**Cover Letter – Byrne Wallace Traineeship Programme**

**14/10/2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Robert Geaney-O’Brien. I recently graduated from University College Cork with a First Class Honours degree in BCL Clinical (Law), ranking 4th overall in my class. I am currently studying for my FE1 examinations. I hope you will consider my enclosed application for your renowned graduate traineeship programme at Byrne Wallace.

Having closely followed the firm’s work in the public and retail sector I am particularly drawn to your innovative approach to medical, employment, and defamation law. I firmly believe that my academic background, and the practical experience I have gained from past employment, make me a suitable candidate for your traineeship programme.

During my final year at UCC, I achieved First Class Honours in six different modules across various areas of law. I believe this showcases my adaptability and ability to understand diverse legal topics. As aforementioned, with your firm’s expertise in medical and employment law, I feel my academic versatility and commitment to legal excellence make me an appropriate applicant for your trainee programme.

My legal experience began with a summer internship after 1st Year at Conways Solicitors in Cork City. After this, I was offered a part-time position at the firm throughout my 2nd Year at UCC. I was offered a full-time internship throughout 3rd Year at Conways as part of the BCL Clinical Law programme. During this time I gained hands-on experience in Property, Medical, Employment, Conveyancing, and Maritime law. My responsibilities included drafting legal documents, liaising with colleagues and clients, attending Circuit, District, and even Supreme Court hearings, and assisting in mediation sessions. These diverse experiences provided me with valuable insights into the daily workings of law practice and confirmed my desire to pursue a career as a solicitor.

My practical experience to date has taught me the importance of attention to detail, problem-solving, and effective communication. I believe these skills will allow me to contribute meaningfully to Byrne Wallace and make a positive impact on your clients.

Outside of law, I am passionate about sports and have won 3 All-Ireland medals for soccer, captaining Cork Schoolboys at U15 and Munster Schoolboys at U16 to national success. I have also had numerous Irish trials at underage level and been named on an Ireland U18 panel at an international tournament in Sweden. I was awarded a Gold Sports Scholarship for soccer during my first three years at UCC. My other hobbies include reading, golf, podcasts, and running. Currently, I am training for the Cork City Marathon which I hope to complete in June 2025.

I have attached my CV and UCC Academic Transcript for your consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss my application further at your convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Geaney-O’Brien