Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am writing to apply for a traineeship with ByrneWallace. I am a final year law student at Trinity College Dublin.

I have been very interested in law since an early age as I find it to be both intellectually stimulating and particularly suited to my talents and work ethic. I have been fortunate enough to work in a legal environment in both a medium sized regional law firm (McDonough & Breen) and a large commercial law firm (A&L Goodbody). In the latter, I got a taste of what I believe a commercial law firm represents, by dealing with large clients on large scale transactions on a daily basis. The excitement of working on these large transactions reaffirmed my suspicions that commercial law is where my interests and talents lie.

I have the necessary skills to complement my interest in the law. Academically, I have consistently achieved commendable results at both school and university level. I have received awards for such achievements including the Trinity College Entrance Exhibition Award, awarded to incoming freshman who have placed inside the top 2% of students who have sat the Leaving Certificate. I am very self-motivated and have always been an extremely hard worker. From working in a busy convenience store just outside of Dublin, while balancing the rigorous study which comes with university, I have proven that I thrive in fast-paced, intensive environments and I am able to manage my time both efficiently and effectively.

I believe my experiences to date make me an ideal candidate. My series of jobs in the services industry has helped foster a passion for customer service. My position as Trinity SMF risk analyst allowed me to identify problems and to seek out solutions before a problem has the potential to become a real concern. Moreover my political involvement is illustrative of the fact that I value issues that are important to all. My appointment to the editorial board of The Eagle further exhibits my drive and determination to succeed something which I believe is needed when wanting to become a commercial lawyer.  
  
Through my own research and advice from others, I know that ByrneWallace is the firm with which I would like to develop my career as a commercial lawyer. ByrneWallace differentiates itself from other firms through its progressive and forward thinking approach when dealing with both the development of trainees and in relation to client matters. ByrneWallace’s positive working environment which promotes interaction between partners and trainees by way of an open door policy is of particular interest to me. ByrneWallace’s commercial services practice being the backbone of the firm also leads me to believe that my past experiences will neatly link up with my future ambitions as a commercial lawyer.   
  
I know I possess the ability and the ambition to succeed at ByrneWallace. I believe that my academic skills, inter-personal skills and interest in commerce would make me a good fit at ByrneWallace and If given the opportunity, I am prepared to work as long and as hard as it takes to excel as a commercial lawyer, as I am sure it is where my interests and talents lie.  
  
  
Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,   
  
Padraic Daly