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**Personal Profile**

LLM student and law Graduate with top academic results and a strong work ethic interested in banking law and corporate mergers and acquisitions.

**Education:**

**LLM International Commercial Law, UCD**

**FE-1’s:** I have successfully completed all eight FE-1’s in my first attempt over the sittings held in November 2020 and March 2021.

**Bachelor of Civil Law, NUI Galway**

**Overall Result for Degree – 71.58% graduated with a first class honours ranking 3rd in my year.**

**Legal Work Experience**

**Berwick Solicitors** (January - February 2020) – Clinical Placement student

During this university placement my responsibilities included assisting with the compilation of litigation files and attending Court hearings. My communication skills improved through the many opportunities to engage with clients and staff. This placement formed part of my degree assessment and I received a First for this module.

**Legal Aid Board (Athlone)** (September 2015 – 2019) – Volunteer

Assisted lead solicitor in establishing entitlement of clients to legal aid. I also collated pleadings for court. If lead staff were unavailable I took appropriate initiative and fielded calls and dealt with queries where authorised. I gained competence and confidence in dealing with other legal professionals and the importance of discretion and confidentiality in a challenging environment.

**Arthur Cox Accelerate Programme** (February 2018)

In 2018 I was fortunate to be awarded a place in Arthur Cox’s Accelerate programme from a pool of high calibre entrant on the basis of an essay submission. The Accelerate programme provided a great insight into the culture of a leading Irish Law firm whilst facilitating the opportunity to speak with trainees, associates and partners.

**Owen Carty & Co. Solicitors** (September 2014 – 2017) – General Assistant

Assisted with clerking duties, stamping and filing of documents, maintained personal injury data charts and completed a range of general administrative tasks. I learned to work accurately to a deadline and learned the importance of collaboration and being personable in a client-driven environment.

**Additional Work Experience:**

I have consistently held down a part-time job throughout my university education to help fund my educational and living expenses. These roles have taught me time management, the importance of getting along with a wide range of people in varying environments, and that it is vital to be dependable and adaptable.

**B&Q Ireland Limited** (June 2020 – Present) – Customer Advisor with particular responsibility for stock management in the Garden Centre.

**Des Nally Developments Ltd.** (June - September 2019)-General Operative with a responsibility for ensuring health and safety forms were updated daily.

**DPD Ireland** (December 2017 - Summer 2018) - Warehouse Assistant with responsibility to meet hourly parcel targets.

**Athlone Equestrian Centre** (September 2010 – 2017) – Stable hand responsible for the care and maintenance of both animals and facilities.

**Achievements:**

* Chosen as a representative for NUI Galway law school at the open day in October 2019.
* Achieved 2nd place in construction studies project of the year 2017.
* Have previously represented Westmeath in Irish Pool Association competitions in 2016.
* Helped raise funds for the charity Cycle Against Suicide.

**Interest & Hobbies:**

**Equestrian** **Sports** – for the past 12 years I have actively engaged in the sport of equestrian. From the age of twelve I have been responsible for the care and performance of my own pony. The highlights thus far include winning the Connaught region Show Jumping Ireland (SJI) league 2014, captaining our inter-schools equestrian team to our first win in many years during the 2013-2014 season and winning multiple cross country and Show jumping events from 2012-2016.

**Golf** – I have played golf socially since the age of 7 and I am an active member of Athlone Golf Club.