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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am writing to express my keen interest in the trainee programme at Byrne Wallace. I am a Data Protection Consulting Analyst at Castlebridge. I currently work with high calibre international and domestic clients across a range of industries including; financial services, telecoms, education and healthcare. I work on data privacy issues and deal with data strategy, execution, incident response, privacy policies, data protection impact assessments and third-party processor agreements. I am faced with challenges relating to contract law, company law, data protection law, privacy law, litigation and insurance law frequently. This role has enhanced my negotiation and project management skills as I work on various demanding projects.

Recently, I was an LLM student in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law at University College Dublin. My postgraduate degree has given me a strong grounding on a range of intellectual property and commercial topics. Overall, I am passionate about data protection, privacy and cybersecurity law. This led me to dedicate my LLM dissertation to an investigation into the cybersecurity insurance industry focusing on legal frameworks and current challenges. In 2017, I graduated with an Upper Second-Class Honours degree in B.Sc. Business and Law from Dublin Institute of Technology. This joint degree was ideal for an individual like me, who is working towards a career at an elite law firm. It provided me with numerical skills and commercial instinct that comes from a business degree and the researching, analytical and advocacy skills that come with a law degree. I enjoy being involved in activities and events. In secondary school, I had several roles including; senior leadership committee member, student council member and class representative. In my undergraduate degree, I was an active member of the law society helping to organise events such as the annual ball and debates. In the fashion society, I was the lead committee member and head stylist raising money for Irish charities such as the Jack and Jill Foundation. In my LLM programme, I was the programme ambassador. I was involved in promo videos, pictures and testimonials. I participated in the UCD legal services and law society events. I love to continuously learn and engage. Recently, I attended the Dublin Information Sec 2018, a cybersecurity conference in the RDS. I also attended the Responsible Innovation Summit in Croke Park.

I have always been driven to pursue a career in law. It’s attractive to me as it will enable me to collaborate my passion for constantly challenging my intellectual ability and my instinct to help others. It will allow me to exercise my business-oriented ability, drive for competitive advantage and admiration of the law. This demanding, fast-paced and complex service environment is ideal for an individual like me, who is determined, dedicated and driven to succeed. Numerous factors of the legal sector appeal to me. The client focused aspect is perfect for me, as I enjoy working with people from all professions and background. From working with elite corporate companies to small imitate family businesses. Listening effectively to their concerns, understanding their needs, and giving advice on the right solution for them. I want to engage in stimulating varied work that will allow me to strengthen my capabilities. I am determined to take on ambitious and difficult tasks which will not only push me but will mentally challenge me. I enjoy researching and analysing documents as I can easily interpret complex information. I am an individual who takes the initiative, this is a skill I have developed from my part time roles when dealing with challenging customers. I enjoy being given several responsibilities and being trusted to achieve the best results. I have an ability to pay attention to detail, take responsibility and I am continuously committed to any task I am assigned. Overall, I have made a concrete decision that this is the profession for me.

The trainee programme provided by Byrne Wallace is ideal for an individual like me who is passionate about gaining valuable techniques and skills on the journey to qualify as a solicitor. I am enthusiastic about working at a top Irish law firm and I was instantly attracted to Byrne Wallace not only because of the firms’ elite status and numerous awards but due to how friends and trainee solicitors have praised the firms’ mannerism and treatment of their trainee solicitors. I was fascinated by the firms’ recent announcement of a gender balanced partnership and the business forum they hosted which included debates about the retail, technology and legal sector. This clearly indicates that Byrne Wallace is a progressive and proactive firm that is dedicated to addressing key issues. The GDPR conference held by the firm in 2017 and the GDPR roadshow with the Chartered Accountants Ireland demonstrates how Byrne Wallace is continuously involved and innovative. Although, I was instantly attracted to working in the data protection, technology and intellectual property practise areas at Byrne Wallace, I would enjoy working in other areas in the trainee rotation programme. The opportunity to gain key skills at Byrne Wallace from partners, associates and solicitors will be extremely beneficial and a tremendous honour. I will complete all my FE1 exams by Autumn 2019.

My work experience has allowed me to develop several transferable skills which I believe will be helpful for this trainee programme. I believe that my academic abilities, work experience, along with my passion for high quality client service and collaborative work makes me a strong candidate for the role. I hope that you will give me the chance to speak with you in person about the possibility of joining this phenomenal trainee programme at Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for taking the time out to consider my application.

Sincerely,

Teniola Ayeni