**Curriculum Vitae**

**Personal Details**

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**Education**

* Secondary School: Scoil Chriost Ri, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. 2007 -2013
* University: Graduated from University College Dublin with a 2.1 in ‘Law with Social Justice’ in September 2017.
* Postgraduate Degree: I am currently studying the LLM ‘Human Rights and Criminal Justice’ in Queens University Belfast. Class of 2017/2018

**Work Experience**

1. **January 2018-Ongoing: O’Muirigh Solicitors, Belfast**

I volunteer with a Law firm in Belfast, committed to furthering both Social Justice and Human Rights issue through the use of criminal law, family law and the use of both civil and strategic litigation. My responsibilities within the firm are largely research based including;

* Examining reports from the Historical Enquiries Team (HET)
* Visiting Belfast Central Library to examine their newspaper archives in an attempt to uncover potential witnesses, who may not have been contacted during initial police investigations.
* Gathering my research and transferring it into a concise report for the benefit of the solicitor who is looking into this potential case.

1. **June 2017-September 2017: Intersport Elverys Sports Portlaoise**

*I was a sports associate for the sports and fitness chain Intersport Elverys. My key responsibilities included:*

* Having a detailed knowledge of all products, equipment and services available in the store in order to offer the best customer service and maintain the chain’s reputation of expertise in the field of fitness.
* Accurate stock and price checks carried out biweekly.
* Measuring and assessing customer’s feet in order to recommend footwear most suitable to their lifestyle and physical needs.
* Dealing with customer inquiries, concerns and complaints in a polite, efficient and conscientious manner.

1. **August 2016: J.P. Fitzpatrick & Company Solicitors**

*I gained legal experience working closely with a solicitor in both office and courtroom environments.*

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| **In Court** | **In the Office** |
| * Bringing all relevant files from the office and the court’s own files for the cases that day. * Having copies of all relevant, legal statutes needed for the day’s cases. * Locating Ms. Fitzpatrick’s clients before the Judge’s arrival for a final discussion. * Ensuring Ms. Fitzpatrick had her own copy of the list order for the day's cases. | * Ensuring all legal aid payment receipts were matched with their relevant cases in both district and circuit courts. * Implementing a new filing system for all legal aid cases and payment receipts. * Delivering and collecting paperwork to/from the local Garda station. * Locating contact information of clients where necessary. |

1. **June-August 2015: Salt Cave, Santa Barbara**

*I was a sales associate for the luxury spa ‘Salt’. Key responsibilities included*

* Having a detailed knowledge of treatments classes and products available
* Serving/greeting customers and spa goers
* Ensuring equipment used in treatments was in working order
* Opening/ closing the spa (both involved correctly counting the register)

1. **June 2014, 2016 and 2017: Scoil Chriost Rí, Secondary School, Portlaoise**

*I was a supervisor in an exam center for a Junior Certificate exam candidate.*

*Key responsibilities included:*

* Supervising the candidate in a special center.
* Reading the examination paper for the candidate.
* Acting as scribe for the candidate.

**Achievements/ Interests:**

* Bronze, Silver and Gold Gaisce medals. The President’s Award for demonstrating leadership, community involvement, initiative and sporting involvement.
* I was one of thirty law students selected from stages 2, 3 and 4 to go to London for an intensive week long ‘**Corporate and Commercial Law Study Visit**’. This was a fact finding and informational visit to a number of high profile corporate law firms.
* I was a member of a peer leadership programme (Meitheal) in secondary school. This was a small team of eight sixth year students who were involved in inducting and supporting first year students.
* I received leadership training and acted as a ‘Peer Mentor’ to first year 'Law with Social Justice' Students.
* I have completed all seven of the EUROPEAN COMPUTER DRIVING LICENCE (ECDL) modules
* **Volunteer**: For St. Vincent de Paul organisation since 2013. I have also volunteered in the refugee camp ‘The Jungle’ in Calais France where I spent a week building make shift houses, providing clothing, food supplies and offering conversation and general support for families and individuals who lived there.
* Qualified Lifeguard, Irish Water Safety (2011).
* Play football for Park Ratheniska Ladies GAA since 2005.

**Referees**

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