**Caoimhe Dunne**

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**Personal statement:** I am a psychology graduate currently completing a postgraduate diploma in law with a keen interest to pursue a career in an innovative and client focused commercial law firm.

**Education**

**Postgraduate Diploma in Law** *(2016-2017*)

Dublin Institute of Technology

*Subjects:* Law of Tort, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Company Law, Law of Property.

**BA International In Psychology** *(2012-2016)*

(2.1 Honours/GPA: 3.53)

University College Dublin

*Thesis:* **Investigating the relationships between gender, self-esteem, degree type and career indecision in Irish Undergraduate Students.**

* Researched and reviewed previous literature on the area
* Conducted surveys among the student bodies of UCD, DCU and NUIG
* Used SPSS to analyse data and investigate instances in which career indecision was reduced

**Exchange Year** *(Academic Year 2014-2015)*

Boston College

Santa Sabina, Dominican College *(2006-2012)*

**Leaving Certificate:** **525 points**

**Employment History**

***Waitress***  *2016-January 2017*

*Beshoffs of Howth* Howth, Dublin 13

* Provided friendly and efficient customer service, using Italian with tourists as necessary
* Handled a range of financial transactions on a daily basis
* Ensured stock levels were maintained and replenished

**Retail Assistant** *2015-2016*

*Brown Thomas* Grafton Street, Dublin 2

* Member of a 15 person team engaging in sales
* Advised and informed customers about a wide variety of products
* Dealt with customer queries and complaints in a professional manner
* Worked effectively under pressure with other retail assistants to provide quality customer service

**Receptionist/ Dental Assistant** *2013-2014*

*Plaza Dental Practice*  Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

* Liased between customers and the dental team to ensure the best patient care
* Dealt discreetly with confidential records whilst maintaining a high level of professional conduct
* Communicated with patients clearly and with empathy

**Achievements**

* Elected Class Representative of the DIT Postgraduate Diploma in Law
* Elected UCD Psychology Class Representative (2012 -2013)
* Sat on the UCD Student Council for the academic year (2012-2013)
* Awarded the Anne Wynne Memorial Award for Excellence in Languages (2012)
* Second Year Prefect and Member of the Debs Committee (2012)

**Interests**

* **Law:** Member of DIT Law Society. Keep up to date with developments in the industry.
* **Sport**: Active member of the local gym and swimming pool. Currently learning to box. Have a keen interest in surfing. Qualified beach and pool lifeguard.
* **Reading**: Avid reader of thrillers, novels and biographies.
* **Current Affairs**: I like to stay up to date on both domestic and foreign affairs by consulting news outlets on a daily basis.
* **Cinema and Theatre:** Student member of both the IFI and the New Theatre. Regularly attend film screenings and theatre performances.
* **Travel:** Travelled extensively in the US and Europe and have a keen interest in foreign culture and history. Experience living and working in different environments and enjoy experiencing new cultures.

**Skills**

**Adaptability and Diversity of Experience:**

* I believe I have a strong ability to adapt to new and diverse experiences, as can be seen from my desire to pursue a career in Law following the completion of my degree in Psychology.
* This can also be seen from my time spent studying abroad. In 2010 I attended an Italian school in Treviso for 3 months to become more proficient in the language, I also spent a summer working in Florence in 2013. I was one of two UCD students given the opportunity to study in Boston College for one academic year.

**Communication:**

* Achieved A2 grades in Italian, English and Irish in the Leaving Certificate and consider myself to have high written and oral competencies in each.
* Can deliver presentations concisely and logically.
* Successfully completed a public speaking course in 2016.

**Relationships:**

* Developing and maintaining relationships is incredibly important to me. Being elected class representative by my peers at DIT and UCD was a great honour.
* I hope to continue to improve upon this skill both in my relationships with colleagues and in my relationships with clients as I grow into a career in law.

**Team Player:**

* I have always endeavoured to work diligently and collaboratively on group assignments such as those required on the UCD student council. I believe that being able to work well as part of a team is an invaluable skill.

**Referees**

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