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To Whom It May Concern,

Please find attached a copy of my CV and application with regard to the Trainee Solicitor position advertised on your website.

I completed a BCL degree in Law & Politics at Maynooth University in 2015. I had intended to go on to do my Masters and complete some form of work experience but unfortunately I was diagnosed with stage 4 Chronic Kidney disease and was hospitalised on more than one occasion over the following months for treatment. This precluded me from studying further or seeking employment immediately.

In January of this year, further medical examinations showed that there were other underlying issues, and I was diagnosed with early stage lung cancer. I have since undergone treatment for both conditions including surgery on my lungs. I have spent most of this year recovering from and battling these two conditions which accounts for the gap in my CV. I had applied for the internship position that Byrne Wallace advertised in March however my application was too late and the reality was I was too ill at the time to undertake the internship. I will (hopefully) have no more treatment regarding my lungs and have now only my monthly appointment with my kidney specialists.

As of now, I am reasonably fit and well and would love the opportunity to work for Byrne Wallace. I recently attended the open evening at your offices and was very impressed and grateful for the chance to speak to other trainees and qualified solicitors about the traineeship and other positions within the company.

I am available for interview at your convenience should this application be successful.

Kindest Regards,

Michael O’Neill

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