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**PROFILE**

Dedicated and enthusiastic Law with Economics graduate (2.1) from University College Dublin with strong interpersonal, research and critical analysis skills. I have keen interests in EU & competition law, media law, company law and IP law, and I am driven to be a reliable and key team member. I have significant experience working in a professional environment as an Intern in Eugene F. Collins Solicitors and Hayes Solicitors, and as a Legal Researcher at Peter McDonnell Solicitors and the UCD Student Legal Service. I am looking forward to establishing a career as a solicitor in a challenging professional environment.

**EDUCATION**

**2014 – 2018 Law with Economics (BCL)**

*University College Dublin*

* Modules studied: Financial law of the EU; Revenue Law; Commercial Law; Employment Law; IP Law; Media Law; Banking Law; Competition Law; Jurisprudence and all FE1 examinable modules.
* Completed a legal research project entitled ‘Institutional Analysis of the European Capital Markets Union’.
* 2.1 Honours Achieved.

**2008 – 2014 Leaving Certificate**

*Gonzaga College S.J*.

* Leaving Cert - 520 Points.

**PROFESSIONAL & WORK EXPERIENCE**

**05/2018 – Present Editor-in-Chief**

*The University Observer* *University College Dublin*

* I lead and motivate a team of almost 40 editors, 10 staff writers and ~30 contributors for each print issue while managing the day-to-day operation of the paper and organising regular online content. I am ultimately responsible for all operations, policies and content produced. My duties include reviewing all content for accuracy and ensuring compliance with the Press Council’s Code of Practice and the Defamation Act 2009.
* I am responsible for developing *The University Observer* as an independent business, liaising and forming relationships with advertisers and sponsors, budgeting and organising events. Additionally, I handle reader complaints and post-publication issues, ensure student welfare, recruit staff and develop students’ abilities.
* I have conducted workshops on the relevant provisions of the Defamation Act 2009, the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and have received training in these areas from a solicitor and FOI advocacy group, *Right to Know*.
* I represent *The University Observer* at events, stakeholder meetings and on a weekly news radio show.

**05/2018 – 07/2018 Private Client/EU & Regulated Markets Intern**

*Eugene F. Collins Burlington Road*

* Over the course of the internship, my duties included:
  + Undertaking research on EU procurement rules and associated case law; witnessing wills and power of attorneys; supporting fee earners on merger agreements; drafting board minutes; filing documents at the CRO; preparing bibles for fee earners; drafting attendance notes; liaising with the Revenue Commissioners, the CRO, the PRAI and other regulatory bodies. I also worked alongside senior solicitors advising on the preparation and administration of wills, estates and trusts.
* At the end of the internship, I gave a presentation on developments in employment law relating to age discrimination.

**01/2018 – 02/2018 Commercial Law Intern**

*Hayes Solicitors Earlsfort Terrace*

While working in a commercial law firm, I gained experience of case management systems, of mediation and of client engagement. I worked on projects and cases involving data protection and GDPR compliance, defamation, sexual abuse and personal injuries cases. Additionally, I worked on cases involving corporate governance & compliance, debt recovery and distressed loan management and other commercial litigation. My main responsibilities included:

* + Researching and drafting advice for clients on projects; preparing papers for Counsel; taking attendance; researching and writing online articles on recent developments and summaries of changes in the law; drafting letters and registering deeds, motions and affidavits.

**10/2017 – 05/2018 Legal Researcher**

*Peter McDonnell Solicitors*

* Experience researching and writing articles and digests on noteworthy cases relevant to the firm’s practice. I have written on several areas of law including cases arising from the worldwide recall of DePuy hip replacement products, sexual harassment and sexual abuse cases, serious road traffic accident cases, and cases involving Direct Provision.

**06/2017 – 08/2017 Financial Services Tax Intern**

**08/2017 – 04/2017 Brand Ambassador**

*Ernst & Young Harcourt Street*

* Business Tax Advisory & Compliance Intern focusing on audit of tax and corporation tax compliance for wealth & asset management, aircraft leasing, and banking clients.
* Gained knowledge of the needs and corporate structures of funds, section 110 companies, and other entities, as well as experience of tax accountancy software, client-site engagements, and project management. At EY, I furthered my understanding of the Irish tax system. Some of my duties included:
  + Interacting with the Revenue Commissioners, drafting client queries, engagement letters, reports, and tax opinions, attending weekly meetings and liaising with senior staff.
* I was directly involved with the Corporate Social Responsibility and Charity Committees where I organized events and raised funds for sponsored charities.
* **Project Manager and finalist** for the EY Summer Internship Business Challenge.

**08/2017 – 08/2018 Student Ambassador**

**08/2018 – Present** **Senior Student Ambassador**

*University College Dublin*

* Duties included: giving campus tours to prospective students and sharing my experience of UCD with prospective students.
* Managing teams of student ambassadors at events such as UCD Open Day.
* Promoting UCD at external events such as the National Ploughing Championships and Higher Options fair.

**06/2015 – 08/2015 Finance Intern**

*Nissan Ireland Park West Business Park*

* As a Finance Intern, I worked closely with senior colleagues on key performance processes and learned to develop financial budgets, plans, and forecasts to further business objectives, complete timesheet reviews, review invoices, and deal with creditor queries.

**ACHIEVEMENTS, INTERESTS & EXTRACURRICULARS**

* Winner of the **European Commission Award 2018** (€1000 cash prize).
* Habitat for Humanity Ireland volunteer in Zambia.
* Fluent Irish speaker.

**2017 – 2018** **News Editor**

**2016 – 2017** **Business & Careers Editor**

*The University Observer*

**04/2017 – 04/2018** **Legal Researcher & Editor**

*Student Legal Service*

* Key role in UCD’s free legal advice centre, providing direction to students on issues relating to employment law, tenancy and other areas.
* Editor of ‘80 Years of Bunreacht na hÉireann’ (2018).
* Edited and contributed to the ‘Taxation and Fiscal Policy’ chapter of ‘The Legal Effects of EU Membership’ (2017).
* Judged the annual UCD Negotiation Competition.

**2015 – 2016** **Peer Mentor**

*University College Dublin*

**2015 – 2016** **Treasurer**

**2014 – 2015** **Events Officer & First Year Representative**

*UCD Economics Society*