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PROFILE

I am an FE1 candidate. I sat four FE1 examinations in October 2016 and plan to sit the remaining four in March 2017. I graduated with a 2.1 Bachelor of Civil Law European Degree from University College Dublin in September 2016. From May through to August this year I completed an internship at Eversheds Solicitors, working with the Mortgage Enforcement team in the litigation department. In January 2016 I gained legal work experience in a multi-disciplinary practice, and had previously spent two weeks in the legal department of Northern Trust during the summer of 2015. In 2014 I studied European Law in Uppsala, Sweden for one year.

EDUCATION

- **Bachelor of Civil Law European (BCL)**, University College Dublin 2012 - 2016
- **BCL European Erasmus Year**, University of Uppsala 2014 - 2015
- **Bachelor of Science**, Trinity College Dublin 2011 - 2012
- **Leaving Certificate**, Castletroy College 2005 - 2011

CAO Points: 520

First Year GPA 3.28 (Second Class Honours – 2.1 Degree)

Second Year GPA 3.30 (Second Class Honours – 2.1 Degree)

Third Year: Erasmus Year

Final Year GPA 3.37 (Second Class Honours – 2.1 Degree)

FE1 Examinations Results Pending in: Tort, Contract, Property and Equity

WORK EXPERIENCE

Eversheds Solicitors

May 2016 – August 2016

Summer Internship

Practice areas: Litigation, Mortgage Enforcement

- Took instruction from clients and corresponded with clients and debtors
- Contributed to weekly team meetings
- Briefed counsel and attended court
- Served legal proceedings and enforced execution orders
- Liaised with the Eversheds office in Cardiff

Rosemary Scallan & Co Solicitors

January 2016

Internship Position

Practice areas: Family Law, Litigation, Probate & Wills, Conveyancing, Commercial Matters

- Prepared files for District Court cases pending trial
- Attended hearings in Bray District Court
- Communicated with clients and other legal advisors by phone and correspondence

Student Legal Services

September 2015 – May 2016

Legal Advisor

Practice areas: Landlord and Tenant, Employment, Consumer Law

- Performed legal research on issues in areas such as landlord and tenant law, employment law and commercial law
- Advised students on the legal process through confidential meetings, and provided them with accurate and effective legal information
- Developed excellent verbal and written communication skills

Northern trust Fund Services

August 2015

Internship Position

Practice Areas: Banking, Contract, Financial Services Regulation Law

- Attended international client conference calls and fiduciary meetings
- Designed a more efficient and user friendly archive system for client documents
- Learned about regulated investment fund administration and depositary business

Södermanlands-Nerikes and Norrlands Nation**September 2014 – May 2015**

An integral part of student life in Sweden is membership of a Nation. These are organisations responsible for arranging activities and events specifically for students. They also afford an opportunity to work in hospitality and event management.

- Checked ID cards and collected entrance money
- Promoted events using social media
- Worked as part of a team in an international community

Orthopaedic Consultant Rooms**Summer Work, 2011 - 2014**

Secretarial Assistant

- Proof read patient correspondence, often of a confidential nature
- Filed patient records both hard copy and e-files
- Interacted with patients in person and over the phone

VOLUNTEER WORK**Eversheds Pro Bono Research Project****June 2016 – August 2016**

- Collaborated with interns and trainees to research community care in common law jurisdictions
- Wrote a memo on aged care legislation in Australia

Volunteer, UCD St Vincent De Paul**September 2015 – June 2016**

- Prepared and distributed hot drinks and food to members of the homeless community in Dublin city centre

100 Minds Participant**December 2015 – April 2016**

A fundraising initiative through which I raised €1898 for Childline

- Organised readathons for primary schools
- Designed reading trackers for participants
- Sought sponsorship and prizes from local businesses

Peer Mentor, UCD Peer Mentor Programme**August 2013 – May 2016**

- Provided advice and support services for first year students and remained as a point of contact throughout the transition from second level to university.

General Volunteer, Special Olympics Limerick**June 2010**

- Guided spectators to events and distributed leaflets and wristbands.

TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

- IT Skills: Microsoft Office Specialist (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)
- Full Irish driving license with no penalty points
- Barista Coffee Brewing Certificate
- Irish Water Safety Lifeguard (IWS)
- Basic First Aid qualification
- Classical Piano and Violin to Grade 5 with the Royal Irish Academy
- Conversational Spanish and completion of an Intensive Basic Swedish Language Course

INTERESTS

I am a keen tennis player and I enjoy pilates and yoga. While working in Eversheds I participated in a 5km charity run and sports day. I was an active member of UCD Law Society and UCD Student Legal Services throughout my degree. I enjoy all types of music and play the piano and violin. I am an avid reader, and this inspired me to hold readathons in order to raise money for Childline. I love to cook and experiment with new dishes from around the world, usually attempting to explore the use of new ingredients to boost nutritional value. I am widely travelled having studied and lived in a number of countries. I am a dual citizen of Ireland and the U.S., and lived in Sweden on my Erasmus year.

REFERENCES**Academic Reference**

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