**Ellen Reid**

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**EDUCATION**

**FE1 Examinations** to the Law Society of Ireland **October 2016**

* Pending results in Criminal Law, Property Law and Equity.

**LLM in Human Rights and Social Justice** at University of Connecticut School of Law **2015-2016**

* Relevant modules studied include Mental Health Law, Immigration Law, Refugee Law, Employment Law, Elder Law and Street Law in the Community.
* UCD School of Law Scholarship Recipient to UCONN Law School LLM Program 2015.
* Research Assistant to Professor Wilson, drafting and researching for incitement speech book publication.
* Treasurer of Connecticut Alliance of International Lawyers (CAIL) 2015-2016.

**Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL)** *2:1.* University College Dublin **2011-2015**

* Relevant modules include Global Childhood Inequality, European and International Human Rights Law, Research Module focusing on Direct Provision, Criminology, Jury Trials, Employment Law.
* Free Legal Access Centre (FLAC) Thomas Addis Emmet Runner Up 2015.
* UCD Student Legal Service Member: free legal information accessible to students, university wide.
* UCD CLEC Legal Practice Participant: Selection process of UCD students to engage in a legal internship in June 2014.
* UCD School of Social Justice Certificate, through structured elective completion.

**Leaving Certificate Exam** *485 points.*Institute of Education, Leeson St., Dublin 2**. June 2011**

**LEGAL/SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPERIENCE**

**Legal Clerkship: Farmington District Probate Court, Connecticut 5th April 2016 – 21st August 2016**

* Conducting legal research on the role and structure of the probate court in Connecticut in conjunction with the Connecticut State Commission on Ageing.
* Attending and recording hearings related to guardianship, conservatorships of intellectually disabled persons.
* Attending psychiatric ward of University of Connecticut hospitals for commitment hearings, consent determinations, probable cause and electric shock therapy hearings with judge and medical staff.
* Completing audits of guardianship files, request of updated files and reports.

**Legal Intern: Free Legal Advice Centre (F.L.A.C) 1st June 2015-31st July 2015**

* Provided legal assistance and acted as a referral line to pro bono legal representation over the phone.
* Coherent and concise communication, time management and team work skills improved upon daily.
* Conducted policy work in areas of post marriage equality referendum and the legal provisions of the Transgender Bill 2015.
* Aided in the PILA Bulletin article assimilation distributed by email bi-monthly.

**Social Justice Volunteer Team Leader: Future Voices Charity 1st January 2015- 31st June 2015**

* Volunteered weekly with Future Voices, an organisation committed to supporting young people coming from the most disadvantaged communities.
* Tackled the most prevailing legal issues and social inequalities, which exist for these young people and engaging them in walking debates and discussions with distinguished guest speakers.
* Weekly responsibilities practised in delegation of work, leadership and interpersonal skills.

**Legal Intern: Mercy Law Resource Centre Dublin 3rd June 2014 – 27th June 2014**

* Third year summer program under the Clinical Legal Placement Module in UCD, interning with Mercy Law Resource Centre, a legal aid facility helping those who are homeless or at risk, in the areas of social housing and social welfare law.
* Continuous interaction with clients and addressing client legal needs, liaising with solicitors, barristers and governmental bodies, and providing support to the daily running of the office.
* Advocacy skills, drafting and reporting minutes of board meetings, assembling case files and briefs.
* Attending migrant charity organizations allowed me to apply my language skills in liaising with translators.

**SALES WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Hotel Front Desk Receptionist: Ashdown Park Hotel, Gorey 20th July 2013-29th December 2014**

* Interpersonal and communication skills used daily to perform effectively and efficiently with colleagues and guests.
* Strong organizational skills and proactivity practiced to meet guest expectations.
* Responsible for balancing of safe and cash desk at end of each shift.

**Sales Assistant: Bridgewater Shopping Centre, Arklow December 2012, 2013, 2014**

* Sales focused employment at main information desk selling centre wide Christmas vouchers.

**Sales Assistant: Dunnes Stores (Drapery Section), Gorey 26th May 2012- 3rd September 2012**

* Customer service and sales skills used daily to exceed customer expectations.
* Ability to work within a team and ensure effective distribution of tasks.
* Responsible for handling of cash drawer daily.

**INTERESTS/ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Awarded Bronze Gaisce (President of Ireland’s Award) for volunteer work in the local community.
* Qualified Lifeguard Completing Rescue Three Safety Exam.
* Grade 1-8 Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) in Classical Flute.
* Grade 1-5 Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) in Classical Piano.

**REFERENCES**

**Academic Referee**: Charles G. Tharp, Visiting Lecturer, Cornell University. +1 203 505 8500/ Ct372@cornell.edu

**Employment Referee**: Maeve Regan, Solicitor in Charge, Mercy Law Resource Centre, Dublin. +353 1 453 7459