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Dear Ms. Onslow

By way of introduction, my name is Lauren Heffernan and I am a recent LLB graduate from the University of Limerick an I have just sat my first round of FE1s.

It is with great enthusiasm that I am applying for the Byrne Wallace Traineeship Solicitor Programme, I believe is the right choice for me and would like to impress upon you how my experience, skills and personality make me the exemplary candidate for you also.

The strong growth and moves towards equality seen in the recent appointment of four new partners and support of the ‘Women in Construction’ Network event by Byrne Wallace mean it is a very attractive firm to apply to as a young law graduate, particularly myself due to my work and interest in construction litigation. I have also been impressed by Byrne Wallace as the first large Irish firm to be awarded the Lexcel standard of excellence due to your high regard for fee transparency and client care. This is definitely the atmosphere of honesty, equality and talent in which I would be very lucky to begin my legal career.

As well as believing this firm is the right fit for me, I wholeheartedly believe I am an ideal applicant for a Trainee position at Byrne Wallace. I am grateful to have had the chance to work in the commercial environment already, on the construction litigation team of A & L Goodbody and the employment team of McCann FitzGerald. While working on these teams I was afforded the opportunity to immerse myself in oftentimes intricate domestic and international transactions and disputes, and consistently received high evaluations from both junior and senior management. My motivation, skill and ability to take initiative can be attested to by my references.

During my time as an undergraduate, I have taken further steps to prepare myself for work in a large commercial firm by, for example, continually using my elective options to explore areas relevant to those practiced in Byrne Wallace. To that end I have taken modules such as Intellectual Property, Company and Administrative Law as well as studying business and economic areas such as Ireland in the Global Economy. I have also competed with and held positions on the committee of the UL Debating Society, gaining much needed confidence in my public speaking and communication as well as my analysis and leadership skills.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at UL, using it to forge lifelong friendships and travel whilst also gaining valuable skills and experiences, all of which I believe has helped me become a well-rounded candidate for programmes such as yours. It is on this programme that I hope to further my skills and abilities and become a valued member of the Byrne Wallace team.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider my application, and I welcome the opportunity to speak with you further regarding this position.

Yours sincerely

Lauren Heffernan