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Dear Ms Onslow,

My name is Matt Connolly and am a final year LLB candidate at Maynooth University. I am writing you in response to your call for applicants for the Trainee Solicitor programme.

It is my intention sit the Law Society FE1 Examinations in 2017 and to pursue a career as a solicitor in the commercial arena. To date I have shown a particular flair and strong understanding for modules which I feel would be of great benefit to Byrne Wallace - Employment Law, Company Law, Legal Writing, Media Law, Mediation & Negotiation, Land Law and Equity. In addition, I was involved in researching content for the MU Department of Law's LLM module on International Investment Law and am currently a legal intern with the in-house legal team of Comgest Asset Management International Limited.

You may see from my CV that I am not content with doing the bare minimum. I have made numerous achievements to date, not just personal, but where my actions have also benefited others. From player of the year on my rugby team, to having my proposal on changes to car-parking in my local village adopted word for word and in its entirety by Kildare County Council. While volunteering on a town council sub-committee I helped establish and run the Leixlip St Patrick's Day festival. While president of Maynooth Law Society for the academic year 2014/15 I ensured we achieved perfection in the hosting of many events, in particular the annual Law Ball, the International Silken Thomas Moot Court competition and the internal Philpot-Curran novice moot. In September 2015 I was elected treasurer of the Irish Motorcyclists Association (an NGO). Along with lobbying on a national level, I also have extensive contact with FEMA, (the umbrella organisation for European associations) which has an office in Brussels. In June 2015 I was involved in organising the FEMA spring meeting in Ireland and welcomed 30 delegates, representing 14 countries. I was honoured to be the minute taker for the spring meeting. Both the president and treasurer of the organisation took the time to write me and complement me on my ability to identify and focus on the issues.

When working as part of a team, I am often the person others look to when pressure builds, whether to motivate, encourage or to achieve our goal through sheer grit and determination. I believe these qualities and the afore mentioned achievements demonstrate competence and ability that would greatly benefit Byrne Wallace.

I thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I hope it meets with favourable review and look forward to your response with great anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Connolly.