**Cian Lawless-Hanlon**

**Education**

2016 – 2019: Ashbourne Community School, Deerpark, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

* Award of Excellence 2017
* Excellence in Junior Certificate Business Studies (Distinction), awarded by NUI Maynooth (Department of Economics, Finance & Accounting)
* Leaving Certificate Student Award for Biology, Accounting and Music 2022
* 600+ points in Leaving Certificate Examination

2022 – Present: Trinity College Dublin, Bachelor of Law (LLB)

**Work Experience**

ByrneWallace - Legal Intern, Banking and Finance Department (July 2023)

My main responsibility in this role was compiling title deeds and rectifying any discrepancies which I had found. This involved the use of comprehensive research and analysis skills to gather relevant information and resolve any anomalies in the title deeds. To do this, I had to organize and manage these legal documents effectively. In addition, I had to pay close attention to detail in the title deeds and correspondence to ensure accuracy and precision when rectifying the deeds. As the client was undergoing an urgent legal review, I was under a time constraint to complete this task and it was important to the firm that this was done promptly as the client was undergoing a legal review. I managed my time and prioritized my workload efficiently in order to get this task finished prior to the deadline.

As well as this, I was tasked with helping draft a leasehold agreement over equipment. Having not studied company law at the time, I had to draw on my legal research skills to determine the relevant provisions to include in the agreement, which also required adaptation. Additionally, this allowed me to gain insight into the attention to detail required for legal contracts to ensure that they are robust and satisfactory for the client, and that they run without any hitches. Furthermore, writing this draft helped develop my legal writing and formatting skills in order to incorporate legal provisions into agreements in a clear and concise manner.

Finally, I was also given the responsibility of compiling a report on the Central Bank of Ireland and its interaction with the European Central Bank over the previous number of years to identify trends and activity. This required extensive research on complex legal and financial interactions, putting together information into a coherent and informative report to be presented to a colleague.

Overall, these experiences have contributed to the development of a diverse set of legal and professional skills, including legal research, analysis, attention to detail, organizational skills, and effective communication.

SSP Café Bar, Dublin Airport - Bartender/Barista (August 2022 – August 2023)

Notoriously regarded as one of the busiest bars in Dublin Airport, this role demanded the ability to work in a fast-paced environment. This is a situation in which I thrived in, helping me to develop my ability to work efficiently under pressure. Furthermore, through interaction with customers I was able to utilise my communication skills in order to understand their preferences, take orders and address inquiries, showcasing strong interpersonal skills and problem-solving skills.

Teamwork was an essential part of this role due to the busy nature of the environment. I worked effectively with colleagues in a team environment, demonstrating the ability to cooperate for the smooth operation of the bar. I utilised my leadership skills in order to delegate tasks to colleagues during busy periods to ensure that we were collectively working as efficiently as possible in order to mitigate busy wait times for customers.

Working in a bar/café at Dublin Airport provided an opportunity to develop and demonstrate essential customer service, communication, and teamwork skills in a fast-paced and dynamic setting. These experiences contribute to a well-rounded skill set that is valuable in various service-oriented and collaborative work environments.

Coolquay Lodge – Wedding Caterer (October 2021)

Working as part of a team at wedding functions to ensure the smooth operation of catering services, which involved the use of strong teamwork and communication skills to work collaboratively and to ensure seamless operation of the wedding function. Additionally, this role demanded the use of problem-solving skills in order to address any challenges or issues that arose during the catering service, ensuring guest satisfaction.

Ashbourne United – FAI Football Coach (September 2019 – December 2019)

As a football coach I enjoyed making a meaningful impact through the implementation of targeted coaching sessions for primary school children. These coaching sessions required thorough prior planning and organization to ensure the smooth operation of these sessions. Furthermore, working with younger children often presented many problems which required adaptation to coaching strategies and flexibility in response to the needs and dynamics of the children.

**Extra-Curricular**

Musical Proficiency

* Proficient in both piano and guitar, having successfully completed Royal Irish Academy of Music (RIAM) grades for each instrument.
* Showcased musical talents by playing lead guitar in the band for the Trinity Halls Musical 2023.
* Demonstrated teamwork, communication, and leadership skills while collaborating with fellow musicians to deliver a memorable musical performance.
* Contributed creatively to the musical arrangements, highlighting adaptability and a collaborative approach to artistic projects.

Foreign Language Proficiency

* Limited working proficiency in Spanish
* Achieved 99% in Leaving Certificate Spanish examination and 100% in Oral Examination
* Demonstrated communication skills when faced with native Spanish speakers with little to no English in previous jobs.

References available upon request.