James Kearney

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Profile Overview

I am a motivated, energetic and hard-working individual who is an astute observer with an excellent attention to detail. I am quick to learn and to adapt to any new fast paced environment and am a real team player. Coupled with my previous roles, real-life legal experience and my almost complete law degree at a top university, I am confident I can be a great addition to the team!

Education

2020 - 2024 University College Dublin | Class of 2024 | Law (BCL)

Overall Grade Average: B+ (GPA: 3.64 – not compelte)

2023 University of Auckland | Exchange Student (Law BCL)

Overall Grade Average B+

2013-2019 St. Kierans College Kilkenny

Leaving Cert Points (2019): 565

Previous Work Experience

* Jun 2022-Dec 2022 – TransferMate Limited – During this time with TM I initially held the role of assistant to the company secretary. Upon the CS’s departure in August I acted as interim CS, assuming all the responsibilities that came with this role including those roles with respect to all TM subsidiaries, until a full-time hire was obtained. I worked with the Business risk Committees to aid in organising and running the meetings as well as providing assistant to the Head of Internal Audit in his quarterly meetings. Subsequently I was responsible for the training of the full time hire to the position.
* Alongside this role I had document review responsibilities for all the contracts the company undertook and was also responsible for aspects of the negotiations of these contracts. I was instrumental in the updating of several legal policies and procedures of the company. I partook in TY experience days and provided presentations on the merits of a career in law. I also acted as chief point of contact for the various sub-contractor’s TM had across the globe.
* Jun 2021-Dec 2022 - DPD Ireland - Kilkenny depot – Beginning with a labour-intensive summer role within the depot, I subsequently gained the responsibility of being a delivery driver helper later in the year. Through this I learned many customer service and organisational skills as well as teamwork to ensure the smooth operation of the delivery service for consignees. I later held this same role from July to September of 2023.
* Sep-Oct 2020 - LoanITT Kilkenny - Contracted to be a part of the new compliance team to develop an AML and client onboarding system and database for the recording of received and outstanding documentation from potential and current clients in line with regulatory requirements.
* Oct 2019-Aug 2020 - TransferMate Limited Kilkenny Office - Legal and Compliance Administrator - A joint role between departments performed over a period of eleven months working on AML, KYC and client onboarding on the compliance team. As leader of a small compliance group liaising with TransferMate PTY LTD (the Australian and New Zealand TransferMate entity) we routinely updated client files. With the legal team I engaged in research on aspects of regulation to upkeep and improve best-in-class standards of client experience and regulatory compliance. I worked on website features such as cookie prompts and the terms and conditions of the company websites and aided in the examination of legal documents for content and filing purposes. I also jointly trained new recruits to the company on roles I was familiar with.
* Jul 2019 and Sep 2019 - Smithwick’s Solicitors Kilkenny - Various office administration such as filing of old client documents and labour-intensive clearing of office spaces with further exposure to a working office environment and legal documents.
* 2016-2017 Transition year work experience across Smithwick’s Solicitors, Burnchurch National School, Loughboy crèche, Hotel Kilkenny Active Club Gym and Carlow IT in the sports science sector.

Achievements, Qualifications and Interests

2018-2019 St Kierans College Academic award for Geography.   
2019 Applied maths regional competition 3rd place.   
2017-2018 St Kierans College Student of Merit.   
2018 French Debating National Tournament 1st round debater of the match.   
2014- 2015 St Kierans College Student of the Year.

Obtained European Computer Driver’s License 2017  
 Obtained Category B Irish Driver’s License 2019  
Obtained Category A2 Irish Driver’s License 2024

2019 Qualified as an Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver.   
2013-2020 Various Athletics Awards and accolades including Leinster Titles and 2 All Ireland Titles with Kilkenny City Harriers and St Kierans College.   
2009-2022 playing with Evergreen FC winning 3x player of the year 4x Team Top Scorer  
2023-Present playing with Seaford Rock FC  
Member of UCD Law Society, UCD Snow Club, UCD Surf Club and I also play guitar

**References available on request**