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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

* I am an undergraduate second year penultimate BCL Law student in University College Cork, having completed two years of the BCL Law and Irish degree, studying the law both through English and the Irish language, with a particular interest in the areas of Child Care Law and Adoption Law in addition to Litigation and Dispute Resolution
* I am a distinction graduate of Pre-University Law with a QQI Level 5 Certificate from Blackrock Further Education Institute. Modules studied include Business Law, Family Law, Criminal law, Legal Practice and Procedures, Word Processing, Personal and Professional Development and Libel and Defamation Law.
* My peers would describe me as a resourceful, driven, and upbeat young woman who maintains a positive attitude when faced with adversity.

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

2021-2025 University College Cork BCL (Hons) Law (2.1)

2020-2021 BFEI Pre-University Law Distinction

2018-2020 The Institute of Education Leaving Certificate 507 Points

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**June ‘22 - Present AIB Financial Crimes Unit Intern**

* Conducted the verification of over 150 accounts a day to ensure compliance with the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010 as well as other EU Regulations.
* Completed ODD (on due diligence reports) as well as transactional monitoring in order to examine whether or not an account appeared to have suspicious transaction activity. In these events an STR (suspicious transaction report) would be submitted by me.
* Liaised daily with other staff members in various other departments within the bank.

**March ‘22 - Present Irish Legal Research Initiative (IRLII) Junior Researcher**

* + Provided valuable legal content through Twitter, as well as the IRLII Legal Research Database, used by thousands of students daily, allowing the contribution of valuable information to the legal community.
	+ Researched recent court judgements to provide keywords, contributing to the global Free Access to Law Movement (FALM).
	+ Committed to providing access to legal materials, including judgements and scholarship, on a not-for-profit basis and free of charge, to remove any barriers of state, income, or location, and to promote justice, equality, inclusion, and rule of law.
	+ As a result of the variety in cases, I have acquired knowledge in areas of asylum law, in particular judicial review, criminal sentencing appeals, disqualification orders and personal insolvency.

**Aug ‘21 - Present Intervarsity Law Summit Executive General Coordinator**

* + Began as a first-year representative increasing engagement with the event in addition to liaising with media organisations.
	+ Involved in the organisation of Ireland’s inaugural 3-day student-run intervarsity legal event, sponsored by the Bar Council of Ireland and Ireland’s 12 leading law firms. Events over the weekend included the intervarsity National Moot and Mock Trial semi-finals and finals, a careers and networking event, as well as a charity gala and raffle with our charity partner, The Aislinn Centre, who provides adolescent residential addiction treatment. Maintained close customer relations as well as creating and flourishing new ones.
	+ Guests included Dr. Mary McAleese, Senator David Norris, Colm O’Gorman, Dr. Rhona Mahony and Gina Martin.
	+ Currently acting as Executive Committee General Coordinator as I help to expand the Intervarsity Law Summit as an organisation and building upon our success

**Nov ‘20 - May ’22 O’Briens Wines Sales Assistant**

* + Greeted and assisted customers on the shop floor, whilst ensuring exemplary customer service by delivering a warm and welcome experience, as well as closing duties of the store.
	+ Worked alongside team to boost sales targets daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly, by understanding the customers’ needs through effective communication and celebrating achievements
	+ Maintained close customer relations as well as creating and flourishing new ones.

**OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

* Representing UCC School of Law for International Commercial Negotiation with Ghent University, Belgium
* UCC Women In Law Forum Head of Sponsorship 2023
* UCC Law Society Recording Secretary of the 93rd Session, organising minutes of meetings as well as undertaking main public speaking duties for the society
* A&L Goodbody LLP LawStart Brand Ambassador creating social media content to promote the firm.
* Completion of William Fry LLP WFirst Programme, and McCann Fitzgerald LawFirst Programme.
* UCC BCL Law and Irish Class Representative
* UCC Ladies Hockey Club Division 5 Team Captain and Coach 2021/22
* Washington Ireland Programme Forum Fellow and Facilitator 2020
* Bronze Gaisce Award
* 2018 Irish Austrian Society Essay Competition Distinction Award
* Completion of Life Support Training and Suicide Interventionalist Training
* **IT Skills:** MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, MS Nav, Pinterest, social media, various legal database such as Westlaw and BAILLI, Canva
* **Languages:** English (Fluent), Gaeilge (Advanved), German (Advanced), French (Advanced)

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS**

* **Sport:** UCC Dance Club, UCC Hockey Club, completed 120km of Camino de Santiago within 5 days.
* **Travel:** Iceland, Switzerland, France, USA, Poland, Greece, Portugal, Spain, UK, Germany, Italy
* **Recreation:** Performed for many years in the Olympia Theatre with the National Performing Arts School and completed the Crean Challenge hiking expedition in Iceland

**References Available Upon Request**