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Legal Intern

Law graduate currently pursuing a career in the **Legal Profession**. Proficient in **research and analysis** with strong **written and critical thinking skills** gained through a **Masters Degree in Common Law** and an **Undergraduate Degree in History & Philosophy**.

EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Common Law

Sep 2021 – May 2023

University College Dublin | Dublin, Ireland

- **Legal Research and Analysis:** Mastery in conducting thorough legal research, interpreting statutes, regulations, and case law.
- **Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving:** Strong critical thinking skills applied to analyse complex legal issues, identify key legal principles, and develop effective solutions.
- **Legal Writing:** Effective communication, both written and oral, to convey legal arguments persuasively.
- **Peer Mentor:** Served as a peer mentor during my final year, providing guidance and support to first-year students.
- **Notable Modules:** Copyright Law, Data Protection & Privacy, Sports Law.

Bachelor's Degree in History & Philosophy

Sep 2017 - May 2021

University College Dublin | Dublin, Ireland

- **Research:** Received first-class honours for my final year history research papers, titled '*Why Did the Moral Majority Emerge and How Did This Influence the Conservative Movement*', '*The Immediate and Long-Term Consequences of the Black Death in Florence*' and '*Did the Cold War Cause or Prolong the Cambodian Genocide?*'
- **Logical Argumentation:** Proficiency in constructing and deconstructing logical and philosophical arguments, facilitating systematic and methodical problem-solving
- **Communication:** Conducted numerous individual and group presentations to audiences of **30+ students**, seamlessly managing PowerPoint presentations while assuming a leadership role in responding to inquiries from examiners
- **Notable Modules:** US Conservative Politics, Genocide & Mass Violence, Logic, Philosophy of Interpretation.

Study Abroad

University of Washington | Seattle, USA

Sep 2019 - Jun 2020

- **Enhanced Academic Focus:** Studying abroad at the prestigious University of Washington significantly elevated my academic focus, exposing me to a challenging and diverse educational environment.

- **Teamwork & Leadership:** Served as player/coach for the University of Washington Men's Rugby Team, guiding a roster of over **40 athletes**, many new to the sport. I helped lead the team to notable improvements, culminating in their first competitive league victory in five years. This success played a pivotal role in fostering a strong rugby culture at the university that continues to thrive today.
- **Global Perspective:** Exposure to diverse cultures and academic approaches has broadened my global perspective

Leaving Certificate
Wesley College | Dublin, Ireland

Sep 2011 - Jun 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager
McKay & Associates | Dublin, Ireland

Jan 2018 - Aug 2023

- I worked periodically in our family-owned machinery & business assets chartered surveying company.
- Pre-auction project management including site preparations & viewings for up to **500 assets**, regularly leading a team of **5+** employees and dealing with clients in a professional manner.
- Post-auction management, comprising supervision of payments & machinery extractions ensuring the best health & safety compliances, while adhering to strict contractual obligations.
- Researching global values for new & used machinery. ● Uploading and inputting website data.

Bartender
Brickyard Gastropub, 1878 Club, Intercontinental Hotel

Jan 2022 - Present

- **Time Management:** Successfully maintained a dual commitment by adeptly balancing bartending responsibilities with the demands of pursuing a master's degree, showcasing strong organisational skills

CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENTS

Co-Founder | Dips for Derek (2023)

Co-Founded and led 'Dips for Derek' charity fundraiser. Included a sea swim every day for the month of November, surpassing the initial goal of **€1,000 goal to raise over €17,000** for the Irish Cancer Society. Central to this was a successful social media campaign, as well as organising a community swim which was attended by over **150** people. The funds raised can contribute to groundbreaking research, enabling scientists to explore new avenues for cancer treatment and prevention. Additionally, the financial support will bolster essential support services for individuals and families affected by cancer, providing them with the resources and assistance they need during challenging times. Knowing that our efforts have the potential to make a tangible difference in the lives of those battling cancer fills me with an immense sense of pride and it was a deeply special thing to be a part of. This campaign highlights leadership, teamwork, organisational and community engagement skills. Demonstrated strategic thinking and mobilisation, as well as goal achievement by completing the 'Coldvember' challenge.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Active member of both the Castle Golf Club and Swords Sailing Club