Dear Ms Onslow,

Growing up on a farm, working in a family business and studying hard academically were central tenants in my upbringing. This background taught me how dedication and diligence can produce rewarding results and has convinced me that I am well suited to the demands of working in a leading commercial law firm like Byrne Wallace.

I have always been keen to learn and keep an open mind when it comes to new opportunities and challenges. As a lifelong tennis player I have competed in numerous tennis competitions representing my school, college and county in tournaments across Ireland and the UK. This gave me the opportunity to compete individually – to build up the necessary self-confidence and a sense of personal reliance while also working as part of a broader team.

As a team member I saw how vital it is to learn from and support my peers. Indeed, having a strong sense of camaraderie is something I feel passionately about in my future career. At Byrne Wallace there appears to be a strong sense of community and an atmosphere that fosters seamless integration among all departments and members of staff. Finance Dublin placed great emphasis on these factors when awarding the firm a top accolade at their *Deal of the Year Awards 2018* for their involvement in the MML Growth Capital Partners Ireland and Fastway Couriers Deal. I would relish the opportunity to learn in this open and collaborate atmosphere and look forward to being able to provide a valuable contribution of my own.

Byrne Wallace is a champion of progression and has demonstrated a clear commitment to equality by achieving a 50:50 gender balance among its partners & through its pioneering diversity program. Not only does this forward thinking and inclusive ethos provide a comfortable environment for a trainee lawyer to kickstart their career in, it also engenders an atmosphere of advancement and innovation.

Being innovative is something I take great enjoyment from and I include fashion, cooking and writing among my hobbies. During my final year at college, I explored an interest in journalism as a contributor for both *the Student Legal Service* - through the publication of their handbook - and for the The College Tribune – as editor of their fashion section. This experience taught me how rewarding it is to think pre-emptively and creatively – something every law firm needs from its legal professionals particularly in these challenging Pre-Brexit times. It also helped to remind me how far reaching the law is and how it empowers legal professionals to become problem solvers and resolution creators. I believe this blend of challenge and reward is something Byrne Wallace would be able to provide with its wide ranging practice areas and commitment to using novel methods to educate and advise its clients - the Roadshows on GDPR, New Homes Conveyancing and their Renewable Energy forum being only some examples.

Finally, Byrne Wallace’s commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility provides real opportunities for their trainees to develop both professionally and personally. Throughout the years they have supported a wide range of charities through different fund raising initiatives including carol services, social media challenges and coffee mornings. Their pioneering work with St John of God demonstrates how seriously Byrne Wallace take their charitable duties and I would thrive in an environment that places professional excellence and a commitment to help others on an even par.

Yours Sincerely,

Susanna Morgan