**Aoife McCarthy**

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**Profile**

Postgraduate law student at DIT with a keen interest in commercial law. Consistently high academic results and have achieved First Class Honours in DIT coursework to date. Completed a First Class Honours BSc Midwifery degree and graduated 2nd in class. Presented with the prestigious Elizabeth O’Farrell Award by The National Maternity Hospital in recognition of my excellence at work.

**Academic Qualifications**

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| **Year** | **Qualification** | **Institute** | **Award** |
| 2016-2017 | Postgraduate Diploma in Law | DIT | 1st Class Honours to date |
| 2011-2015 | BSc Midwifery | UCD | 1st Class Honours |
| 2005-2011 | Leaving Certificate | Alexandra College | 490/600 Points |

**Relevant Professional Experience**

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| **Title** | **Company** | **Date** |
| Intern | Liston & Company Solicitors | Dec, 2016 |

This internship provided me with an insight into the day to day workings of a law firm. My tasks involved attending court sessions alongside company solicitors, being responsible for the filing of motions and affidavits in the Central Office and amending legal documents. I meticulously proofed, assembled and organised deeds of trusts and reviewed client files and cases. In addition, I got beneficial client exposure through my attendance at client consultations.

**Key Achievements:**

* Gained a better understanding of what the practical role of a solicitor entails
* Fitted in well with the firm
* Received very positive feedback and encouragement from partners

**Other Professional Experience**

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| **Title** | **Company** | **Date** |
| Midwife | The National Maternity Hospital | Jan, 2015-Sept, 2016 |

As a midwife, I learnt to cope in demanding situations while still providing great care to patients and maintaining high working standards. I also worked both independently and as part of a team. In addition, I developed a number of transferable key skills which I could apply in the role of a corporate solicitor. These included meticulous attention to detail evidenced in writing comprehensive patient reports, strong analytical skills required for dealing with unexpected and serious events and as midwifery is a very interactive role this enabled me to enhance my communication skills.

In 2016, I was presented with the prestigious Elizabeth O’Farrell Award by The National Maternity Hospital for my exceptional performance as an intern. I was recognised for my ability to deal with high levels of responsibility, showing great initiative and for the high regard in which I was held amongst my colleagues and superiors. As Elizabeth O’Farrell had played such a significant role in the 1916 Easter Rising, it was particularly special to have received this award on the 100th anniversary of the Rising.

**Key Achievements:**

* Elizabeth O’Farrell Award
* Excelled in a fast-paced environment while dealing with high levels of responsibility
* Received exceptional support from the senior management midwifery team on returning to college

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| **Title** | **Company** | **Date** |
| Sales Assistant | Rosalins | 2009-2014 |

My tasks involved running the school book supply service, managing stock and deliveries and designing product displays. In addition, I was involved in training new employees and dealt with customer complaints and queries.

**Key Achievements:**

* Developed a new stock storage system which greatly improved efficiency within the business
* Revitalised the running of the school book supply service
* Built up great working relationships with colleagues and customers

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| Model | 1st Option Model Management | 2009-2013 |
| Sales Assistant | Hollister | 2012-2013 |
| Sales Assistant | Topshop Chicago | June-Aug, 2013 |

**Other Achievements**

**Academic**

Chosen to represent the UCD BSc Midwifery course at the Annual Midwifery Conference. This was in recognition of my high academic results. 2014

**Philanthropy**

Women’s Mini Marathon for The National Maternity Hospital Foundation. 2015

UCD Fashion Show: 2012, 2014

* Organised, ran and modelled in the fashion shows
* Obtained sponsorship from companies which included Spin 1038, Stellar Magazine and Nissan
* Raised €5,000 for the Marc Owens Medical Fund and €10,000 for the Jack Kavanagh Fund
* Gained a great understanding of the benefits derived from effective teamwork

Assisted with The National Maternity Hospital Foundation Fashion Show. 2012, 2013

**Ann Kavanagh’s Young People’s Theatre** 1998-2011

* Won a number of Feis Maitiu Awards
* Developed great confidence and communication skills which have benefited me considerably in presentations and public speaking

**Hobbies and Skills**

**Sport:** Thoroughly enjoy running, cycling and yoga. Member of UCD Sport & Fitness and a local running club. Participate in UCD tag rugby leagues.

**Reading**: Particular interest in history, current affairs and fiction.

**Travel:** Organised and financed travel around the United States and Europe.

**IT:** Completed ECDL. Proficient in the use of Microsoft Word, Powerpoint and Excel.

**Driving license:** Full clean driving licence.

**Society Memberships**

DIT Law Society Sept 2016 – Date

**Professional References**

Available on request