**Diarmaid Leahy**

I am a determined, ambitious and hardworking individual, focused on contributing to a positive work environment by being positive, friendly and helpful in anything that I do.

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***Education:***

2014-Present: **University College Dublin** - **Law with Economics**. GPA: 3.48 (2:1 Honours)

***3rd Year International Exchange Programme*:** Feb – July 2017: **University of Auckland**, New Zealand.

2008-2014: **Belvedere College S.J** - 530 Leaving Cert points – 95th Percentile of that year.

***Achievements*:**

**University:**

* October 2016, came 5th out of 32 teams and placed as the highest ranking 3rd years in UCD Student Legal Service’s 2016 McCann FitzGerald **Senior Negotiation competition**.
* May 2016, **Certificate in Work-Related learning from UCD** **Career Development Centre** for my active participation in the Corporate and Commercial Law visit to London. This also included active participation in all briefing sessions beforehand, a networking skills workshop as well as a final submission of a reflective article on the trip.
* April 2016-December 2016, appointed **Senior Committee Member** of the 162nd session of the UCD Literary & Historical Society **(L&H**). My role was a consultative one, providing advice to the auditor and treasurer, as well as experience to younger members of committee.
* March 2016, Selected following an application process to travel as one of 20 students on **UCD’s Annual Corporate and Commercial Law Visit to London**, open to all 2nd and 3rd year Law Students in UCD. The visit consisted of **Insight Days** at leading global law firms, Allen & Overy, Clifford Chance, CMS Nabarro Olswang, Clyde & Co, Hogan Lovells, Jones Day, Norton Rose Fulbright and Slaughter & May.
* April 2015-March 2016, appointed **Social Secretary** of the 161st session of the L&H. I organised society events such as breakfast mornings, drinks receptions and trips abroad.
* December 2014- January 2016**, Represented UCD in debating** at several inter-varsity competitions during my 1st and 2nd years in college, participating as both a speaker and judge.

**Secondary School:**

* Sixth year: Awarded for **excellence in the field of Social Justice.**
* Received the **Bronze Gaisce** medal, President’s Award.
* I speak fluent Irish, passable French and French Creole.

**Sports:**

* Several medals at both Underage and Senior Level in **Gaelic Football** with St. Patrick’s in Meath. Awarded the player of the year award in 2008 and was part of the team in 2014 that won the club’s **first Junior Championship title since 1973**.
* Medals **in rugby** for both Boyne RFC and Belvedere College. Selected to be part of the extended Junior Cup Panel during my 3rd year in school, earning a runners-up medal in the Junior Second’s Cup.

***Interests*:**

I play Gaelic Football for St. Patrick’s in Co. Meath and played Rugby for Boyne RFC and Belvedere College. I play Tennis and Golf leisurely and can Snowboard and Ski to an advanced level. I have Scuba-Dived, Rock Climbed, Kayaked, Skydived, Bungee Jumped and generally have a passion for both regular sports and extreme sports.

***Work Experience:***

* July 2017 - September 2017 – **AIB** **Legal Department**, Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

**Summer Intern** – Worked as an intern on the Litigation Team. My main tasks within the office were preparing briefs and booklets for the Solicitors. I also frequently attended court up until the summer break with my colleagues to observe ongoing cases I had been working on.

* May 2016 – August 2016 - **Gosman’s Retail Fish Market**, Montauk, New York, USA.

**Sales Assistant** – Worked in the fish market prepping food, stocking shelves but primarily providing customer service by packaging food and working on the tills.

* February 2015 – May 2016 - **O’Neill’s Irish Intl. Sports Co. Ltd**, Dublin 12, Ireland.

**Sales Assistant** – Worked in the retail shop, dealing with customer queries and doing other general work.

* July 2012- July 2014 - **Coláiste Na bhFiann**, Droim Rí, Co. Meath, Ireland.

**Ard Chinnire** (2014) – daily administration of the 3 week course and supervision of other leaders. **Cinnire** (2012, 2013) - Leader on a 3 week residential Gaeltacht summer camp.

**Volunteering Experience:**

* June – July 2015: **UCD Volunteer Overseas (VO)** - Volunteered in Haiti for 5 weeks with VO. I helped run summer camps consisting of activities and classes for the local children in the morning and constructed two new classrooms at a local school in the afternoon.
* September 2013: **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** - Worked as a volunteer on the pilgrimage. Helped to ensure the safety of the elderly pilgrims on a day to day basis.
* September 2012- May 2014: **The Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVP)** - Did weekly visitations to elderly members of the local community and worked as a leader to coordinate soup runs with younger students.

***Referees:***

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