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**Education:**

CBS Tramore, St Otteran’s Terrace, Tramore (2010-2014).

Ardscoil Na Mara, Summerhill, Tramore (2014-2015).

Leaving Certificate Results 2015 – (420 Points).

Waterford Institute of Technology (September 2015 – Present)

LL.B Bachelor of Laws Year 1 – Average Result: 72%. (Distinction).

LL.B Bachelor of Laws Year 2 (Semester 1) – Constitutional Law – 70%; Criminal Law – 70%; European Union Law – 71%; Insurance Law – 70%; Labour Law – 68%; and Land Law – 66%.

**Work Experience:**

**Peter O'Connor & Son Solicitors, Waterford** (May 2016 - Present)

Completed a 12 week summer internship in one of the South East’s leading law firms. The internship was extended from October 2016 to a work placement.

General duties included:

* Assisted with the annual audit - ensuring Anti-Money Laundering was completed on files, Section 68 letters on files, correct identification of clients on file and Statue of Limitations dates written on file labels where applicable – achieving gold standard Q9000 certification for risk, compliance and quality management systems;
* Opening and closing files on Cortbase and Harvest Law databases;
* Drafting correspondence to clients in relation to updating wills, collection of title deeds and miscellaneous matters;
* Archiving files in compliance with file birth certificate and death certificate office policies;
* Filing of correspondence and pleadings;
* Collating the wills system and transferring onto online databases;
* Securing documents for swearing in other solicitor firms;
* Assisted solicitors in Waterford District Court and Waterford Circuit Court;
* Attended and took notes of client consultations with solicitors and barristers;
* Undertaking of reception duties, including answering phones, liaising with clients, registering and franking post, binding District Court and Circuit Court submissions and high value banking;
* Printing, copying and shredding; and
* Assisting in the Revenue Sheriff’s Office by dealing with debtors.

**Loved Again Charity Shop, Tramore, Waterford** (July 2014 – August 2015)

Volunteered over a period of 13 months in a large charity shop, donating profits to local charities. Duties included working on the till; stock rotation; on the floor sales; and pricing items.

**State Examinations Commission:**

Superintendent (June 2016) – Worked as an Emergency Superintendent in a Special Centre supervising a Leaving Certificate candidate, reading State Examination Commission rules prior to the examination and ensuring the exam scripts were returned to the base centre upon completion of the examination.

Attendant (June 2014) – I was appointed in a short-term capacity by a secondary school. Duties included bringing the exam boxes to the centre, assisting the Exam Superintendent, signing out early exam leavers and securing mobile phones in a secure area.

**Law Interests**

I founded the **WIT Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC) Society**. In collaboration with FLAC Ireland, WIT FLAC organise free ‘Legal Information Clinics’ for students of WIT. I communicate directly with solicitors and barristers across the South East to secure their services. As Chairperson, I chair meetings, delegate responsibilities amongst the Committee and I drafted the Society Constitution, which was approved by FLAC Ireland. We are the only Institute of Technology with an active FLAC Society, promoting access to justice. Clinics are run on a monthly basis for the purpose of informing students of their legal rights and assisting them with their queries in a confidential environment.

WIT FLAC raises awareness on social issues, organises guest speakers, debates, social justice projects and provides students with the opportunity to submit articles for FLAC’s magazine on law reform. Notable events that I organised this year included Dr Fergus Ryan’s guest lecture ‘Human Rights, Equality, Diversity and the LGBTI Community: How much has changed one year on from the Marriage Referendum’, Senator Grace O’Sullivan’s talk entitled ‘Climate change, Greenpeace and being a Senator’ and an upcoming debate regarding the 8th Amendment which is due to feature Minister John Halligan and WIT President Professor Willie Donnelly.

I am an active member of **WIT Law Society** and was elected in 2016-2017 Secretary of WIT Law Society. My main duties as Secretary include taking notes at all meetings of the Law Society, remaining in regular contact with members and organising the WIT Law Ball. As Secretary, I organised the registration of attendees at the Irish Association of Law Teachers Conference in November 2016 and assisted speakers at the event.

I am a member of **WIT European Law Students’ Association (ELSA) Society**. I was an integral member of a team that reached the quarter-finals in the ELSA Moot Court Competition in the Court of Criminal Justice in February 2016. I drafted the pleadings for the team, receiving the second highest mark for written submission and we were the highest placed Institute of Technology.

I am an active member of Amnesty International, writing letters on a variety domestic and international issues. I have written to various government officials around the world regarding Amnesty’s ambitions.

**Non-Law Interests**

I have a passion for music and currently study Royal Irish Academy of Music Piano at Grade VIII level. I have been playing piano for 10 years and I also enjoy singing and playing the flute.

I have been heavily involved in charity work. I co-organised both the CBS Tramore ‘Shave-Or-Dye’ 2014 campaign, earning over €1000 for the Irish Cancer Society and the Ardscoil Na Mara ‘From Darkness into Light’ run and fundraising events for Pieta House.

I thoroughly enjoy sport and being active. I play 6-a-side soccer in a local Waterford league and have won several tennis competitions. In 2012, I was voted Tramore Tennis Club Junior Sportsperson of the Year.

I served as a Councillor on CBS Tramore and Ardscoil Na Mara Student’s Councils and I was elected Ardscoil Na Mara Student’s Council Vice-President 2014-2015, supporting students with any difficulties they had. The Council worked with an ethos of assisting others and organised a St. Vincent De Paul Christmas food drive.

I was a Mentor to a junior cycle class, meeting with the group once a month, discussing issues they had in the school and advocating on their behalf at Council meetings and with school management.

I avidly read and write, with a particular interest in poetry. I won the Ardscoil Na Mara Short Story Competition 2015 with my work entitled ‘A Book is a Dream You Hold in Your Hand.’

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