Alison Peate

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**EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Civil Law (Law & French)** University College Cork 2013 – Present

Bachelor of Civil Law (Law & French)(Erasmus) Université de Strasbourg, France 2015-2016

* Recipient of an **Entrance Scholarship** to University College Cork.
* Awarded the title of **College Scholar** based on exceptional achievement in 2015 examinations.
* Results: 3rd Year Overall Result: **First Class Honours (1H1)** – (No ranking provided due to Erasmus)

2nd Year Overall Result: **First Class Honours (1H1)** – (Ranked 2nd in a class of 14)

1st Year Overall Result: Second Class Honours: Grade 1 (2H1) – (Ranked 3rd in a class of 14)

* Modules studied in Université de Strasbourg were studied through the medium of French.

**Christ King Secondary School, South Douglas Road, Cork** 2007 – 2013

* Leaving Certificate CAO Points: **600 / 600** (Top 0.3% nationally)
* Higher Level: Irish (A1), English (A1), French (A1), Geography (A1), Business (A1), Biology (A1), Mathematics (B3)

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**Johnson & Johnson, Cork - *Legal Intern***May 2016 – Present

* Member of the legal team responsible for an ongoing high value corporate restructuring project.
* Involved in the legal due diligence and risk assessment related to the restructuring project.
* Responsible for the assignment of effective high worth contracts to the relevant legal entity.
* Liaised with outside counsel on issues relating to TUPE and corporate governance.
* Engaged globally with several affiliate companies in order to inform them of, and advise them on, upcoming changes in the corporate structure.
* Drafted several non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements for various sectors of the business.
* Other responsibilities included various legal research projects for presentation at board meetings.

**Office of the European Ombudsman,** **Strasbourg - *Legal Intern, Cabinet of the Ombudsman*** March - April 2016

* Assisted the Cabinet with ongoing legal investigations including both own-initiative inquiries and complaints.
* Drafted a report which critically analysed the style of decision delivered by the Ombudsman, the findings of which have been subsequently implemented by the office.
* Analysed previous decisions of the Ombudsman's office to identify potential inconsistencies in decision-making.

**Council of Europe, Strasbourg - *Work Shadowing the Irish Delegation***February – March 2016

* One of two students selected annually to work with the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the Council of Europe.
* Attended the Committee of Ministers Human Rights review week.
* Responsible for researching the cases to be discussed during the session.
* Responsible for recording all communications and preparing a report for the Department of Foreign Affairs.

**European Parliament, Strasbourg - *Parliamentary Assistant* *Intern***September 2015-May 2016

* Worked with Parliamentary Advisors on the drafting and coordinating of political strategy and lobbying work.
* Represented MEP Sean Kelly at various committee meetings, delegation meetings and formal functions.
* Responsible for researching upcoming votes in plenary, reports, speeches and constituency issues.
* Briefed MEP Sean Kelly on reports and upcoming votes in the Parliament.
* Prepared press releases and managed communication with media outlets.
* Managed correspondence and communication with constituents and advised on different local issues.
* Liaised with researchers of the political group, staff in the constituency office, delegations, and other institutions.

**European Centre for Law and Justice, Strasbourg - *Stagiaire*** September 2015-May 2016

* Translation of legal documents from French to English and proof-reading of press releases.
* Legal research into cases in which the ECLJ is involved**.**

**Essential French Language College, Cork - *Office Administrator/Tutor***August2013 – Present

* Involved in regular meetings with the company director regarding the current organisational strategy with a view to identifying areas for possible business innovation, business expansion and organisational development.
* Involved in interactive brainstorming sessions on improving the customer experience and brand development.
* Involved in the development of the Essential French App.
* Responsible for establishing, building and maintaining client relationships.
* Variety of administrative task including managing inquiries, organising information sessions and seminars.
* Tutoring students in Leaving Certificate Geography, Leaving Certificate Business and areas such as stress management, time management, study planning and study technique.

**The HOPE Foundation – *Overseas Volunteer/Vice-Auditor of UCC HOPE Foundation Society***  2008-Present

* Organisation and coordination of fundraising events including: table quizzes, race nights, street collections etc.
* Involved in the promotion of the organisation at a local, national and international level.
* Worked as a volunteer in Kolkata during the summers of 2014 and 2015 for a period of 2 months on each occasion. This work included activities such as teaching English, managing coaching centres, coordinating drop-in centres and work in community based development programmes promoting literacy and healthcare amongst the underprivileged.
* Played an instrumental role in the introduction and implementation of the Immersion Programme in several secondary schools throughout Cork.

**INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Currently **Vice-Conference Director** for the UCC Law Society’s Annual Conference. This involves working as part of the Conference Committee in order to organise and run the largest student-lead conference in Ireland.
* Passionate about human rights, particularly women’s rights and the rights of underprivileged children. I have worked closely with the HOPE Foundation both in Ireland and in Kolkata since 2008. I held the position of PRO for the UCC HOPE Foundation Society in 2014 and currently hold the position of **Vice-Auditor of the HOPE Foundation Society**. I am also a Youth Ambassador for the organisation.
* Played both camogie and Gaelic football for Douglas since the age of 6. Achievements associated with GAA include: Cork Senior Camogie Club Championship winners 2011; represented Cork Camogie at U14 and U16 (Captain) level; Cork Junior Ladies football championship and league champions 2011.
* Currently a **Peer Support Leader** in UCC. This involves supporting and mentoring first year Law students.
* Member of UCC Amnesty International Society 2014-Present.
* **Head Girl** and Chairperson of the Student Council in Christ King Secondary School in 2012-2013.
* Skills: Professional working proficiency in Irish.

Professional working proficiency in French.

Translation skills and experience.

Excellent IT skills. Extensive experience of Microsoft Office.

Have completed the ECDL Course.

* Additional Awards: Runner-Up in UCC Apprentice 2015.

UCC Work Award for outstanding contribution to UCC societies 2015.

Outstanding Contribution to School Life Award in 2013.

Student of the Year Award in English, French, Business, Biology and Geography 2013.

Gaisce Presidential Award in 2013.

National Pramerica Spirit of the Community Award in 2012.

Represented Munster at the national sitting of the European Youth Parliament in 2012.

Garda Youth Award in 2012.

**REFEREES:** Available on request