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ABOUT ME

I graduated with a first-class LLB in September 2022 and have recently completed an LLM in International Justice. During my LLM, I undertook placement as a research assistant and competed in the Philip C Jessup International Moot Competition where my team won the national rounds and got the opportunity to represent Ireland in Washington DC. I have spent the summer as a legal intern in the Policy and Research Unit in the Office of the DPP. Currently, I am working part-time as a paralegal.

EXPERIENCE

Paralegal in Employment and Immigration Department in the Lewis Silkin Ireland

September 2023 - Present

- Part-time paralegal, with tasks including but not limited to: meeting with clients, preparing notes, compiling client bundles for WRC/Court, undertaking research, and various admin tasks.

Legal Intern in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

July 2023

- Reviewing and redacting material (counsel's opinions, submissions to court, etc) on their internal portal to comply with data protection standards. This was part of their larger goal of extending their database to state solicitor's nationwide.
- Drafted judgement summaries and formatted the documents to comply with stylistic requirements.
- Per the request of the Head of the Policy and Research Unit, I analysed and collated recent legislation and bills of the Oireachtas that were relevant to the Office.

Research Assistant to Dr. John Reynolds, Maynooth University

February 2023 – May 2023

- Research focused on Israel/Palestine and whether it constitutes Apartheid under International Law.
- Tasks included: gathering sources, formatting citations, organising research materials, creating spreadsheets, reading key sources, condensing complex legal issues and drafting summaries of such.

Legal Intern in the Chief Justice Summer Placement Programme, Courts Service

June 2022 – July 2022

- Shadowed Judge Burns of the High Court, currently sitting in the Special Criminal Court, to get an insight into court practice and procedures.
- Daily tasks included attending court cases in the CCJ, Four Courts and in particular High Court bail hearings in Cloverhill Courthouse, taking notes and attending organised talks.

Factory Operative, Manor Farm (Food Production Company)

October 2016 – Present (Part-time)

- Part of the team in a fast-paced company ensuring the highest standards are achieved while optimizing productivity and efficiency.
- Gained many transferable skills, including communication with managers/supervisors daily, time-management to ensure orders completed on time, attention-to-detail to ensure all products conform to spec and interpersonal skills by continuously working as part of a team.

EDUCATION

LLM Master of Laws in International Justice, Maynooth University

2022-2023 (Grade pending – provisional results indicate 1:1 grade)

- LLM focused on International Law, undertaking International Humanitarian Law, Public International Law, International Human Rights Law and World Trade Law.
- Accepted into the International Mooting module in which our 3-person team took part in the Jessup Moot Competition. Preparation spanned over six months and involved submitting 20,000-word memorials and orally arguing a case concerning a fictitious armed conflict.

LLB Bachelor of Laws, Maynooth University

2018-2022 (1:1 Grade)

- Covered all aspects of Irish law (Tort, Contract, Family and Child, Equity, Land, Company) and EU Law.
- Chosen electives included international law, national security, migration and human rights, civil liberties and race, racism and the law.
- Highlights include: being featured on 'Injustice is Served' podcast on Spotify in which infamous miscarriages of justice that have occurred around the world are discussed; volunteering at Alice Harrison's book launch of 'The Special Criminal Court: Practice and Procedure'; undertaking extra-curricular modules such as 'Advanced Legal Research' to improve my research and writing skills.

St. Aidan's Comprehensive School, Co. Cavan

2010-2016 (490 points in Leaving Certificate)

- Nominated Best Student for Junior and Leaving Cycle, undertook Senior Prefect role and completed the Gáisce Award (Bronze).

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Part of Maynooth University's first ever team to compete in the Philip C Jessup International Moot Competition. We emerged victorious over the Law Society Team in Blackhall Place and represented Ireland during the International Rounds in Washington DC.
- One of two students nominated by Maynooth School of Law to participate in the Chief Justice Summer Placement Programme which welcomes 16 Irish students each summer.
- Awarded a Postgraduate Internship in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.