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Dear Ms Onslow,

I wish to apply for a place on the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme 2017. I am a final year Bachelor of Civil Law student in DCU. I’m expecting to graduate this year with a 2.1 grade. I believe I possess all the traits desired in a corporate lawyer and I crave the opportunity to exercise these skills.

Throughout my degree, I have immersed myself in university life, joining societies such as FLAC and Journalism, which have enriched my experience. I have a love for fiction and read on a daily basis. I find literature to be the most effective form of escapism. From a young age, I have had a passion for English and I embraced this in my transition to third level as I continued to write short stories and articles. My skills in communication proved invaluable as I completed my Moot Court module with a first class honours. I progressed to the Moot Grand Final, judged by Justice Mcmenamin and was elated to be on the winning team. This positive experience inspired me to compete in the Matheson National Moot Court Competition 2016, in which my team placed eighth in Ireland. Mooting has improved numerous competencies such as legal research and public speaking, which I believe are invaluable in the workplace. I’m capable of forming coherent arguments and condensing large amounts of information into readable and accessible documents.

It is my ambition to work in a firm that shares my ideals as this will allow me to contribute everything I have. Corporate responsibility invokes admiration. This firm’s partnership with Solas, is reminiscent of my own voluntary work with the Suas Literacy Programme and NCP Youth, in which I engaged in a homework club for migrant children. Through these positions, I learned responsibility and leadership. I assessed the situation and formulated a plan to achieve the desired outcome for all. If I were to be given the opportunity, I would portray this firm in a positive light and contribute as much as possible.

It cannot be denied that ByrneWallace is extremely esteemed. Therefore, the fact that this firm was a finalist for numerous awards, including the Law Firm Innovation Award in 2016 is unsurprising, particularly due to the firm’s association with projects such as the Entrepreneur Experience. This progressive attitude is unmatched nationwide. I’m currently undertaking a dissertation campaigning to remove any reference to blasphemy from the Constitution and Defamation Act 2009, as this offence is outdated and is incompatible with a multicultural society. I firmly believe that it's vital to continuously adapt. It's important to engage in critical analysis, even in relation to slight issues. This ensures that we are open and perceptive to change, which is intrinsically linked to improvement. My dissertation topic illustrates that I’m constantly striving to progress. If I was to be successful in my application, I would continuously look for ways to improve. 'Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.' Society is constantly adapting; changing markets, updated technologies. It's essential to maintain the mantra of being progressive to remain relevant in an ever-changing world. This firm’s ethos to continuously advance with technology is extremely admirable.

My dissertation has ignited an interest in me in relation to one’s right to privacy versus freedom of expression. Although I would love to be afforded the opportunity to work on any team, I’m enticed by this firm’s advancement and international recognition in area’s such as Data Privacy, Consumer Law, Freedom of Information and Intellectual Property.

I have a keen interest in travel. Immersing myself in various cultures is an unforgettable feeling as almost every aspect is unknown and every experience has the combined elements of intrigue, curiosity and excitement. My time abroad has exercised numerous skills which are applicable in the workplace such as; teamwork, leadership, organisational skills, budgeting and time management. This firm is internationally recognised, evidenced in the fact that ByrneWallace has been awarded the International ‘Quality Mark of Excellence’ for four consecutive years. Travelling has provided me with an international perspective, which will facilitate me in working with clients of varying backgrounds.

I have always been interested in law and my studies have nurtured this passion. This has encouraged me to gain experience from established legal minds such as Justice Edwards, Court of Appeal, and a Harvard Law Graduate in relation to employment law in Massachusetts. This firm is at the forefront of progression, working on a landmark case in relation to the Family and Child Agency and winning the Litigation Case of the Year category in 2014. I am eager to learn and I urge you to consider me for this position.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Roisin McGuire