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Profile

I am a highly-motivated 4th Year Law & Business student at University College Cork. I am currently serving as the External Liaison Officer of the UCC Law Society, having just finished my tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the Cork Online Law Review. From my studies and extra-curricular activities, I have developed a particular interest in corporate and financial law. Having served in a number of different positions on many boards and committees over the years, I have cultivated research, teamwork, leadership, communication and problem-solving skills.

Education

- BCL Law and Business, University College Cork. I received First Class Honours during my first year and third year examinations and Second Class Honours during my second year examinations.
- Leaving Certificate, 590 points, Midleton CBS.
- Foundation Certificate (NFQ Level 6) in Youth Leadership and Community Action, NUIG.

Work Experience

UCC Law Society

External Liaison Officer, June 2021 – Present

- Act as law firms and other external organisations' primary point of contact for the society.
- Negotiate sponsorship.
- Sit on the society's finance team – budgets and controls the society's income and expenses.
- Draft the society's sponsorship contracts and ensure that they are duly executed.
- Organise careers related events for UCC law students: UCC's only law careers fair; a trip to a leading commercial law firm based in Dublin and the Four Courts; a LinkedIn and networking masterclass; and a legal technology in the workplace event.
- Sit on the UCC School of Law's External Relations Committee.

Cork Online Law Review (COLR)

Editor-in-Chief, August 2020 – June 2021

- Supervised and chaired meetings of an Editorial Board of 18 members.
- Facilitated the Board's move to virtual work and meetings.
- Conducted recruitment, interviewing and training of new members.
- Signed off on all materials prior to publication.
- Negotiated sponsorship.
- Liaised with authors to help improve the quality of their articles.
- Along with the IT Officer, I designed a new website and logo.
- I negotiated a partnership with a prominent legal database to host our articles on their website.
- I introduced a new section, 'The Roundtable', a dynamic legal forum for incisive legal commentary as well as a new case notes competition.
- I organised and hosted the launch of the 20th Edition with the Chief Justice as our Guest of Honour.
- During my tenure, I introduced extensive marketing and outreach initiatives which resulted in a 120% increase in the number of submissions, leading to one of our most successful Editions.

Deputy Editor-in-Chief, May 2020 – August 2020 (4 months)

- Chaired meetings in the absence of the Editor-in-Chief.
- Taught Oxford House Citation Style (OSCOLA) to new members.
- Mentored new members.
- Delegated work to members of the Editorial Board.
- Took minutes at meetings.

General Board Member, September 2019 – May 2020 (9 months)

- Reviewed article submissions, advised the Editorial Board on the suitability of submissions for inclusion in the Review and edited submissions to comply with the OSCOLA Citation Style.

Clark Hill LLP, Co Dublin

Legal Intern, June – August 2021

- Reviewed and prepared briefs on legal cases and legislation.
- Researched areas of law as requested by fee earners.
- Managed and organised important legal documents.
- Attended court and transcribed hearings.
- Conducted case management.
- Carried out company secretarial functions such as filling in CRO forms and amending company documents.

Irish Legal Information Initiative (IRLII)

Senior Researcher with Responsibility for Legislation, November 2019 – September 2021

- Updated the IRLII database with every statute and statutory instrument enacted in Ireland.
- Categorised legislation based on the area of law.
- Devised and executed the Legislation Department's strategic objectives. This included developing blueprint plans for a database which could cross-reference national regulations against any EU Directive they may be transposing.

General Researcher, March 2019 – November 2019

- Identified keywords that summarise the essence of court judgments and legal articles.
- Represented the organisation at events.

Other Work Experience

- Receptionist, Information Desk, UCC Student Centre (October 2021 – present)
- Barman & Waiter, CUSH Restaurant, Ballycotton, Cork (June 2019 – December 2020)
- Kitchen Porter, Bayview Hotel, Ballycotton, Cork (2014-2018)

Volunteering

- Youth Leader, Ballycotton Foróige Youth club – I supervise weekly meetings of local members and organise social and fundraising events.
- Volunteer Assistant, Free Legal Advice Clinic UCC – I assist the Volunteer Practitioner by filling out forms and performing other ad hoc administrative tasks.

Languages

- Proficient working ability in Irish (H1 in Leaving Certificate).
- Competent in German (H1 in Leaving Certificate).

Interests

- Going to the gym.
- Playing the piano (Grade IV Honours).
- Keeping up to date with political and current affairs. I have a particular interest in US politics, BREXIT, the EU and international trade.
- Attending meetings and events of various societies including Law, Commerce and Government and Politics.

Achievements

- Received the 'College Scholar' award for achieving outstanding results in my first year (2019) of college.
- Received Midleton CBS PPU award for 'Best Leaving Certificate Results' (2018).
- Received the Midleton CBS PPU award for 'Best Junior Certificate Results' (2015).
- Received the Midleton CBS PPU awards for 'Academic Endeavor' and 'Academic Excellence' (2016 and 2017 respectively).
- Awarded a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.
- Elected Chairperson of Ballycotton Foróige Youth Club (2015 – 2017).
- Elected Chairperson of CBS Midleton's Meitheal team (2016 – 2017).
- Elected to CBS Midleton's Student Council (2016 – 2018).

References

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