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PERSONAL PROFILE

An adaptable and responsible graduate seeking a position in a commercial law firm which will utilise the organisational and communication skills developed through my previous work experiences and sporting achievements.

During my degree I successfully combined my studies with work and other commitments showing myself to be self-motivated, organised and capable of working under pressure. I have a clear, logical mind with a practical approach to problem solving and a drive to see things through to completion. I enjoy working on my own initiative or in a team. In short, I am reliable, trustworthy, hardworking and eager to learn and have a genuine interest in the law and business.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Inside Running Recruiting

Agent

Sept. 2014 - Present

Inside Running is a rugby recruitment agency based in New Zealand that specializes in the placement of amateur rugby players all over the world, and also the representation of top class professional rugby players.

My responsibilities include:

- Review professional contracts and implement relevant changes.
- Assist with legal issues such as tax, immigration and disciplinary matters related to players.
- Place amateur players in various clubs around the world.

Lyons Kenny Solicitors, Dublin, Ireland

Legal Executive

May 2014 – Sept. 2014

Lyons Kenny is a Dublin based commercial law firm specializing in Corporate Recovery & Commercial Litigation. My primary role was as an assistant to the Managing Partner operating the Commercial department. My responsibilities included:

- Review files in advance of court hearings and attending High Court & Commercial Court on behalf of the Partners.
- Managing standard office procedure and routines including scanning files, banking & archiving closed files.
- Researching legal matters in statute and case law.
- Attending Counsel at court, to provide comprehensive note taking during hearings.
- Assisting with large scale discovery on a high profile case.

Abbott Vascular, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Contracts Analysis Intern

May 2012 – Sept. 2012

Abbott Vascular is one of the world's largest medical equipment companies, wherein I worked in the legal department of their factory based in Clonmel Co. Tipperary.

- Responsible for the implementation of changes to contracts for the entire factory, from employment contracts to FDA compliancy contracts.
- Archiving and filing all relevant contracts.
- Drafting contracts for the purchasing group (medical equipment/supplies purchasing group).
- Part of the legal team which over saw the changing of the name of the factory.

Barne Lodge

Bar Manager

June 2006 – June 2014

Barne Lodge is a family owned business that I have worked in part time and full time for different periods. I still occasionally aid my parents with the running of the business performing such tasks as accounting and other administrative tasks.

INTERNSHIPS

Martin Pringle Law Firm, Kansas City, MO

Intern

While playing rugby in KC this past summer (2015) I also interned in a local law firm who specialized in commercial law. I acted as a runner for the firm which gave me hands on experience and knowledge into the American legal system.

Fazio Law Firm, Sarnia, Ontario

Intern

While playing rugby in Sarnia for the summer of 2013 I interned in Fazio Law firm again as a runner for this criminal and family law firm. I gained a huge amount of knowledge about how common law works in another country.

EDUCATION

Trinity College Dublin

Dublin, Ireland

Master of Law (LL.M.)

May 2015

Honors: Received honors grade, graduation pending.

Relevant Coursework: Theory and History of American Constitutional Law, Sports and Intellectual Property Law, European Union Trade Law, Criminal Law – White Collar Crime, Intellectual Property for Practitioners, European Trade Mark Law

National University of Ireland, Galway

Galway, Ireland

Bachelor of Law (LL.B.)

May 2014

Honors: Graduated with Honors, Received a Scholarship for Rugby and Athletics Achievements, Treasurer of the Law Society, Captain of the Varsity Rugby Team

National University of Ireland, Galway

Galway, Ireland

Bachelor's Degree in Corporate Law

May 2013

Honors: Graduated with Honors, Received a Scholarship for Rugby and Athletic achievements, Member of the Law Society

SKILLS, ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS & SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Skills: Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint); Excellent communication and interpersonal skills combined with the ability to liaise with clients and management. Qualified in alternative disputes resolutions. Legal drafting and experience attending court.

University Activities: U-20's Men's Rugby team Captain (2010); Fresher's Hurling team member (2010), Law Society Member (2010 – 2013), Varsity Boxing Club Member (2011), Varsity Athletics Member (Sprinting); Captain Men's Senior Rugby Team, Treasurer of the Law Society (2014)

Interests: I enjoy writing sports articles on sports law issues for the website Pundit Arena. I also enjoy woodwork and started my own business making hurleys while in secondary school, I went on to win A.I.B young entrepreneur of the year in Tipperary in 2010. I also volunteer for T.L.C.4.C.F which is a charity whose primary goal is the raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis patients in the South West of Ireland, Rugby, NFL, Hurling, Football, History.

Sporting Achievements: Selected for Combination team to represent Ireland at the World Rugby Club 7s Championships 2014, 2015 All-Ireland Rugby Championship winner with Lansdowne Rugby FC, Invited to spend the Summer in Kansas City as a member of the Kansas City Blues Rugby Club, Top Scorer for Sarnia Saints Rugby Club (Ontario, Canada) for the summer of 2013. Captain of N.U.I.G Men's and 20's teams 2012 & 2013.