

Cliona O'Brien

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Date of Birth: 27/03/1997

Education:

2017-present: Final Year Law (BCL), University College Cork.

2009-2015: St. Aloysius Secondary School, Sharman Crawford Street Cork City, Ireland.

Academic History:

Final Year (Semester 1) University Law Results: Average 67% (2:1)

Leaving Certificate Results 2015: 490 points. St. Aloysius Academic Award Winner 2013. Appointed Deputy Head Girl of Student Body, elected Treasurer of the School Council and Chairperson of Peer Mentoring Executive.

Relevant Legal Experience:

Nasc, Cork 2019: I conducted an in depth legal compliance review of the 2015 McMahon Report. I created an economical analysis framework which was used to investigate Oireachtas implementation since publication in 2015. I also transposed Freedom of Information requests and provided reform outcomes.

Women In Law Director of UCC Law Society 2018/19: Primary Director of a National Legal Forum. I organised a CPD Certified Conference for both practitioners and students, examining Gender Equality within the Irish Legal Sphere. I secured corporate sponsorship, convened speakers, liaised with members of the judiciary and high profile speakers, and led a student executive committee. The Forum was recognised by national media including The Law Society *Gazette*. In addition, I hosted a separate open panel discussion between legal experts and university students on the topic of sexual offences.

Editorial Board for the Cork Online Law Review 2017/2018: Edited, examined, and ensured OSCOLA reference compliance of legal articles for UCC Law Schools non-profit Law Review.

Legal Representative of UCC Environmental Society 2018/19: Researched information on environmental legal issues, to harness student awareness of the link between the law and the environment.

FLAC Volunteer: Advised students on a variety of legal issues and attended professional training sessions.

Digital Badge in Independent Legal Thinking: Selected to undertake an extra-credit university module on the psychology behind jurisprudence and the wider scope of society.

Previous Employment:

Novecento Restaurant, Cork: *February 2018 – present:* Front of House in fast paced pizzeria.

Haveli Indian Cuisine, Cork.: *August-December 2017:* Waitress in Indian restaurant.

Moon Sushi Restaurant, Vancouver, Canada: *May – August 2017:* Leader of Junior serving staff.

Bookstation, Douglas Village, Cork: *March-September 2016:* Sales Assistant in a local book shop.

Smyths Toys Superstore, Cork. *September-December 2015:* Customer Service provider and stockist.

Dennehys Cross Dental Care, Cork. *August 2014:* Seasonal receptionist; organising dental appointments.

Voluntary Work:

Sexual Violence Centre, Cork: Frequent volunteer in awareness generating events. Raised 2,000 Euro in funds through conference sponsorship and charitable events in 2019.

Surf2Heal: Each Summer, I teach autistic children aged between the ages of 4-19 how to surf.

S.H.A.R.E: Past executive member of a charity which helps the homeless elderly of Cork City. Recipient of "SHARE Perpetual Cup" by President Michael D. Higgins for substantial commitment to the organisation.

Personal Interests:

Sports: Active Runner (Frequently engaging in half marathon running events).

Music: Grade 6 Piano (Royal Irish Academy).

Languages: Working Proficiency in German (C1 level attained at Heidelberg University Summer School 2018).

References – Available on Request.