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Personal Statement

I am a Master's Graduate of International Law and Business at University College Dublin. I have obtained a first-class honours degree, graduating top of my class with a GPA of 3.90. I have both legal and consulting experience having undertaken internships in the corporate and litigation departments of BHS Law Firm, the tax and property departments of ByrneWallace Law Firm and a consulting assignment with KPMG Ireland. In addition to this, I have been awarded 2nd prize in the Lewis Gaze Memorial Scholarship 2019 for my written work submitted to MARQUES on European trademark law.

Education

MSc International Law and Business **University College Dublin** **2018 – 2019**

Academic results: I graduated top of my class with a first-class honours degree and a GPA of 3.90.

Summer assignment undertaken in **Arthur Cox Law Firm**. Project titled: "*Social Media Content Moderators: A Best Practice Employment Policy.*"

BSc Business and Law **Dublin Institute of Technology** **2014 – 2018**

Academic results: Year 1 (72%) Year 2 (68%) Year 3 (66%) Year 4 (68%)

First-class honours thesis titled: "*Mergers and Acquisitions: How Deals Go Wrong.*"

Relevant Work Experience

Internship **BHSM Law Firm** **September 2019 – March 2020**

Corporate Department:

- I was actively engaged in undertaking corporate re-organisations, mergers and acquisitions, assisting with start-up companies, both private and government investments, and performing other corporate related matters across various industries.
- I was responsible for the initial drafting of various documents such as contracts for sale, shareholder agreements, consultancy agreements, business transfer agreements, licensing agreements, deeds of assignment of intellectual property, due diligence replies, company constitutions, share transfer forms, and other essential documentation.
- I drafted and submitted necessary documentation with the Companies Registration Office and the Office of the Revenue Commissioners.
- I liaised with clients, external solicitors, government agencies and relevant third parties.
- I conducted legal research concerning various issues across multiple industries.

Litigation Department:

- I assisted in the management of mortgage litigation and personal insolvency cases in both the Circuit Court and the High Court.
- I drafted documents such as affidavits, civil bills, orders for possession, letters of demand and other relevant notices and documents.
- I prepared briefs and attended on counsel in both the Circuit Court and the High Court.
- I ensured relevant documents were sworn and where appropriate, filed in both the Circuit Court office and the Central Office of the High Court.

Consulting Assignment **KPMG Ireland** **February – April 2019**

During my academic semester undertaken in Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School I was selected to undertake a consulting assignment for KPMG titled: "*The Private Banking Industry in Ireland*".

- I conducted an industry analysis of both the retail banking and private banking industries in Ireland.
- I determined the overall number and value of current accounts, mortgages, unsecured loans, savings accounts and credit cards in both the Irish retail and private banking markets.
- I investigated and illustrated the locations and the estimated value of offshore assets held by Irish residents.
- I acquired the fees and charges required to avail of investment and wealth management services with the incumbent players in the Irish market.
- I compiled a report of my findings, created a PowerPoint and presented the data to KPMG directors and staff.

Internship

ByrneWallace Law Firm

June – August 2018

Property Department:

- I assisted in undertaking both commercial and residential transactions.
- I drafted and submitted relevant forms with the Property Registration Authority.
- I provided support for all administrative tasks as required, including photocopying and filing of documents.
- I released and scheduled title documents.
- I was responsible for the general handling of files post completion.

Tax Department:

- I completed an in-depth research assignment for use in the joint tax and banking department's CPD event titled "*Facility Agreements and Tax Clauses in the Financial Services Industry*". My research concentrated on dividend withholding tax, VAT, stamp duty, and double taxation treaties.
- I drafted board minutes across various client matters which related to the issue of dividends, capital contributions, increases in management services fees and the appointment of a non-executive director.
- I assisted in the creation of the department's knowledge and precedent database by preparing, consolidating and sanitising a wide array of agreements, contracts and documents.

Call Centre Operative CarTrawler

June 2017 – May 2018

- I executed sales techniques to attain numerous sales to both international and domestic consumers.
- I utilised my communication and dispute resolution skills to ensure consumer satisfaction.
- I implemented attention to detail when preparing sales reports and overseeing financial transactions.

Key Attributes

- Self-motivated individual with well-developed management and IT skills. I am competent in Microsoft Office and I have been awarded an ECDL certificate and training in Keyhouse legal software.
- Highly developed interpersonal and communication skills developed through academic, personal and professional experiences.
- I am a critical thinker with excellent organisational skills.
- Strong individual and team player.
- I am fully motivated, energetic and consistently committed to achieving top results in all tasks undertaken.

Recent Achievements

- I have been awarded 2nd prize in the Lewis Gaze Memorial Scholarship 2019 for my written work submitted to MARQUES on European trademark law.
- I have completed the following FE1 examinations: Real Property (63%), Criminal Law (66%) and Law of Tort (50%).
- I have been awarded a certificate from the University of Groningen (Netherlands) for completing an online course titled "Understanding the GDPR".
- Ranked 1st UCD MSc International Law and Business Class of 2019.
- MSc International Law and Business Course Representative.