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Second year student in University College Cork pursuing a Law degree. Hardworking, highly motivated and loyal person with a great interest in law, politics and sport. Presently looking to gain experience by partaking in a law internship for the summer of 2020.

EDUCATION

2018 – Present **BCL (Law), University College Cork**

Modules:

The Law of Evidence I 65%	Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights 66%
Sources and Foundations of Environmental Law 63%	Law of Property I 60%
Economic Law of the European Union 61%	Law of Torts I 56%
Law of the European Union 58%	Law of Torts II 61%
Clinical Legal Skills - Group Work & Presentation pass	Foundations of the Legal System 56%
Law of Contract 55%	Criminal Law 46%

Assignments Include:

Fundamental Rights

Individual project on whether a child's constitutional right to a free primary education is being vindicated by the State. This was accomplished by referring to the 1937 Constitution and previous cases on a child's right to a free primary education. It was concluded that his constitutional right was not vindicated due to failures on the States behalf. **Result: 2H1**

Domestic Violence Act 2018

This was a group project of 4 people on whether coercive control in the Irish Domestic Violence Act 2018 is being implemented adequately. Personal role: Project manager who effectively managed the objectives to be reached, examined the subject from a comparative viewpoint with reference to other jurisdictions. Turned the project into a PowerPoint so it could be presented to our professors and peers. **Result: 2H1**

2012 - 2018: **Midleton CBS, Midleton, Co. Cork, Ireland**
Leaving Certificate

WORK EXPERIENCE

Shadowing Barrister, The Bar of Ireland, Dublin. January 2016 – January 2016

- Took part in a weeklong transition year programme ran by The Bar of Ireland.
- Assigned to a Barrister who guided us around for the week.
- Attended various talks given by legal professionals.
- Participated in an interactive Mock Trial.
- Attended several trials in the Four Courts and Criminal Court of Justice.

Sales Assistant, Days Eurospar Whitegate, Co Cork. May 2016 - Present

- Deal with customer queries and issues, ensuring a consistent level of customer service at all times.
- Working within a large team to ensure store meets and exceeds sales goals through on the floor customer interaction.
- Advising customers and assisting with product selection.
- Reliably manage large sums of money.
- Successfully adapt to different roles at short notice.
- Assist in training new employees.

SKILLS PROFILE

Technical Skills

- Microsoft Office Suite (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Various legal research databases
- Adobe photoshop
- Full Clean driving License

Communication Skills and Teamwork Skills

- Communication skills established throughout education by means of group projects and assignments.
- Well-developed communication skills developed throughout my four years working as a sales assistant.
- Able to effectively work within a team with my work colleagues in order to ensure all daily goals are met.

Organisational

- Experienced at managing time and prioritising tasks to accomplish projects efficiently and meet deadlines.

INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Sport:** A member of Aghada GAA club since 2006. Have won multiple County and regional championships in both hurling and football.
- **Social media:** Enjoy spending my spare time moderating Facebook pages and groups. Built up a Leaving cert page to over 55,000 likes in 2017. Also helped build a group for a TV show to over 160,000 members.

REFERENCES - AVAILABLE ON REQUEST