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PROFILE

I am a recent Neuroscience graduate of University College Cork now seeking a change in direction to the legal field. This has led me to a PgDip in DIT where I am now studying Law with the ambition of becoming a solicitor. I am a motivated and focussed graduate with highly transferable research and interpersonal skills that would add immediate value to any law firm.

EDUCATION

2017-2018 **Postgraduate Diploma in Law**, Dublin Institute of Technology

Assignments include (to date): Research task on Legislative Interpretation; An essay outlining the current legal status of “subject to contract”; The recent stance in the Irish jurisdiction to Delay in the courts.

Subjects: Company Law, Property Law, Law of Tort, Equity Law, Constitutional Law, Contract Law, European Union Law, Criminal Law, and Core Legal Skills.

2012-2016 **BSc Neuroscience** (2.1 Honours), University College Cork, Ireland

Thesis: Analysis of the microglial response to adeno-associated viral overexpression of alpha-synuclein and GFP in a rodent model of Parkinson’s Disease.

Subjects include: Advanced Research Methodology in Neuroscience, Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience, Molecular Basis of Brain Disorders, Neuropharmacology, Developmental Neurobiology.

2006-2012 **Leaving Certificate** (7 Honours 530 points), Mount Mercy College, Cork
Higher Level: Biology (A1) Chemistry (A2), English (A2), Maths (B1), French (B2), Irish (B2), Classical Studies (B2)

CAREER HISTORY

Legal & Research Experience

2018 **Work Experience Placement** in the Litigation Department of Maples and Calder for 1 week.

- Compilation of case note summaries for internal know-how.
- Provided administrative assistance with updating booklets for Court.
- Completed project for Business Development purposes for a Partner.

Barrister Shadowing with Mr John Kennedy in the Four Courts, and Mr Kevin White in the Central Criminal Courts for 1 day each.

2015 **Research Assistant**, Hotchkiss Brain Institute, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
I was assigned two projects; an investigation of the contribution of the A11 into spinal-mediated locomotion, and how stress affects neuronal plasticity following spinal cord injury.

- Delivered lab and departmental presentations on novel research.
- Performed a variety of laboratory procedures such as immunohistochemical staining, brain and spinal cord isolations, fluorescent microscopy imaging, cryo-stating.
- Learned to use and navigate new software such as Image J, Clever Sys, GraphPad.
- Data compilation and statistical analysis using IBM SPSS.

Customer Service/Administration Experience

2016 **Customer Service Associate**, Amazon.co.uk, Cork

- Responded to live calls, chats and emails from customers throughout the UK and Ireland.
- Solved customer queries and order issues real-time in a target-focussed, fast-paced & competitive environment.
- Advised customers on their consumer rights, return policies, and kept up to date with company policies and protocols on recurring issues.

2014-2015 **Receptionist & Promotion and Sales Officer**, University College Cork Student Union

- Managed queries, complaints, ticket sales, cloak room duties, advertising and logistical arrangements for all SU events.
- Organisation of SU election ballot counting, ensuring all policies regarding ballot privacy, spoiling, etc upheld.

2014-2015 **Office Assistant in Buildings & Estates Office**, University College Cork

- Digitised office's records via scanning, archiving and digital file management.

2011-2015 **Front of House Staff**, Cork Symphony Orchestra, Cork Fleischmann Symphony Orchestra

- Ticket sales, customer queries during events.

INTERESTS

Reading & Writing: Avid reader since childhood. Keep up to date with legislative developments through articles from WestLaw.ie and major Dublin law firms on LinkedIn. Wrote and maintained a blog for 1 year as a teenager regarding evolution and secularism which amounted to an average 10,000 views monthly and close to 450,000 views in total throughout the blog's duration.

Languages and Travelling: Travelled extensively throughout Europe, parts of Canada and Brazil. Lived in Brazil for 8 months to learn Portuguese and experience the culture. Enjoy meeting new people, engaging with new cultures, ideas and environments.

Sport: Passionate Skier and Snowboarder. Active member of UCC Ski and Surf Clubs.

SKILLS

Research & Problem Solving: Strong research skills developed from novel, state-of-the-art research projects in UCC and Canada. Highly analytical, capable of rationally, resourcefully and creatively solving problems arising from fast-paced, demanding research environments. Attentive to detail.

Communication: Deliver presentations logically, dynamically and clearly, and deal with questions/criticism well under pressure. Capable of writing reports, articles and formal business correspondence.

Interpersonal Skills: Developed strong interpersonal skills through customer service experience. Attentive, empathetic, and strong listening skills, capable of simplifying confusing concepts into simple, non-technical language.

I.T.: Competent in Microsoft Office, IBM SPSS statistical analysis software, behavioural analysis program TopScan, and the image processing program ImageJ. Highly capable of navigating and learning new software.

Languages: Fluent Portuguese (6-month Portuguese course in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), basic French (summer course in Alliance Française, Paris), and Irish.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Awarded £4000 of summer research project funding via the Biomedical Vacation Scholarship of Wellcome Trust, UK for my proposed project regarding Nutrition and Metabolism in Age-Related Cognitive Decline.