

Curriculum Vitae

Dónal Merrick



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.

Legal Work Experience

August 2016: Legal Intern
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Dublin

- Consolidating and organising legal library collections
- Formulating and updating legal research databases
- Legal research tasks

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 Tansey Solicitors, Sligo

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

Achievements

- Selected as Head of ELSA International Delegation to WIPO - 2016
- Semi-finalist in National Mace Novice Debating Competition 2015
- Finalist in Maynooth Maidens Debating Competition 2014
- Highest result in Maynooth University Politics First Year Class 2014
- 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

Personal Details

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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 – Assistant Returning Officer at Maynooth Students' Union and active in a youth political society
- Travelling

Referees

Mr Ciaran McNamara

Acting Head of Library

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Other Roles

2016- present: Member of ELSA International Proofreading Team
European Law Students' Association

- Reviewing a range of internal documents and external publications of ELSA International for spelling, grammar, syntax, general presentation and compliance with style guidelines

2016- present: Head of Organising Committee
ELSA Maynooth International Negotiation Competition 2017

- Leading and co-ordinating the activities of a large organising committee for an event which draws participants from as far away as the United States and India
- Engaging with a wide range of professionals, service-providers and students to make the event as successful and organised as possible

2015- present: Secretary General
European Law Students' Association Maynooth

- Responsible for the internal management of the society (administration, communications, regulatory compliance and human resources)
- Served as Vice President for Seminars & Conferences in 2015/16

2015 - 2016: Secretary
Maynooth Law Society

- Managing the society's administrative affairs
- Organising society meetings and events and providing logistical and administrative support to the committee
- Managing external and internal society correspondences

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 - 2016: Internal Competitions Officer
Maynooth Literary and Debating Society

- Convening the society's flagship Maiden Speakers Debating Competition
- Organising the promotion of society competitions

2015 - 2016: Public Relations Officer
Young Fine Gael Maynooth

- Responsible for the public relations and marketing of the largest political society on campus

2014 - present: Student Advisor
Free Legal Advice Centre, Maynooth University

- Advising local clients in the legal advice clinics