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PERSONAL PROFILE

My name is Margaret O'Brien. I am a fourth-year BCL Law (International) student at University College Cork. I am a diligent and competent worker, with a keen interest in learning new skills. I am interested in Corporate Law, Financial Services Regulation, Human Rights Law, EU Law, and Environmental Law. I enjoy examining the interactions and interconnections between each of these areas. I am hoping to learn and develop new skills through interesting opportunities.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jun 2022 — Sep 2022

Receptionist, Killarney Court Hotel

In this role, I completed many of the same tasks from my previous job as a receptionist, which are noted below. However, as this was a smaller tourist hotel, I had more responsibility in dealing with and helping the other departments, and I worked more closely with customers and managers within the hotel.

May 2021 — Sep 2021

Receptionist, Brehon Hotel Killarney

In this role I learned to work in a fast-paced environment and as part of a team. I gained experience working directly with customers, dealing with complaints and other issues. I also developed my IT and typing skills during my time in this role. Some of my duties included greeting guests and making arrangements for them, making pre-confirmation calls due to Covid-19, helping other departments within the hotel, and other organisational tasks. I also dealt with GDPR in a practical way, which was interesting after studying it in college.

Jul 2019 — Apr 2020

Assistant, Léonie Hussey O'Brien BL

This role gave me experience working in a high-intensity environment and enhanced my legal research skills. I performed several tasks in this role, including legal research, filing, and organisational tasks. I also proofread, transcribed, and edited legal documents.

Apr 2018 — Apr 2018

Work Experience, Liam F Coghlan Solicitors

While in secondary school, I did my work experience in a solicitor's office. This provided me with my first insight into a legal setting. The experience helped me gain confidence in working with others and helped guide me in my decision to study law.

EDUCATION

2014 — 2019

Leaving Certificate, Intermediate School Killorglin

Points achieved: 577/625

2019 — 2023

BCL Hons Law (International), University College Cork

Modules (Academic Year 19/20) - 2H1

Foundations of the Legal System: 2H1 | Law of Torts I: 2H1 | Legal Research and Writing: PASS (pass/fail) | Constitutional Law | Fundamental Rights: 2H1 | Constitutional Law: Institutions of Government: 1H | Law of the European Union: 1H | Criminal Law: 2H1 | Law of Torts II: 2H1 | Law of Contract: 2H1

Modules (Academic Year 20/21) - 2H1

Economic Law of the European Union: 2H1 | Law of Evidence I: 1H | Law of Public Administration: 1H | Legal Skills: PASS (pass/fail module) | Administrative Law: Judicial Review: 2H2 | Law of Property: 2H1 | Commercial Law: 2H1 | International Human Rights Law: 1H | Law of Evidence II: 2H1

Modules (Academic Year 21/22) - PASS (pass/fail)

Environmental Law: 1H | Principles of Public International Law: 1H | Privacy Law and Data Protection: 1H | Advanced Legal Reasoning: 2H2 | Medical | Law and Ethics: 2H1 | Employment Law I: 2H1 | AI and Legal Disruption (UCPH): 10/12 | Energy Law and Sustainability (UCPH): 12/12

Modules (Academic Year 22/23) - TBC

Financial Services and Regulation: 1H | Company Law I: 2H1 | Law of Equity I: 2H1 | Family Law: Family Relationships: 1H | Moot Court: PASS (Pass/Fail) | Humanitarianism and the Law Law of the ECHR | Law of Equity: Trusts | Company Law II | Environmental Law II | Jurisprudence

Feb 2022 — Jun 2022

Erasmus, University of Copenhagen

During the third year of my undergraduate degree, I completed an Erasmus semester abroad in Denmark where I attended Københavns Universitet. During my studies there, I undertook Master's level modules. I attended several events while in Copenhagen, such as international law dinners organised by Danish legal firms and guest lectures organised by UCPH. I also spent my time learning about and exploring Denmark and Danish culture by travelling around the country, and visiting galleries, museums, and landmarks. I also met and became friends with many people from different backgrounds from all over the world. It was a great experience that I learned countless skills from.

SKILLS

Adaptability

Fast Learner

Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis

Ability to Work in a Team

Communication

Editing and Proofreading

Critical thinking and problem solving

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Oct 2019 — Present

Editor, Cork Online Law Review

I have been on the Editorial Committee for the Cork Online Law Review for 4 years, and I was the House Style Editor for COLR's 21st Edition. In this role, I am assigned journal articles to review for publication in COLR's journal. I then work within the team of editors to decide whether the article is suitable for publication. If it is accepted, I then work with the team to edit the article into conformity with COLR's writing style. As House Style Editor, I was more heavily involved in this editing process and also trained new members in OSCOLA.

Sep 2021 — Present

Researcher, Irish Legal Information Initiative (IRLII)

I am a researcher for the Irish Legal Information Initiative (IRLII). In this initiative, I am given the task of reading cases or journal articles and condensing them down into keywords that are posted online and on Twitter. The aim of this is to make the law more accessible, and the project works with the Free Access to Law Movement.

Oct 2022 — Present

Student Researcher, Traveller Equality and Justice Project

I am a Student Researcher for the Traveller Equality and Justice Project. The project is a collaborative project between UCC School of Law and FLAC. It aims to highlight the discrimination experienced by Travellers in Kerry and Cork. As a student researcher, I have learned more about equality law and laws relating to discrimination. I have also taken part in advocacy exercises as a part of the project.

COURSES

Feb 2021 — Mar 2021

Global Issues, STAND

Aug 2021 — Aug 2021

International School on Crime & Security in the Digital Age, University of Würzburg

ZSA Suicide Awareness Training, Ohana

HOBBIES

- I am a member of various clubs and societies within UCC such as the Feminist society, FLAC, the Law society, the Sámh Society, and the Environmental society. I try to attend the events they organise as much as possible. Currently,
- I am in the process of training to be a D1* Scuba Diver with UCC Subaqua Club.
- I play flute and piano and achieved Grade 6 and 7 in them respectively in the Royal Irish Academy Music examinations.
- I was a National standard competitive swimmer and medallist, and I continue to enjoy swimming non-competitively.