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All FE1s complete. Currently working as a freelance writer. Graduate of Law Plus (LLB) and Financial Services (MSc), both in the University of Limerick. Seeking traineeship opportunities.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writing

June 2018 - Present

Having begun freelancing by contributing to film and television websites, I later branched into political writing and content marketing. I have worked in this capacity full-time since finishing my FE1 exams in March 2020.

- I have written blog content for **over 50 law firms** (in the US, Canada, and Ireland) on a range of topics, particularly medical negligence, road accidents, criminal defense, and estate issues. This content generally aims to inform a potential client about the particulars of the law in the relevant area and is designed to attract new business for firms.
 - I have worked as a political news writer for **Content Ready**, an American agency, since July 2020. I cover 2-3 daily news stories on US politics and write longer features on an ad hoc basis.
 - I have also completed writing projects in personal finance, health and fitness, property, and various other subject areas.
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Intuition Publishing

September 2017 - July 2019, Dublin Financial Researcher & Editor

I formed part of a team that produced onscreen tutorials for operatives in the banking and finance industries.

- I was responsible for writing tutorials for each product release, conducting extensive research in the relevant subject areas and communicating complex technical information in suitable language. This also required me to devise exam questions and answers and spec content for the building of videos by the graphics team. I wrote around 60 tutorials during my time with Intuition, most of which remain in use.
 - I conducted onscreen reviews of tutorials (written both by myself and others on my team) to ensure factual accuracy and linguistic/grammatical correctness. I made any required changes using our programming tool (eXact Packager).
 - I was also required to address queries and complaints from users regarding content.
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University of Limerick

September 2016 - May 2017, Limerick Teaching Assistant

I taught undergraduate classes in finance, risk management and management accounting.

- My role was to support lecturers by explaining concepts taught in lectures through practical examples and exam-style questions.
- I prepared my own lecture slides and wrote questions and exercises for the students to attempt in class.
- I was required to correct a set of essay-style assignments for my risk management class, worth 20% of the students' final grade.
- I gave one-to-one guidance about course content where this was requested by students.

M.M. Halley & Sons Solicitors

September 2014 - January 2015, Waterford Legal Assistant

I completed the "Cooperative Education" portion of my undergraduate degree here.

- I carried out extensive filing work, retrieving and storing a large number of files for solicitors each day, often under considerable time pressure
- I worked at reception, directing incoming calls and greeting clients
- I researched cases and files for use in litigation or for other purposes (on computers as well as in hard format).
- I sat in on meetings with clients.
- I accompanied solicitors to sittings of the District, Circuit and High Courts to assist them in the required fashion.

EDUCATION

De La Salle College 2007 – 2012
510 points obtained in Leaving Certificate

University of Limerick 2012 – 2017
Financial Services (MSc) - Second Class Honours Obtained
Law Plus (LLB) - Second Class Honours Obtained

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Languages: I have spoken Irish and French proficiently since secondary school, and maintain both through reading and listening to media, as well as by using the Duolingo app.

Creative Writing: I occasionally write short stories for consideration for publication in both online and print journals. I was shortlisted for the Wills Writing Awards in 2012.

Music: I am a player of traditional whistle, singer and DJ. I was a second tenor in the De La Salle College Senior Choir which reached the televised final round of the "All-Island," school choirs competition in 2011.

Poker: I am a past member of UL Poker Society, and still regularly play recreationally.