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Dear Ms Onslow,

I am writing to apply for a summer internship at Byrne Wallace as advertised on your careers webpage. I am currently in the fourth year of my law degree at Trinity College, Dublin. Please find my CV attached.

While at university I have sought out experience relevant to a career as a solicitor. I recently undertook a three-week placement at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of my Clinical Legal Education (CLE) module. I worked with the legal team in the Office of Environmental Enforcement. Through this I was able to see first-hand how the EPA deals with environmental crime. I enjoyed working on evidence files for upcoming cases and helped the legal team to strengthen their case in two particular cases. Following my placement, on the 26 October 2017, I attended the Irish Centre for European Law's Environmental Law Conference, which gave me a very insightful perspective on the current state of Environmental Law. The CLE module itself was also invaluable in teaching me vital skills and principles essential to anyone embarking on a legal career. We were given the opportunity to work in teams on a legal research project, improve our presentation skills and learnt how to draft a solicitor's letter. We were also visited by a number of guest speakers from both the public and private sector during the course of a module and having discussed with a career in law entails I have determined that I would be most suited to a career in a law firm and am now seeking experience in this environment.

I am interested in a wide range of legal areas including not only environmental law but also intellectual property, commercial law and Merger and Acquisitions. I am currently involved in a mock merger and acquisition project with ten other Trinity students. Your firm, with its complete range of legal services, would be able to provide me with a practical experience in any one, if not several of these areas. I would look forward to finding out more about your firm's work in these areas of law and would like the opportunity to speak to your current trainees about their experience of working in these areas for the firm.

My ability to work well with a variety of different clients and adapt to new work environments has been enhanced by my time working in England as an Activities Leader and in the US as a lifeguard. I have also been involved in a number of student clubs and societies during my time at Trinity. I have given my time to Street Law Education programme to teach law secondary school pupils with the Law Society of Ireland and to the S2S mentor programme to help incoming first years and exchange students adapt to college life at Trinity, earning a commendation for my work as a mentor.

I am available for interview at any time and look forward very much to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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