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**EDUCATION**

**University of Limerick***Law Plus LLB [Sept 2013 – May 2017]*

* **My current average grade is 2.1 (2nd Class Honours).** *See Appendix 1 for modules.*
* Completed core modules such as Constitutional, Contract, Criminal, Property and Tort.
* Completed a five month clinical placement in A&L Goodbody Solicitors.

**Presentation Secondary School, Miltown***Leaving Certificate Examinations*  *[June 2013]*

* **465 points.**
* Received a Distinction in the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

**LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**A&L Goodbody Solicitors** *[Sept 2015 – Feb 2016]**Intern, Litigation*

* Participated in a number of confidential and complex high court and commercial proceedings relating to the financial and retail sectors.
* Attended mediations, conciliations and negotiations.
* Drafted an article on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Directive 2013/11/EU which was published on the Association for International Arbitration website.
* Conducted licencing searches on a weekly basis for bars, restaurants, off-licences and cinemas.

**Law Office of Miriam McGillycuddy** *[June 2015 – Aug 2015]**Intern*

* Drafted a synopsis of the new Children and Family Relationship Act 2015, which was used to teach students at the Institute of Technology Tralee.
* Prepared weekly legal advice on various issues of law such as public order offences, harassment at work, the importance of a will and landlord/tenant obligations, all of which were published in the local newspaper.
* Ensured the smooth running of the office with the execution of *ad hoc* responsibilities (welcoming clients, directing phone calls, etc.).

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Europcar Car Rental (Shannon Airport)**  *[Oct 2015 – Present]*
*Customer Service Representative*

* I greet guests on their arrival to the return facility and assess the vehicles for damage. If the vehicles are free from damage, I close their rental agreements and transport them to the Airport Terminal. However, if vehicles are damaged, I prepare the necessary paperwork and talk customers through the process.

**Rainforest Café Chicago** *[June 2016 – Sept 2016]
 Food and Beverage Assistant*

* I worked in the restaurant as part of my J1. I was responsible for greeting guests and seating them at their tables. I took food and drink orders, ran food from the pass and assisted with food preparation during busy periods. I also assisted in the opening and closing of the restaurant.

**Gilt.com** *[March 2016 – May 2016]
Customer Service Specialist*

* I worked in the call centre for this high-end shopping website. I was assigned my own *niche* clients, who were mainly from USA, Middle East and Asia and acted as their personal shopper assisting with their online purchases.

**Gleneagle Hotel and Irish National Events Centre (INEC)**  *[June 2013 – May 2015]
Food and Beverage Assistant*

* I obtained this part-time job to start saving money for the commencement of my undergraduate degree. I worked the breakfast, lunch and dinner shifts in the dining room during the summer months, and I worked in the bar at the weekends during the college semester. I also ushered in the INEC for concerts and other large events. I was also given the responsibility to serve private functions for guests such as Pink, Kodaline, and the Coronas.

**VOLUNTEER WORK**

 **Suas Education Programme** *[Oct 2015]*

* While on placement in A&L Goodbody, I became involved in the Step Up literacy programme. I assisted two primary school students with their reading and writing skills twice a week for an eight week period.

 **Samaritans**  *[Dec 2014 – Present]*

* I assist with collections at various times throughout the year at public events, sporting events, festivals, concerts and church gate collections.

 **Tidy Towns Committee** *[April 2014 – Present]*

* Actively involved in the local Tidy Town Committee and meet up on a monthly basis to put together action plans to tackle pollution and littering in our community.

 **UL Law Society** *[Sept 2013 – Present]*

* Involved in the Law Society Buddy Programme since September 2014.
* Elected as Fundraising Officer for the academic year 2016-2017.

**SKILLS**

* **Languages:** I am native in the English language, and I have a basic knowledge of the Irish and Spanish languages.
* **IT:** I ascertain a comprehensive understanding of MS Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. I can type between 60 to 70 words per minute.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Elected as Head Prefect at Presentation Secondary School Miltown (2012-2013).
* Elected to the Law Society Committee as Fundraising Officer for 2016-2017.
* Participated in the Stephanie O Sullivan Memorial Cycle for the past four years, and raised over €800 for suicide awareness.
* Completed the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle (212 miles) and raised over €300 for suicide awareness in the process.
* Continuously in employment (ranging from Part to Full time positions) for the past 4 years – predominantly in the hospitality and retail sectors, apart from the two aforementioned legal placement roles.

**INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

* **Sports:** I have a keen interest in orienteering, mountaineering and hill-walking. To date, I have successfully climbed Carrantuohill, Beenkeragh and Caher, the three tallest mountains in Ireland. I competitively rowed for both Killorglin RC and Fossa RC in coastal regattas at U16, Minor, Junior, Senior and Intermediate level achieving gold, silver and bronze medals in both Munster and All-Ireland competitions.
* **Volunteering:** I am actively involved in a number of societies and organisations, as stated above, and where possible, I try and integrate my volunteer work with sporting activities such as charity cycles and walks.

**REFERENCES**

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| Mr Joe Kelly (Litigation Partner) | Dr Kathryn O Sullivan (Lecturer) |
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**APPENDIX 1**

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| **Year 1** *Average Grade 2.1* |  | **Year 2** *Average Grade 2.1* |  |
| **Module** | **Result**  | **Module**  | **Result**  |
| Introduction to Lawyering I | B1 | Constitutional Law I | B2 |
| Introduction to Lawyering II | B1 | Constitutional Law II | B3 |
| Contract Law I | B3 | Land Law I | B2 |
| Contract Law II | C3 | Land Law II | B3 |
| Criminal Law I | B3 | Law of Torts I | B2 |
| Criminal Law II  | B2 | Law of Torts II | C1 |
| Labour Law  | B3 | Crime and Criminal Justice  | A2 |
| Commercial Law  | B3 | Jurisprudence  | B1 |
| Psychology and Everyday Life  | C1 | Psychology: Theory and Method I | B3 |
| Psychology and Social Issues  | A2 | Human Development and Lifespan | A2 |
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| **Year 3** *Average Grade 2.1* |  | **Year 4**  |  |
| **Subject**  | **Result** | **Subject**  | **Result**  |
| Administrative Law  | A2 | Advanced Lawyering I | Jan ‘17 |
| Law of Evidence  | A2  | Advanced Lawyering II | May ‘17 |
| Intellectual Property Law  | B1 | Company Law I | Jan ‘17 |
| Family Law  | B1 | Company Law II | May ‘17 |
| Psychology: Theory and Method II | B2 | Equity and Trusts I | Jan ‘17 |
|  |  | Equity and Trusts II  | May ‘17 |
|  |  | EU Law I | Jan ‘17 |
|  |  | EU Law II | May ‘17 |
|  |  | Psychology of the Personality  | Jan ‘17 |
|  |  | Social Psychology  | May ’17  |