**Gillian Owens**

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**Profile**

Bachelor of Arts International in Law and French Graduate from the University of Galway. Current Student of Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in University College Cork. Studied at the Université de Poitiers in France as part of the Erasmus Programme. Gained invaluable work experience in Michael Powell Solicitors, Cork, following the Year abroad.

**Education**

**Date:** September 2024 – Present **LLB** University College Cork

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| **Modules** | Company Law | Property Law |
| Family Law | International Human Rights Law | Law of Evidence |
| Equity | Humanitarianism and the Law |  |

**Date:** September 2020 - May 2024 **BA (International) Law and French** University of Galway

**Final Year Law Result** 62.17% 2.1 **Overall Degree Result** 56.14% 2.2

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| **Module** | **Year** | **Grade** | **Module** | **Year** | **Grade** |
| Irish Legal Systems | 1 | 66 | Constitutional Law | 2 | 62 |
| Legal Skills | 1 | 67 | Environmental Law | 2 | 47 |
| Tort Law | 1 | 40 | Criminal Law | 4 | 57 |
| Legal Methods and Research | 2 | 51 | Administrative Law | 4 | 66 |
| Contract Law | 2 | 41 | EU Law | 4 | 64 |

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| **Erasmus (Year 3)** Université de Poitiers **Modules (through the medium of French)** | | |
| Introduction à la science politique – Political science | Introduction au Droit Administratif – Admin Law | Introduction Générale au Droit – General Law |
| Droit Civil de la Famille – Civil Family Law | Introduction au Droit Européen – European Law | Relations Internationales – International Relations |

**Date:** 2020 **Leaving Cert** (473 Points) Loreto Secondary School Fermoy, Co. Cork

**Relevant Work Experience**

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| **Organisation and Dates** | **Role and Duties** |
| **Michael Powell Solicitors, Cork**  *May 2023 – August 2023*  *(Summer Work Experience)* | ***Legal Summer Intern***   * Completed work from various departments relating to Employment Law and Pensions, Conveyancing and Property, Litigation, and Credit Union Law * Assisted with many administrational tasks including filing, typing of letters and emails, photocopying, legal research, setting up of files and setting up of clients on the system together with various other administrational tasks |
| **Matheson**  *May 2024 -August 2024*  **A&L Goodbody**  *September 2024* | ***Virtual Experience Programme***   * Completed a job simulation involving different legal issues the legal team at Matheson does on a day-to-day basis   ***Commercial Technology Job Simulation***   * Completed a job simulation involving a data breach for A&L Goodbody's Commercial Technology team. |

**Additional Work Experience**

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| **Brown Thomas**  **Galway** *October 2023 – May 2024*  **Cork** *June 2024 – present*  *(Part-time)* | ***Sales Advisor***   * Advising customers in the Galway Mango Fashions Department and Cork Cos Fashions Department * Taking payments and balancing the tills * Replenishing stock, keeping up floor standards, organising deliveries |

**Skills Profile**

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| **Legal Analysis, Drafting and Research** | * Proficiently analysed proposed amendments to an NDA, effectively comparing multiple versions, identifying issues, and offering recommendations. * Demonstrated the ability to draft comprehensive advice notes, providing clients with clear explanations of complex legal matters, including regulatory regimes and appointment processes. * Successfully completed an assessment that challenged understanding of civil litigation concepts, the Irish court system, and the legislative process. |
| **Computers** | * Successfully completed a legal technology module in the second year of my degree and gained 3 months of experience using legal technology at Michael Powell Solicitors |
| **Communication** | * 7 years’ experience in customer service in busy retail environments, communicating with clients |
| **Time Management** | * Developed the ability to prioritise tasks and adhere to deadlines throughout university and legal work experience |
| **Languages** | * C2 level English * B2 level French * A2 level Irish |

**Achievements and Interests**

* Volunteered with the University of Galway Erasmus Student Network, organising events for Erasmus students in Galway
* Completed the Erasmus Programme in Poitiers, France
* Volunteered with Cork North Civil Defence, assisting at vaccination centres throughout Covid-19 Pandemic and at Blood Clinics
* Appointed Senior Prefect and Youth Leader in Loreto Fermoy, assisting first years with the transition to secondary school
* Completed the 8th grade Scrúdú Ceol Tíre concertina examination

**References**

**Seán F. Durcan** Partner, Michael Powell Solicitors [sdurcan@mlpowell.ie](mailto:sdurcan@mlpowell.ie)

**Grace Kennedy** EU law Lecturer, University of Galway [gkennedy@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:gkennedy@universityofgalway.ie)