrne Wallace in particular as they are one of Ireland’s largest firms at the forefront of commercial law and its recent awards, including Overall Law Firm of the Year 2018 in the ACQ5 Law Awards 2018 and Top Legal Adviser in the Excellence in Business Awards, is a clear indication of the company’s admiration. They also work with the most esteemed clients in the country and are involved in extremely lucrative and important commercial transactions in Ireland as evidenced by Byrne Wallace being awarded Deal of the Year – Loans and Financing, SME Sector 2018 by Finance Dublin. I am also particularly interested in Byrne Wallace as you encourage a work-life balance among trainees and I would be an active participant in the firm’s sports and social activities. It is also fantastic to see how active Byrne Wallace is in the community as part of Corporate Social Responsibility. As someone who wants to give back to the community it is fantastic to see that Byrne Wallace is more than just a law firm and are actively making a difference in the community and society.

What I feel sets me apart from other applicants is my experience and the work ethic that I have developed from a very young age. Commencing work at a young age has taught me many highly employable skills, such as working under pressure, time management and a drive for excellence. I thrive in a working environment and as a result have been rewarded with additional responsibilities in every position I have held. I also have previous experience working with solicitors and am comfortable using Keyhouse Case Management. The reasons I want to be a part of the Byrne Wallace trainee program include the want to explore my passion for law and my deep interest to work with solicitors, businesses and business people in commerce and business dealings.

Enclosed is a copy of my Curriculum Vitae. Should you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me as I would be delighted to speak with you. I am available for interview at your convenience.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this application.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Holland