**Fergal Rafter**

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A motivated and focused individual who gets on well with colleagues and collaborates easily to achieve team targets. Uses initiative and problem-solving when working independently or as part of a team. Uses strong I.T. skills to undertake research and analysis and present findings in a professional manner.

**Education**

**2016-2017 Master of International Business Law (LLM),**

 **Grade Achieved: 1st Class Honours Grade 1 (Expected)**

*Maynooth University (MU) Maynooth, Co. Kildare*

**2013-2016 Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL),**

 **Grade Achieved: 2nd Class Honours Grade 1**

 *Maynooth University (MU) Maynooth, Co. Kildare*

**2011 Leaving Certificate,**

 *Dunshaughlin Community College, Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath*

**Skills**

Communication Skills: Through my involvement in the FLAC society as the 3rd Year Rep and the Training and Development Officer and LawSoc MU as Careers Officer.

Organisational Skills: Through my involvement in the LawSoc MU and FLAC MU where I was responsible for organising training sessions and guest speaker events for the students who were part of the society.

Public Speaking: Through my participation in various Moot court competitions, and my involvement in the FLAC society advising clients and speaking at events.

Leadership/Initiative: Through my involvement in FLAC and my independent studying of music and studying for grade exams.

Research Skills: Through my academic career, my independent study of music and my preparation for moot court competitions.

I.T Skills: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) SPSS**.**

Proficient with various forms of Social Media including Facebook, Twitter,

 Instagram and LinkedIn.

**Work Experience**

**August 2015: Dublin Aerospace Limited**

* Worked in the APU Service Centre with responsibility for the collating, organizing and writing up of data relating to the repair and maintenance of customer APU's.
* Responsible for the filing of these documents when the work was fully completed in order to ensure easy access for future reference for both staff or clients.

**Summer 2015: Work Experience**

**Liam Keane and Partners Solicitors, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath**

* Had the opportunity to observe hearings in the District Courts of Meath and Dublin, the Circuit Court in Meath and the Four Courts and view a variety of different cases ranging from criminal prosecutions to contract disputes.
* Was given the opportunity to research legal arguments, assist the support staff and sit in on client meetings and barrister briefings prior to hearings.

**July 2013 – Sept 2014: Intermediate-Advanced Music Instructor**

**Scott Powderly School of Music, Navan, Co. Meath**

* Taught students of all ages on a 1-to-1 basis.
* Co-ordinated with other instructors in the school on team-based projects.
* Set examinations to monitor progress of the students
* Handled issues arising between the clients and the staff at the school if any arose.
* Responsible for liaising with potential clients to talk them through what was on offer by the school.

**Interests and Achievements**

**Law**

* I have participated in numerous Moot Court Competitions. I have been a semi-finalist in the Philpot-Curran Novice Moot and the DCU National Moot, and winner of the FLAC Public Interest Moot MU.
* I participated in the ELSA Maynooth International Negotiation Competition.
* Volunteer in Maynooth FLAC Clinics.

**Community**

* I have assisted in organising various charitable events in my local community, and participate in raising funds by performing at such events.
* I am a regular advisor in FLAC clinics that are held in Maynooth University for both students and residents.

**Committee Work**

* I was the FLAC MU 2015/16 Training and Development Officer. I was in charge of the training provided to students of the university to advise in the FLAC clinics held on campus.
* I was the Careers Officer in Maynooth Law Society 2016/17. I was in charge of organising careers events to be held in the college for penultimate and final year students, and organising C.V and Interview skills workshops.

**Music**

* Music is my passion and I play the acoustic guitar to a professional standard having achieved a Grade 5 in acoustic guitar and theory awarded by the Registry of Guitar Tutors in collaboration with the London College of Music.
* I have worked as a session musician, having played in pubs and venues across Ireland with various different groups.

**Sport**

* I am very interested in maintaining my own personal fitness by engaging in activities such as running, jogging, swimming, cycling and paintball.

**References**

Mr. Fergus Woods, Head of APU Services, Dublin Aerospace Ltd, Hanger 5, Dublin Airport, Co. Dublin

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