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**PROFILE**

Graduate of Law BCL from University College Cork in 2017 with a 2nd Class Honours Grade 1. Since graduation, I have completed the FE1s in two sittings and am now looking for a solicitor traineeship so that I can continue to develop my career. I have a particular interest in commercial law and in the long term my goal is to work as a solicitor in a large commercial law firm where I can further develop my knowledge and skills to a high level.

**EDUCATION:**

**FE1’s: Sat in October 2017 and March 2018**

* Constitutional Law (55%)
* Company Law (50%)
* Criminal Law (57%)
* Contract Law (50%)
* European Union Law (52%)
* Equity Law (51%)
* Tort Law (51%)
* Property Law (52%)

**2014 – 2017: Law BCL: University College Cork, Cork**

* **Results:** Graduated withSecond Class Honours Grade 1
* **Relevant Modules Studied:** Commercial Law, Company Law, Employment Law, Contract Law, Tort Law, EU Law, Revenue Law

**2009-2014: Scoil Phobail Bhéara, Castletownbere, Co. Cork**

* **Leaving Cert:** Achieved 520 points

**LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**May 2017 – March 2018: BDM Boylan, Clarke’s Bridge House, Hanover Street, Cork.**

Legal Assistant:

* Offered permanent position in BDM after impressing on a previous internship.
* Variety of responsibilities such as compiling briefs for solicitors and barristers, legal research for specific legal issues, communicating with clients and other solicitors while getting documents sworn and working on cases with Keyhouse Case Management.
* Having been given increased responsibility I learned a lot more about the practical side of the work of a solicitor. In addition, having been offered the role after completing my work experience I was proud that I had impressed the partners in BDM Boylan enough to be offered a permanent position.

**30th May – 17th June 2016: Work Experience: BDM Boylan**

* Basic administrative duties such as photocopying and filing and compiling occasional briefs.
* Visited the courts with solicitors which was my first experience of the courts.
* I found the work of barristers and particularly solicitors in court to be fascinating. This further assured me that I wanted to pursue a career as a solicitor

**August 4th – August 14th 2015: Work Experience: Ronan Daly Jermyn, Mahon, Cork.**

* First experience of a solicitor’s firm. Large amount of photocopying and filing as well as being given interesting files to study and learn from.
* My time in RDJ was my first time seeing the work of a solicitor which I found incredibly interesting. This experience convinced me to pursue a career as a solicitor.

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

* **Leaving Certificate Excellence Award:** I received this award from the College of Business and Law in UCC in 2014. This award and scholarship is given to those who received the highest leaving certificate points in their respective courses. Only five students each year are selected from Law BCL

**VOLUNTARY ROLES**

**2012 – 2013: Student President – Scoil Phobail Bhéara, Castletownbere, Co Cork**

* Elected by the students of Scoil Phobail Bhéara to be student president from 2012 – 2013. In this time I gave many speeches at school events and also introduced student cards into the school for the first time.
* I was voted by my classmates to be their representative on the student council for three separate years in secondary school.

**PART-TIME WORK**

**April–June 2018: Customer Support Specialist: Voxpro, Mahon, Cork.**

* Improved my ability to work while under pressure as I helped Airbnb customers with a variety of problems.
* Most of my contact with customers was done over the phone so I am comfortable dealing with clients over the phone in stressful situations.

**June 2014-May 2017: Packaging Technician: Castletownbere Fisherman’s Co-op, Co. Cork**

* Worked as part of a large team packaging fish and later worked with specialised software for gathering information for the marketing of fish for export.

**July 2011 - August 2014: Bar Tender: MacCarthy’s Bar, Castletownbere, County Cork.**

* Collected glasses, served food at functions and later worked as a barman.

**INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

* **Football:** Keen interest in sport. Played Gaelic Football for Castletownbere GAA Club up to minor level
* **Soccer**: Captained Beara United Football Club under 18s in the clubs first ever season in 2014 and also helped coach the clubs under 12 team in the 2012-2013 season
* **Sport:** Enjoy attending rugby and soccer matches, and have travelled to England, Wales and Germany for games.
* **Travel:** Enjoy travelling and have travelled extensively throughout Europe, North Africa and North America
* **Current Affairs:** Avid interest in current affairs and politics
* **Social Media:** I use Twitter daily for sports and current affairs information and updates

**SKILLS PROFILE:**

* **Communication skills**: Having worked in the hospitality industry, I have gained invaluable insight into customer relations as well as communicating well with co-workers. Working with a large team in the Fisherman’s Co-op also required constant communication between staff, further improving my communication skills. I have experience working with solicitors through my work experience. I have also worked with clients while in BDM Boylan as a legal assistant and solicitors in other firms, for example by getting documents sworn with clients.
* **Leadership:** Having captained a team as well as coached one I have developed considerable leadership skills. I have used these skills in group projects in college as well as in my previous and current work.
* **Team-work:** Having played sport from an early age with my local GAA club and later soccer club my team work skills are finely tuned, and through involvement in working in group projects in college my skills continued to develop and improve. My manual labour job also required teamwork to make difficult tasks easier.
* **Computers:** I have completed ECDL. I am also competent with Microsoft Office and experienced with Keyhouse Case Management from my time in BDM Boylan.

**REFERENCES:**

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