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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am a final year law student at Trinity College Dublin and I am writing to express my strong interest in a position as a trainee at Byrne Wallace. I have enclosed my curriculum vitae for your review and I would be delighted if you would consider my application.

I am eager to work in the fast-paced, intellectually stimulating environment commercial law presents. As a practical and conscientious worker, qualities which I believe have been cultivated through my experiences, I believe I have the skills necessary to bring real value to a corporate law firm. With a passion for client service developed through my part-time work in sales, I am drawn to a career which seeks to build trusting client relationships. My work while in law firms in Northern Ireland, has fostered a keen appreciation of the hard work and diligence required to succeed and exemplifies my desire to integrate my legal knowledge into a working environment. My experience working in the market research industry has shaped my understanding of the key drivers behind a business's success and I, as a lawyer, am motivated to contribute.

I am a highly motivated individual and I pride myself on my ability to work hard and produce results on a consistent basis. I have always been athletic and I recently completed the Dublin half marathon and previously held the captaincy of Cooktown Swimming Club of which I was a member. I am devoted to studying music and drama and have performed as a pianist and singer in theatres across Ireland. I was a member of Cookstown Youth Choir for ten years before joining Trinity Singers. Throughout my study of music, combined with my experience performing principal roles, I have acquired self-confidence and fluency.

Having led a team of fifteen students during my time as chairperson of a large bracket society in Trinity, I have developed excellent leadership skills. Through regularly meeting with representatives from various institutions in order to obtain sponsorship, I have greatly enhanced my communication skills and I am interested in and at ease in all forms of public presentation. Taking the initiative to co-found a successful society has led me to develop an entrepreneurial instinct.

With commitment to excellent client service at the cornerstone of its culture, I believe Byrne Wallace would provide a stimulating work environment with unique exposure to an extensive client list. The firm's reputation as a leading Irish firm, evidenced by the firm's recent accolade of Ireland Client Service Award 2017, was a dominant factor in my decision to apply. Deriving from my experience working at the United Nations, I am keen to sustain an international flavour to my work. Working in a firm with a strong international focus, such as Byrne Wallace, would be an invaluable asset to my education as a corporate lawyer.

The openness and sociability of the firm was also an enticing factor, which was made clear when speaking to the firm's representatives at the careers fair. The fact that Byrne Wallace also have a smaller trainee intake is an added bonus, as I feel the experience gained in this sort of atmosphere would far surpass one in which there were more trainees.

I feel my experience in the legal arena leaves me well able 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.

The chance to join Byrne Wallace would be a tremendous opportunity and honour. I believe that my academic and professional training, combined with my passion and dedication, make me a strong candidate for a position as a trainee at Byrne Wallace. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Mairead Hughes