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Dear Ms Onslow,

I wish to apply for the position of trainee solicitor as advertised on the Byrne Wallace website.

First, I possess excellent commercial awareness and I am highly motivated to be part of a firm which will use and help me further develop this skill. From my previous experience I am aware of the need for a law firm to not just provide excellent legal advice in an isolated instance but rather provide advice and long-term strategy to clients which takes into account contingencies such as new legislation, the opening of new markets or an event such as Brexit. I know that Byrne Wallace has a comprehensive client-centred approach to which I believe I could greatly contribute while also developing my personal competencies.

Second, I have excellent communication skills and experience of dealings with clients, diplomats and business representatives from a wide variety of backgrounds and I would be motivated to work in a firm providing legal advice to industry leaders and gaining valuable insight. I enjoy dealing with clients on a personal basis, considering things from their point of view and also being empathetic to their concerns on the effects a certain course of action may have on their interests. However, I am also aware of the necessity to convince clients to take an action that is advantageous to them. I believe that I would further enhance these skills at Byrne Wallace.

Third, I am interested in working for a dynamic, progressive and outward looking firm. The team Byrne Wallace has established to deal with the eventualities of Brexit is of particular interest to me as it showcases the firm’s farsightedness and proactive response to a great unknown but also shows a talent pool which has worked around the world and includes members that have qualified in different jurisdictions. Having studied and worked abroad on numerous occasions and understanding the global nature of legal services, I would be excited to work among such a diverse team. Similarly, the achievement of a gender-balanced partnership and the hosting of conferences on topics such as Ireland’s renewable energy sector show that the form is decidedly modern in outlook and which I would be delighted to work with.

Finally, I have greatly developed my teamwork, time management and delivery of results over the course of my career, especially having worked in smaller workplaces with a larger workload and have developed the capacity to work with a high degree of autonomy as a result. Accordingly, I believe that I would be an excellent fit for Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I am available for interview at your convenience.

Kind regards,

Patrick Boland