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Dear Ms. Onslow:

I am a first-year student in University College Dublin doing a Masters in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law. I am writing to express my keen interest in a training contract at Byrne Wallace. I recently completed my undergraduate degree in B.Sc. (Hons) Business and Law with a 2:1 from Dublin Institute of Technology.

My undergraduate degree allowed me to strengthen my independent and critical thinking while developing skills which enable me to provide solutions to business and law issues. It has allowed me to fully comprehend the importance of corporate and business settings, and why I am determined to work in a legal corporate environment. My undergraduate drove me to desire working for a legal firm which strives for business success. I believe the success of a law firm depends on their competitive advantage in the marketplace and this advantage depends on the skills and techniques of the lawyers that work inside of the firm. I understand the importance of competitive advantage and have a desire to continuously work towards achieving the best results for clients and the business. This knowledge has derived from my experience working as a sales assistant in Arnotts. I knew I was driven to pursue a career in law when I in final year I begin to research LLM programmes. My masters has strengthened my skills and techniques. I have a strong understanding of intellectual property, technology, data protection and privacy laws which are very relevant in the European Union due to the GDPR.

I am a highly motivated and independent individual with a great work ethic and attitude. I am flexible with strong team-working skills, I can work individually or as part of a group and have excellent organisational skills. I am now looking to use these skills in a trainee solicitor role. I have three years’ experience working in the retail sector as a sales assistant. This has enabled me to develop a high standard of professionalism when dealing with people, providing a great service and helping others in need. I have experience in leadership roles from my experience in college societies. As the Head Stylist and Co. Director of the DIT Fashion Show of 2015, I had numerous responsibility. Which included conducting and creating an insurance letter which was provided to all stores participating in the show, scheduling meetings and managing a team of hard working stylists. This role challenged me but I loved every second of it. Teamwork is something I strongly believe in and value. As the ability to cooperate with others will not only better myself but also others.

When it came to selecting a law firm I wanted to work for Byrne Wallace satisfied all my requirements. To be a successful solicitor, I must train with the best firm and Byrne Wallace is one of the most recognised, successful and leading law firms in Ireland. With numerous awards, proving that the legal advice which the firm provides is of high professional standards and quality. As I am currently doing a LLM in Intellectual Property and Information Technology law in UCD and I aim to specialise in this area when I am qualified, it was critical for me to work for a firm that practices technology law and the firm satisfies this requirement. With practice areas in technology, intellectual property and data protection, I am eager to work in Byrne Wallace. Coming from Nigeria to live in Ireland at the age of five was challenging but extremely rewarding for me, therefore it is important for me to work in an environment which accepts diversity and includes everyone from different backgrounds. Another requirement was to work for a firm whose values I agree with, Byrne Wallace is committed to aiding the community and charities which I believe is essential. After attending the UCD law fair on the 4th of October and talking with your current trainees I knew that Byrne Wallace would be the right firm for me.

I have an intense desire to be successful in anything I do. I am willing to go that extra mile and put in great effort to make sure I achieve all the goals I set. I am also a very positive person who has a ‘you get what you give’ mentality to life. I consider myself to be a very persistent person who understands that nothing is every straightforward and that you must be patient to get where you want to be. The opportunity to join your office would be a tremendous honor. I believe that my academic and work experience, along with my passion and dedication, make me a strong candidate for a trainee solicitor at Byrne Wallace. I hope that you will give me the chance to speak with you in person about the possibility of joining your firm. Thank you for taking the time out to consider my application.

Sincerely,

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