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# **Education**

**Trinity College Dublin** – Dublin May 2022

 LLM International and Comparative Law **(1:1)**

 **Academic Projects**

‘Witnessing Tragedy: A Comparative Analysis of the Role of Survivor Testimony in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland State Investigations into the Mother and Baby Homes’

* Graduate Dissertation **(1:1)**

‘A Report on Civil Legal Aid in International Law’

* Human Rights Law Clinic **(1:1)**

**New York University** – New York, NY May 2019

 B.A. Global Liberal Studies: Politics, Rights and Development; Magna Cum Laude **(1:1)**

 B.A. Spanish; High Honors **(1:1)**

 **Academic Projects**

‘Protest Repertoire: Scenarios and Strategies of Transfer in the Spanish Historical Memory Movement’

* Department of Spanish and Portuguese Award for Distinction in the Honors Thesis

**NYU Madrid**, Madrid (1 year exchange) Aug. 2017—May 2018

**Language:** Spanish

# **Publications and Awards**

* University Honor’s Scholar 2019
* Dean’s List 2015—2019
* ‘Protest Repertoire: Scenarios and Strategies of Transfer in the Spanish Historical Memory Movement’
* Department of Spanish and Portuguese Award for Distinction in the Honors Thesis
* Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archive George Watt Collegiate Essay Prize 2019
* Published: *Esferas: Trazar el Archivo* Issue 9, May 2019
* Published: *The Volunteer*, December 2019
* Speaker: New York University Undergraduate Research Conference, May 2019
* Speaker: Third Place, Liberal Studies and College of Global Public Health Student Research Colloquium 2019

# **Relevant Work Experience**

**Legal Executive** Nov. 2022—Present

*KOD Lyons LLP –Dublin*

* Draft legal correspondence and pre-litigation letters relating to judicial review and immigration matters under the supervision of department partner
* Lead caseworker on 57 judicial review files before the High Court for the entire lifecycle of the file including client communication, briefing barristers, amending pleadings, court filings, attendances, and inter-parte correspondence
* Develop and maintain close relationships with junior and senior counsel to elevate firm profile and retain a group of high calibre counsel willing to act on an urgent basis for expedited matters and emergency injunctions
* Create and update a tracker to facilitate transparent and quantifiable case progression to fee earners and managing partners on a daily basis
* Prepare booklets and attend counsel for matters before the Workplace Relations Commission, International Protection Appeals Tribunal, High Court, Court of Appeal, and Supreme Court

**Legal Intern** July 2022

*KOD Lyons LLP – Dublin*

* Provided essential administrative support to the Childcare, Civil and Criminal departments including court attendances, compiling pleadings booklets, scanning post, and archiving files
* Observed oral arguments in wardship, District Court and High Court proceedings

**Board and Council Intern** June 2018—May 2019

*Human Rights Watch—New York, NY*

* Attended and circulated internal meeting notes from executive board and advisory council meetings
* Researched, presented and built an event registration platform and mobile app for the 2019 Council Summit
* Implemented an engagement initiative on the Council social media called ‘Meet the Researchers’ which allowed potential funders real-time access to the daily lives and work of our policy experts around the world

**Research Assistant** Feb. – May 2018

*University Institute for Migration Studies (translated), Comilla University—Madrid, Spain*

* Conducted independent research in Spanish on behalf of the Institute on social integration policies and presented the information in a written report at the culmination of my employment
* Translated abstracts, press releases, and news articles from Spanish to English
* Displayed cross-cultural communication skills when teaching English to head researchers

**Development Intern** May—Aug. 2017

*Friends of UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)—New York, NY*

* Compiled 145 profiles on past event attendees and submitted steps for reengagement to the Board
* Drafted acknowledgement letters, press releases and communications materials for fundraising initiatives

# **Interests and Leadership**

**Dublin Gravity Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Team** Aug. 2021—Present

*Assistant Coach and Vice Captain*

* First Place, Women’s All Ireland 2021-2024
* Third Place, European Ultimate Club Finals 2021—Bruges, Belgium

**NYU Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Team**  Sept. 2015—March 2020

*Coach and Captain*

* Drafted yearly trajectory for a team of 30 athletes and implemented it into weekly practice sessions
* Identified the need for development level women’s tournaments in our region and founded ‘No Sleep Till Brooklyn’ a college ultimate frisbee tournament successfully meeting the need as evidenced by the waitlist holding double capacity

**NYU Madrid Student Council** Aug. 2017—May 2018

*Ad Hoc Committee Member*

* Drafted a detailed report documenting the student body’s discontent with university policies and met with staff to overhaul both staff and student training regarding sexual assault and safety on an international campus

# **Additional Work Experience**

**Shop Assistant** March—Nov. 2020

*Harris Teeter—Chapel Hill, North Carolina*

* Received the September Service Award for excellence in customer service and community engagement