

Curriculum Vitae

Dónal Merrick



Personal Details

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Date of Birth: 4th April 1995

Skills & Qualities

I am a hard-working, honest, reliable, organised and motivated person, with good communication skills.

Hobbies/Interests

- Law – Active in various law student organisations
- History – Recipient of award for historical writing
- Politics – Active member of Young Fine Gael as well as Assistant Returning Officer, Maynooth Students' Union
- Gardening – Keen gardener having spent many years working in a local garden centre

Education

Third Level Education:

2013 - present: Bachelor of Laws (LLB) – National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Secondary Education:

2008 - 2013: St Mary's College, Ballisodare, Co. Sligo.

Primary Education:

2000 - 2008: Scoil Naomh Éanna, Carraroe, Co. Sligo.

Work Experience

2014 - present: Crew Member

McDonald's Restaurant, Sligo

- Assisting customers
- Time and date labelling of stock
- Cleaning/sanitisation of equipment & premises
- Recording of waste and preparation of food

August - September

2015: Legal Intern

Johnson & Johnson Solicitors, Ballymote, Co. Sligo

- Greeting visitors at reception and answering the phone
- Reading and researching cases and legal processes
- Typing up letters and legal documents
- Filing and scanning documents

July 2014:

Legal Intern

Callan Tansy Solicitors, Sligo

- Compiling and filing medical records for trial
- Drafting attendance notes
- Secretarial tasks
- Researching and observing court proceedings

2010 - 2013:

Sales Assistant

Waterglades Garden Centre, Sligo

- Serving customers
- Cleaning and upkeep of garden centre
- Preparation and presentation of plants
- Administrative duties

Referees

Mr Donncha O'Connor

Managing Partner

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Achievements

- Semi-finalist in National Mace Novice Debating Competition 2015
- Finalist in NUIM Maidens Debating Competition 2014
- Highest result in Maynooth University Politics First Year Class of 2014
- St Mary's College History Student of the Year 2013
- St Mary's College, Attendance Award 2009-2013
- St Mary's College, Good Behaviour Award 2008-2013
- Selected as school mentor for 1st year students 2011-2012
- Winner of Callan Tansey Essay Competition 2012
- Leinster School of Music, Speech and Drama - Grade 10

Other Roles

2015 - present:

Secretary

Maynooth Law Society

- Assisting the President in the running of the society
- Answering society correspondences
- Organising society meetings and events and providing logistical and administrative support for the committee
- Managing member lists & responding to member queries

2015 - present:

Vice-President (with responsibility for Seminars and Conferences)

European Association of Law Students (ELSA) – Maynooth Branch

- Organising, researching and costing of events
- Co-ordinating with other branches to arrange visits, etc.
- Organising delegations to conferences around Europe
- Organising the ELSA Maynooth International Negotiation Competition

2015 - present:

Assistant Returning Officer

Maynooth Students' Union

- Overseeing voting at polling booths
- Counting votes and ensuring correct counting practices are used in Students' Union elections

2015 - present:

Internal Competitions Officer

Maynooth Literary and Debating Society

- Responsible for organising the society's flagship Maiden Speakers Competition

2015 - present:

Public Relations Officer

Young Fine Gael – Maynooth University Branch

- PRO for the largest political society on campus
- Managing society social media

2014 - present:

Student Advisor

Free Legal Advice Centre, Maynooth University

- Advising local clients in the legal advice clinics