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**Aisling Cantwell**

**Education**

St Angela’s College, Cork – 2017 Junior Certificate

St Angela’s College, Cork – 2020 Leaving Certificate

* Represented Thailand, International Model United Nations Conference, 2018
* Prefect 2018-2019
* Head prefect for the Student Council – 2020
* Won First Prize out of 200 students for writing my own book titled ‘A Fresh Coat on Old Paint.’
* Selected as 1 of 30 students to undertake the ‘Look into Law’ Transition Year week long programme, participating in a series of workshops and seminars to understand law firm economics and firms initiatives.
* 8 Years Unbroken Attendance

University College Cork: 2020-2024 BCL (International)

First Year: 2:1, Second Year: 2:1, Third Year: Attended University of Copenhagen (83%)

Final year grades:

Semester 1: Received 69.7% overall

Semester 2: TBD (Aiming for 1:1)

**Work Experience**

Front Desk Medical Receptionist, 05/2023 - 08/2023 Apple - Hollyhill, Cork

As a medical receptionist at Apple, I managed front desk responsibilities, including scheduling appointments, greeting patients, and maintaining organized patient records. I developed my communication skills through interactions with diverse individuals, learned to multitask efficiently in a fast-paced environment and developed a keen eye for detail to ensure accurate documentation of medical information. This experience taught me the importance of confidentiality and handling sensitive patient data and enhanced my ability to work collaboratively in a healthcare setting.

Ultimately, this exposure has provided me with a critical insight into the operation of businesses and the significance of client service within the hospitality industry. I am now looking forward to enhancing this commercial awareness as I enter into the legal profession.

Hotel Receptionist, 05/2022 - 08/2022 The Montenotte Hotel - Montenotte, Cork

Working as a hotel receptionist provided me with insights into the significance of maintaining a professional and friendly demeanor. In all interactions, I learned the art of diplomacy when dealing with various guest preferences and complaints, tailoring my responses to ensure their comfort. Additionally, I gained proficiency in conflict resolution by addressing disputes between guests or handling discrepancies in reservations. This experience emphasized the importance of remaining composed, ensuring that guests felt heard and respected, even in challenging situations. Overall, the role significantly enhanced my interpersonal skills and the ability to navigate diverse situations with tact and professionalism.

Shannon and O’ Connor Solicitors, 03/2018 – 04/2018 Assistant to Trainee Solicitor

I was successful in securing a month, assisting a trainee solicitor with her work. I was attracted to the level of communication and applied intellect beneath cross-border deals, as it outlined the integrity and resourcefulness of the profession. I was also fortunate to attend board meetings. This exposure allowed me to understand how law firms pivot their business around client demand, to maximise their services and caseloads. This insight into the challenging yet engaging atmosphere of a commercial law firm has engendered my desire to become a solicitor.

**Other Relevant Experience**

Completion of coding course in HTML, CSS and JavaScript, with an introductory knowledge of Python.

**Interests**

At the University College Cork, I am a member and committee of several societies and clubs. I am the Public Relations Officer for the Erasmus and International Society as well as a member of the Law Society, Cycling Society, Triathlon Club and Hockey Club. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, pilates, playing tennis and learning languages. I also hold grade 8 Piano achieved a diploma in Speech and Drama.