**Mary Sheehan**

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**Personal Statement**

I wish to pursue a career in law practicing as a corporate solicitor. I am creative, ambitious and career-orientated. My interpersonal skills are my strongest quality, honed through a long work history in various jobs. I am passionate about working with people and love problem solving and working as part of a team. I am currently studying French law in Aix-Marseille Université in France.

**Work Experience**

**Shadow –** Paul Gallagher SC on two trips to the High Court
*July 2018*

* Broadening my knowledge on the field of corporate law and the difference between the work of barristers and solicitors

**Intern –** Tormeys Solicitors, Co. Westmeath
*May 2018-August 2018*

* Preparing court briefs with set deadline for solicitors to use in court
* Collecting, organising, weighing and stamping post at the end of each day and taking it to An Post or the DX
* Disposal of documents within the guidelines set by GDPR
* Closing completed case with paper and digital copy and sealing them for storage until date of disposal

**NB**. I work in this position and a local café simultaneously, intending to save money to fund my Erasmus. The skills required for the café were those I had learned as a food and beverage assistant

**Food and Beverage Assistant -** Sheraton Hotel Athlone, Co. Westmeath
*June 2017-May 2018*

* Plan, organise and cater for weddings of up to 350 people as a team
* Oversee tables of up to 24 people, serve them promptly and attend to their needs during the function
* Handle cash as required
* Use time management skills to ensure that food is promptly

**Legal Intern Position** - Walker O’Carroll & Hogan Solicitors
*4 weeks in July 2015, 40 hours per week*

* Receive and read barrister briefs and case files
* Man reception desk, answer client phone calls and redirect them to solicitors
* Attend the District Court for hearings with solicitors

**Piano Teacher***January 2015 - December 2015*
Grade 8 piano (2013) and Victoria College of Music Piano Teaching Diploma (2014)

* Taught piano to students aged 7-17
Required patience and preparation of lesson plans

**Volunteer Swim Instructor** – Athlone Regional Sports Centre
*2013-2015*

* Assisted young children with disabilities in the pool once a week
Required discipline, patience and kindness

**Achievements**

* Fluent Irish (Gaelscoil primary school) and near-fluent French
* Trained in waitressing and chambermaiding
* Entrance Scholar 2016 at UCD
* 1st place winner of Tormeys Law Scholarship 2016
* Winner of Principal’s Award 2016 for excellence at Athlone Community College
* First Aid Trained (2014) and CPR certified (UCD Restart a Heart 2017)
* Gaisce Bronze Medal (2014)
* Microsoft Office Specialist course certified (Word, PowerPoint and Excel)
* Captained the Concern Debating team 2015
* All Ireland finalist in Gael Linn (Gaeilge) debating team 2012-2014
* Grade 4 classical violin
* High Achiever Award for classical piano (2007)

**Hobbies**

* Music: I am an avid pianist and have been since the age of 5. I play with my sisters, who play harp, flute and violin and we regularly
* Baking: Unfortunately, my French accommodation does not provide an oven, but while at home I am an amateur creator of dairy-free cakes, biscuits and muffins.
* Reading: Currently “La Verité sur l’Affaire de Harry Quebert”
* Writing: A great personal achievement of mine is that from the age of 13-19, I completed a novel. I am currently writing a short story about the stigma of pregnancy out of wedlock in Ireland, set in 1983.
* Travelling: With particular focus on the south of France (St Tropez, Martigues, Cassis and La Camargue)

**References – available upon request**