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I am a law graduate from University College Dublin with a desire to pursue a career in commercial law. I have sat seven FE-1 exams, I have passed four and am currently awaiting results of three. From my past experiences, I have demonstrated an adaptability across both legal and non-legal positions of work. I am currently seeking a traineeship contract to begin in 2024 or 2025. I plan to have my FE-1 Examinations complete by March 2024.

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| **EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS** |
| **Law Society of Ireland** FE-1 Examinations | **Currently passed four and am awaiting three results.** Criminal Law 64% ⎮EU Law 57% ⎮Contract Law 55% ⎮Tort Law 50% |
| **University College of Dublin** (Law BCL) *September 2018 – June 2022* | **Achieved a 2:1 with a 3.6 GPA.** Including: Planning Law A- ⎮Competition Law A- ⎮Company Law A- |
| **Coláiste na hÍnse** **Laytown, Co. Meath** *September 2012 – June 2018* | **Leaving Certificate – Achieved 532 Points** Including: Biology H1⎮ Business H2 ⎮Accounting H2⎮ Mathematics H3 |
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| **WORK EXPERIENCE** |
| **Paralegal, Fieldfisher Ireland LLP (Financial Services and Pension Ombudsman Secondment Team)***January 2023 - Present* | I work on a large-scale project for the FSPO focused on the investigation and adjudication of complaints about the conduct of financial service providers in relation to tracker mortgage products. In my role, I draft preliminary decisions in relation to complex tracker mortgage related complaints which involves evaluating evidence, considering, and applying relevant legislation, regulations, codes, and fair procedures to the issues arising. I draft legally binding decisions which involves a consideration of submissions received from parties to a complaint after the issuing of a preliminary decision. I consider and recommend the statutory ground(s) upon which each element of a complaint is upheld, substantially upheld, or partially upheld, and on what basis. I respond to day-to-day queries from Complainants and/or their representative in relation to the status of their complaints in a timely manner to ensure adherence to the FSPO’s Customer Charter. |
| **Intern, Tallans Solicitors LLP***June 2022 – January 2023* | I was tasked with assisting two partners across personal injury, medical negligence and public authority files including attending meetings and court. I prepared attendances, briefs, and booklets of discovery. I drafted and lodged PIAB applications after taking instructions from clients. I drafted correspondence to experts and counsel. I engrossed pleadings and draft motions and affidavits. I conducted legal research as requested.  |
| **Shop Assistant, Centra***April 2022 – January 2022* | I was tasked with greeting and servicing customers. I assisted in deliveries and handling customer complaints and transactions. I built strong relationships between team members and managers; these skills can be used in assisting potential legal clients. |
| **Shop Assistant, Dunnes Stores** *November 2018 – November 2019* | I was tasked with improving customers shopping experience by utilizing product knowledge to provide personalized recommendations. Operating cash registers while managing financial transactions and balancing drawers. Dealt with customers questions. This problem-solving aspect will be of significant use when considering legal issues. |
| **SKILLS** |  |
| **Teaching** | Contributed to teaching first year law students in tutorials. I have successfully completed my FAI kickstart one football coaching course. I assist in coaching my local club. |
| **Teamwork** | Successfully organised and raised over €20,0000 for a charity raffle with my football teammates. Have been a part of group presentations which have been awarded A+ grades. |
| **Problem Solving**  | Participated in the UCD Student Legal Service. Involved offering free legal advice to UCD students. Gained practical legal experience through advising students. Assisted in organising events such as the Annual Negotiation Competition. |
| **Leadership**  | I was a UCD peer mentor in second year. This involved obtaining a group of first year law students and introducing them to the college, along with bonding activities |
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| **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES** | Soccer, Gaelic football, basketball, chess, reading and traveling.  |

## References available on request.