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Dear Ms Onslow,

I wish to apply for the Byrne Wallace summer internship. By way of brief background I am a Dublin City University law graduate having graduated in 2016 with a 2.1 degree. Over the course of the last year and a half I have passed 7 FE1 exams and will be sitting my final FE1 exam this coming March. I am currently working for the State Claims Agency where I was chosen as the first ever legal graduate as part of their inaugural graduate programme.

I am applying for the Byrne Wallace summer internship due to a number of reasons. Firstly, the opportunity to gain an insight into life within a full service commercial law firm as prestigious as Byrne Wallace is extremely appealing to me.

In addition due to my experience working with the State Claims Agency dealing with medical claims brought against the State and in particular the HSE. I have developed a real interest in healthcare law. Therefore, given the fact that Byrne Wallace act on behalf of the HSE in various other legal matters. I would relish the opportunity to continue to grow my interest in healthcare law if I were lucky enough to obtain a summer internship and be placed in the Health and Social Care department within Byrne Wallace. However, while healthcare law does interest me the opportunity to experience a new area of law during the summer internship is also extremely appealing to me.

Finally the opportunity to work alongside experienced solicitors and partners and learn from them and their experiences during the summer internship with Byrne Wallace is another reason why I would love to obtain a summer internship with Byrne Wallace.

I also believe I have the skills and personality that would allow me to flourish as a summer intern with Byrne Wallace. By way of background to myself and my personality. I love a challenge. In addition to my time in DCU, I also spent a year abroad in Scotland studying as part of the erasmus programme which DCU offered. I relished the challenge and opportunity to study in a different country and ultimately the experience was a resounding success. Academically, I obtained a 2.1 average. In relation to the non-academic side of things I got involved with the university Gaelic football team and through this made some fantastic friends and I was awarded the University of Stirling men’s player of the year award.

I have also gained invaluable legal experience over the course of the last year whilst working with the State Claims Agency. I feel the skills I have gained particularly in relation to litigation are skills which would allow me to flourish with Byrne Wallace during the summer internship.

My ability to multi-task and be extremely organised can be evidenced by my recent commitments. Despite having no experience in relation to medical claims I was given the role as clinical claims manager during my rotation with the Clinical Indemnity Scheme. I was able to successfully manage a case load of over 160 files whilst also studying for my FE1 exams and continuing to play football for my club team in Cavan. I feel my ability to successfully maintain all of the previous is not only a testament to my multi-tasking and organisation skills but also to the high work ethic which I possess.

I have always enjoyed roles of responsibility which require initiative as evidenced by my time spent working on the illustrious Park Avenue in New York. During my time working as a concierge, it was imperative for me to be quick on my feet and solve any problems which the residents had. Finally, I have demonstrated an ability to work successfully within a team. During 2013, I was a part of the Kill Shamrocks football team which won the Cavan Junior Championship for the first time in twenty years.

I endeavour to bring excellence to all that I do and will bring this same approach to Byrne Wallace and the legal matters which impact upon it if I am lucky enough to obtain a summer internship with the firm.

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Middleton