**James O'Connell**

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**2014 – Present**

*Bachelor Degree in Business and Law*

* Current grade - 2.1 Honours (GPA – 3.63)
* Contract Law, Constitutional Law, Tort Law, Criminal Law, Company Law, EU Law, Environmental Law, European Human Rights Law.
* Business modules in accounting, finance, business strategy, ICT in business, economics and others.

**2008 – 2014**

*St. Michael’s College Secondary School*

* Leaving Certificate – 525 points

**SKILLS**

**Law**

* I received A-'s in EU Economic Law, Tort Law and Criminal Offences and Defences Law.
* I gained further and more in depth knowledge into Contract Law and the Law of Negligence through mooting.

**Business**

* I have a strong understanding of accounting, finance, business strategy, mergers and acquisitions and the management of companies.

**Mooting**

* I have taken part in mooting in University.
* The experience significantly enhanced my communication and problem solving skills while also improving my ability to think quickly and under pressure.
* My partner and I progressed as far as the quarter finals in UCD’s law school competition

**Presentations**

* I took part in the Young Scientist in 4th year in school.
* The competition required me to constantly present my project to judges and various members of the public.
* My team and I were awarded the ComReg award for the best project involving radio communications.
* I have also taken modules requiring me to conduct a presentation to my entire class

**MS Office**

* I am proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
* I have taken modules in business analytics and data analysis and therefore have experience carrying out prediction models and simulations using Excel

**Other skills**

* I have excellent customer service skills from experience in the service industry
* I played School’s cup rugby and continue to play club rugby, and I have experience captaining teams.
* I play and teach guitar

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**January 2017 – Present**

**KPMG Tax Department, Dublin**

* I spent five weeks working in tax in KPMG.
* My responsibilities included calling Revenue on behalf of clients in order to follow up on tax returns, researching and advising clients on the tax implications relevant to their business.
* I gained valuable exposure to an office environment and the running of a professional services firm.

**Landshark Bar & Grill, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, United States of America**

**May 2016 – August 2016**

**Waiter**

* I was a lunch and dinner waiter at a large beach front restaurant while on a J1 this summer.
* My duties included informing guests of specials and upselling expensive menu items, correctly taking food and drinks orders, running food and serving drinks, taking care of large parties and taking payments.
* The restaurant really promoted up-selling and suggestive selling.
* Service was very fast-paced and independent. Waiters were very much responsible for their own sections.

**Seapoint Restaurant, Monkstown Village, Dublin**

**December 2015 – May 2016**

**Waiter**

* I was a dinner waiter at a seafood bistro style restaurant in Dublin.
* My duties included greeting guests and providing information on the menu and daily specials, correctly taking food and drinks orders, running food and serving drinks and taking payments.
* Seapoint was very much a teamwork environment.
* Service was very fast paced and so this job required being able to work under pressure.

**Radisson Blu St. Helen’s Hotel, Dublin**

**September 2014 – February 2015**

**Server/Room service**

* I was a breakfast and Dinner waiter in a 5-star hotel in Dublin.
* My duties included accurately recording food and drinks orders, running multi-course meals, tallying bills and taking care of large dining groups appropriately.
* Service required a lot of attention to detail as this was a five-star hotel.

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS**

* Sports: Rugby and soccer
* Guitar
* Busking
* Travelling

**References available on request.**