**Chris Woods**

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**Education**

2014 – 2018 University College Dublin – Bachelor of Business and Law 2.1 Average

Relevant Modules:
Contract Law, Constitutional Law, EU Law, Property Law, Tort, Company Law, Equity and Trusts, Administrative Law, Employment Law, Banking Law, Planning Law

2008 – 2014 St Oliver’s Community College Drogheda

Leaving Certificate 515 points

**Experience**

**June 2017 – August 2017 Revenue Control Intern, Electric Ireland, Dublin**

Electric Ireland, a subsidiary of the ESB group is Irelands largest electricity retailer.

Responsibilities:

* Allocation of payments to customer electricity accounts.
This position required a high level of responsibility and confidentiality. I allocated large payments to commercial electricity accounts and organised payment plans to minimise company losses.
* Set up of international bank transfers and direct debits
Communication with Irish and International banks to set up new payment methods and resolve ongoing payment issues. This required persistence and charisma when dealing with bank officials. In addition, a high level of attention to detail was required to ensure regulatory compliance and minimise delays in payment.
* Monthly balance sheet reconciliation. Completing end of month reports required stringent time management and attention to detail to minimise end of month losses.
* Compliance with data protection policy and implementation of GDPR when dealing with customer details.

**May 2016 – June 2016 Legal Intern, Anthony Joyce and Company Solicitors, Dublin**

General Practice solicitors with approximately 15 employees, specialising in Insolvency Law in addition to property, and general litigation.

* Property Department – most of my placement was spent in the property department. I gained experience in the scheduling of title deeds, updating and responding to client queries, consultation with the Property Registration Authority and checking and dealing with charges placed on client’s properties.
* Litigation Department – I assisted during several personal injury cases. During this time, I prepared briefs for counsel, drafted letters to defendant solicitors and the personal injuries board, while also assisting solicitors in the four courts during trial.
* Insolvency Department – some of my time was spent assisting the insolvency department, involving preparation of briefs and assisting solicitors during bankruptcy hearings.

**January 2015 – January 2017 High Rope Instructor, Cashier, Group Leader Funtasia Theme Parks and Casinos, Bettystown and Drogheda**

Funtasia is a family entertainment company based in the North East. They have several large attractions including Irelands largest indoor waterpark, a high rope course, bowling, and 3 casinos.

* Cashier – I worked in the casino and bingo halls paying out customers and dealing with general queries. As part of the role I had target KPIs. Achieving these targets improved my negotiation and communication skills.
* Skyclimb instructor – This role involved preparing and assisting customers through a 50ft aerial assault course. As part of this position I was trained in rope rescues and all aspects of health and safety at heights.
* Promotions - I promoted Funtasia’s attractions and brand at public events throughout the North and East. Time management was extremely important when organising several promotional events on the same day.
* Group Leader – During the summer months I led and arranged, activities and entertainment for school tour groups, youth groups, hen, and stag days. This boosted my leadership skills as I was managing large groups of people of all ages. It was of particular importance on high risk activities such as the Skyclimb where health and safety were extremely important.

**Interests and Hobbies**

* Student Legal Service
* I hold the position of Legal Clinic Co-ordinator.
This role involves organising the free legal information clinics run by the Student Legal Service, researching legal queries and providing valuable information to students on a voluntary basis.
* Logistics officer on the 2017 Student Legal Convention committee.
This is Irelands largest student legal event which features topical discussions and debates from members of the judiciary, legal professionals and government ministers.
* Legal Writing.
Last semester I conducted research into the new European General Data Protection Regulation and submitted an article to the UCD SLS annual publication. This was published on 20th of April.
* Green Campus Committee
* I was frustrated with the lack of recycling in UCD. As a result, I joined the UCD Green Campus committee in a bid to reduce the universities environmental impact. I recently brought a recycling proposal to UCD Estate Services to increase the level of recycling, reduce waste and educate the student population on green initiatives. This was accepted in the past week, and management have agreed to trial recycling facilities on a phased basis.
* Public Speaking
* Judge in the McCann FitzGerald Negotiation Competition 2017
* Winner of the North East Macra na Feirme regional public speaking competition 2014
* James Joyce Maidens Debating Competition 2014 -3rd Round
* Winner of the Coca Cola Gr8 Debate 2012
* Climbing
* During my time at Funtasia I became a Certified High Rope Instructor. Since then I have begun indoor rock climbing at Awesome Walls centre in Finglas County Dublin, and have joined the UCD mountaineering club.
* Cycling
* I cycle as a non-competitive pursuit. In 2016 I Completed the Rabodirect Tour de Picnic 80km charity cycle to raise funds for the Jack and Jill Foundation, ISPCC and Headway.

**Achievements**

* Published article on Data Protection in the UCD Student Legal Service Publication 2017
* Second Highest National result in Leaving Certificate Technology 2014
* Paul Hoey/ Marita McGuinness award 2014 (for active participation in school life)
* Second place in the National Young Technologist Competition 2012
* Bronze Crest Award from the British Science Association for a project on food safety
* Bronze Gaisce Award

**Referees**

* Anthony Joyce – Principal at Anthony Joyce and Company Solicitors

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* Jimmy Milne – Revenue and Payments Manager at Electric Ireland

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