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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I would be delighted if you would consider my application for a traineeship with Byrne Wallace. I have enclosed my CV and provided you with some further personal background through this letter.

I am a final year law student at Trinity College Dublin. I have worked hard throughout my studies to ensure I obtained legal work experience in order to ground my learning. I enjoy the interaction of law with the real world, both personal and commercial.

I believe I can bring real value as a trainee. I am a practical and conscientious worker, qualities which I believe have been cultivated through my experiences, both legal and otherwise. I have achieved academic excellence and I do not settle for average results. My work while in a law firm in the US has fostered a firm appreciation of the hard work and diligence required to succeed. I believe that this experience combined with my role working for the Law Society of Northern Ireland exemplify my desire to integrate my legal knowledge into a working environment and my wish to become a well-rounded practitioner.

I am a highly motivated person and have known for a long time that I wanted to receive my legal training in a firm of this calibre. I have always been athletic, playing basketball and ladies football; I held the position of team captain of clubs of which I was a member at various stages. In addition to having an interest in speech and drama I have completed all qualifications up to Grade 8 and aim to complete my teaching qualification soon. I think it is fair to say I am a sociable and determined individual

The factors which inspired me to apply to Byrne Wallace were the opportunity to learn in a structured environment and to gain exposure to a range of key practice areas. Byrne Wallace’s reputation as a leading Irish firm and their recent accolade of law firm of the year was clearly a factor in my decision, but also the openness and sociability of the firm which was made clear in the recent open evening. The fact that Byrne Wallace also have a smaller trainee intake influenced my desire to work here. I feel the experience gained in this sort of atmosphere would far surpass one in which there were more trainees.

I feel my work experiences leave me well positioned to handle a dynamic commercial environment and to learn from highly specialised practitioners in a range of disciplines. I believe I have the capacity to combine a strong aptitude for technical understanding with a solution focused approach. I am interested in and at ease in all forms of public presentation.

In conclusion, I pride myself on my ability to work hard and produce results on a consistent basis. I do not shy away from a challenge and I am not afraid to take initiative. I believe that I can contribute greatly to the firm and I would relish the opportunity to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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