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PROFILE

DCU and Trinity College law graduate that is committed towards a career as a practicing solicitor. Currently in the process of completing the Law Society's FE-1 examinations having successfully passed 2 in October 2019. Excellent analytical, interpersonal, communication and research skills which have been strengthened by way of moot court and voir dire experience. Litigation experience gaining an exposure into the running of personal injury and medical negligence cases. Seven years hospitality experience whilst balancing my study and work commitments which has increased my ability to remain resilient and respond strongly to ambiguity. Postgraduate research undertaken in the fields of: EU financial services law, data protection law, product liability law, aviation law and the regulation of alternative investment funds. Motivated to continue learning and work in a dynamic and growing legal environment.

EDUCATION

(Present)

Law Society of Ireland

FE-1 Candidate

Passed 2 with 6 outstanding. Expected to fully complete by March 2021.

(2018-2019)

Trinity College Dublin

L.L.M (Master of Law)

- Result: 2.1 Honours (Average of 67%)
- Empirical research undertaken into: EU financial services law, comparative product liability law, data protection law, international aviation law, regulation of alternative investment funds law.
- Finalist in the former Chief Justice Susan Denham Fellowship.

(2015-2018)

Dublin City University

BCL (Law and Society)

- Result: 2.1 Honours (Average of 67%)
- Elective Modules included: intellectual property law, law and dispute resolution, genetics law, healthcare law, the law of evidence, equity and trusts, administrative law.
- Moot court and Voir Dire experience in collating and advocating legal arguments.

(2009-2015) Hartstown Secondary School, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 Leaving Certificate

- CAO Points: 440
- Student of the Year in History; 2014 & 2015
- Awarded the Maynooth University Student Award 2015.

EXPERIENCE

(October 2019-April 2020) Anthony Joyce & Co. Solicitors Legal Assistant

- After graduating from Trinity, I secured a position in the litigation department of the firm. Gained exposure to the running of personal injury and medical negligence cases.
- Responsible for drafting pleadings to be lodged and filed in Court. Also responsible for serving pleadings on solicitors and insurance companies.
- Tasked with preparing briefs and delivering them to counsel.
- My other duties included drafting letters and memos, conducting legal research, submitting Form A applications to PIAB, corresponding with client queries and assisting the general operation of the firm when requested.
- My litigation experience has increased my organisational, analytical and interpersonal skills.

(July 2013-April 2020) Marco Pierre White Steakhouse & Grill Bartender

- At the age of 16 I began working in the hospitality sector during my Summer holidays.
 I was later offered a part-time position as a bartender. This required great resilience as I balanced my work and study commitments.
- Responsible for ensuring that customer expectations are met and exceeded. This required knowledge of repeat customers and their preferences.
- Excellent time management, organisational skills and the use of foresight to analyse what needs to be done.
- Ability to work in a fast paced and dynamic environment whilst under pressure and maintaining an outgoing nature.
- Strong customer service and interpersonal skills.
- My experience in the hospitality sector has increased my ability to respond strongly to ambiguity and it has increased my communication skills.