Beth Onslow

HR Generalist

88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2

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Dear Ms Onslow,

I am a recent Trinity College Dublin law graduate and I am writing to you regarding my interest in a traineeship within Byrne Wallace. I obtained an Upper Second Class Honours classification in my degree, which I completed this year. Byrne Wallace is recognised for its commitment to integrity, excellence and client service across all legal disciplines in Ireland, and for this reason I have an ambition to secure a traineeship with the firm in 2020.

Throughout my education, I have been elected by both peers and members of staff to act as an intermediary. As Class Representative during my final year in Trinity College, I negotiated with staff members regarding the issues facing my year group. Participating in these discussions further sparked my interest in litigation and dispute resolution. Byrne Wallace provides award winning Litigation and Dispute Resolution solutions. To succeed in litigation, it is imperative be an effective communicator and have excellent interpersonal skills. I would value the opportunity to further develop my skills in this area with your firm.

Byrne Wallace has a strong commitment to excellence and expects high standards. Having been awarded for Excellence **in Client Service** for the second consecutive along with an award as **Banking & Finance, and Restructuring & Insolvency Firm of the Year** is a remarkable achievement. These principles align with my own, I am an ambitious person who sets high expectations for myself. As an 11 year old, I set my sights on receiving an award as a Model United Nations delegate. I had to build upon my ability to engage constructively in debates on complex and sensitive issues. One year later, after representing my school across Ireland and the UK, including an event at Stormont Parliament Buildings, I received a commendation as Best Delegate and was part of the award winning Best Delegation.

The Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme provides the most practical traineeship available. Completing rotations in different departments allows for a developed and diverse experience. Adapting to different environments, cultures, workplaces and schools is something I have consistently excelled in. I was educated in Ireland, England and Canada growing up and this helped me become a truly global citizen and improve my self-awareness and intercultural skills.

The working placements from St John of God initiative shows that Byrne Wallace is devoted to a culture of commitment to making law accessible for everyone and that the firm is dedicated to CSR. During my time with the Irish Refugee Council, I acted as a first port of call from asylum seekers. It was humbling and encouraging to see the law being practically applied and changing their lives for the better. Byrne Wallace is the firm which will enhance my development and my personal growth.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I hope that, on consideration of my application, you will be persuaded of my potential to progress within the firm.

For any further information, please contact me at kirstindeery@hotmail.com or (083) 837 1475.

Best regards

Kirstin Deery