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# **PRofile/ Summary**

I am a 2024 Law and German Candidate at Trinity College Dublin with 2 years + legal internship experience gained with Novartis, a multinational pharmaceutical company. My key strengths include extensive experience of contract management in clinical trials, quality review and employment; strong innovation, entrepreneurship and presentation skills having completed two innovation projects and start-up pitches as part of a Level 7 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Undergraduate Diploma; and strong research and analysis skills demonstrated through two volunteer research projects completed in 2021 and 2022 respectively. I have multi-national Pharmaceutical industry experience, having worked on clinical trial contracts as part of my work as a legal intern at Novartis Ireland. I have successfully worked independently in my role and collaboratively in cross functional project teams, with a strong focus on customer solution mindset.

# **EDUCATION**

* 2020-2024: Trinity College Dublin – Law and German (LLB Ling. German)
* 2022-2023: Erasmus at Ludwig-Maximillian’s University of Munich
* 2021-2022: Trinity College Dublin – Innovation and Entrepreneurship Undergraduate Diploma: Completed with II:1 honor
* 2018-2020: Institute of Education, Leeson St Dublin, Ireland
* 2013-2018: St Kilian’s Deutsche Schule Clonskeagh Dublin, Ireland
* 2007-2013: International School Basel, Aesch, Basel, Switzerland
* 2005-2007: Doha School, Acarkent, Beykoz, Istanbul, Turkey

# **Key skills and achievements**

* **Project Management and Teamwork**: As a legal intern, I collaborate on projects in cross functional teams in preparation of contract and resolutions in contract negotiations. I have learnt the most successful way to resolve contract issues is to listen and understand multiple perspectives to succeed in resolving client issues. Additional projects include, leading a project which examined the most common deviations from a contract template of English-German contracts and comparing these findings to the negotiation guidelines. These findings were then used to update the current negotiation guidelines
* **Research and Analysis**: Volunteer Researcher for two FLAC research projects, where I researched current legislation and analysed its scope and impact. I also carried this skill into my work as a legal intern when working on projects such as researching the latest employment legislation and analysing whether the company’s current employment contracts were in line with the changes
* **Problem Solving**: As part of my Innovation and Entrepreneurship Diploma I worked on a project which required my team to come up with a successful business solution to a struggling charitable organisation. This entailed identification of the issues at hand, and then coming up with and pitching a feasible business solution which would allow the charity to thrive in the future
* **Hardworking and Proactive:** During my 3rd year and final year at university, I have been working part time alongside my studies as a legal intern in Novartis Ireland. Additionally, during my second year at university, I worked as a volunteer researcher on two FLAC Research projects, while also completing an undergraduate Level 7 diploma in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
* **German Language/ Living Abroad:** As part of my Erasmus in LMU, Munich, I studied Law entirely through German. This allowed me to gain fluency in the language, as well as explore another legal jurisdiction through the German language. Moreover, this fluency in the German language allowed me to successfully integrate into the local community. Although, this was my first time moving abroad alone, I have previous experience living abroad, having grown up in Basel, Switzerland and Istanbul, Turkey

# **work EXPERIENCE**

**Legal Intern at Novartis Ireland: June 2022 - Present**

* Full time from June – September 2022, Part-time intern since September 2022 to present doing twenty hours per week
* Draft first draft technical apheresis agreements, both in the English language and dual language agreements (German, French, Italian, Spanish, Romanian, Polish, Korean, and Taiwanese)
* Draft Product Quality Reviews, both in English and dual language agreements (German, French, Italian, Spanish, Romanian, Korean, and Polish)
* Work and collaborated on legal contracts for clinical trials
* Periodically update Contract templates, both in English and dual language versions
* Review, edit, and update changes made to contracts during negotiation process
* Finalize contracts for signature
* Periodically update negotiation guidelines in accordance with the latest standards
* Live contract management – manage the contract tracker and dashboard which shows the location and negotiation stage of contract

**Summer Legal Intern at Novartis Ireland: June 2021 - September 2021**

* Reviewed and amended dual language contract templates (German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Romanian) for grammatical and referencing errors
* Worked on a draft for an Italian-English dual language contract
* Worked on a Project which examined the most common deviations from a contract template of English-German contracts and compared these findings to the negotiation guidelines
* Reviewed current employment contracts to see if probationary clauses were up to date with current court decisions

**Part-time Sales Assistant at O’Brien’s Wine Off License, Sandyford Co Dublin: May 2022 – June 2022**

* Cashier –manage customer orders
* Customer Service – help and assist customers
* Ensure store was in order – cleaned and tidied shop floor, stacked shelves, worked in storeroom, worked as part of a team

**Transition Year Work Experience at Novartis Ireland: November 2017; April 2018**

* Work Experience in the Medical Communications and Information, Patient Access, Data Science, Marketing and Finance Departments

# **Other Experience**

* Participated in the McCann FitzGerald LawStart Programme in January 2021
* Completed an Entrepreneurship and Innovation Undergraduate Diploma at Trinity College Dublin. (II-1)
* FLAC Research Project on Disability Rights: co-authored chapter on the Irish Sign Language Act, focusing on the limitations and scope of the Act (Pub. Feb 2022) <https://trinityflac.files.wordpress.com/2022/02/final-disability-rights-master-document-1.pdf>
* FLAC Research Project on Gendered Issues in Irish Law and Policy: co-authored chapter on the Termination of Pregnancy, focusing on the 2018 8th Amendment Referendum, current legislation, and accessibility. (Pub. June 2022) chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://trinityflac.files.wordpress.com/2022/06/gendered-issues-in-irish-law-and-policy-4.pdf
* Current Affairs and Culture correspondent for school blog, “LAUT!” (2016-18).

# **Volunteer Experience**

* Art Zone - St Kilian’s Deutsche Schule 2017-18: Volunteer Assistant for art classes for 1st and 2nd class students
* Charity Work for Blindness Ireland 2018: Fundraised and volunteered at a tennis competition organized by Blindness Ireland
* Local Babysitting of neighbours’ children

# **Other Achievements**

* John Hopper Medal for Statistics 2018
* Explore Award (Expedition in Personal and Life Skills through Outdoor Education)- Kerry Education & Training Award

# **Languages**

* Fluent German speaker: Leaving Cert, Sprachdiplum and university minor subject. Erasmus at Ludwig-Müller-Universität München Sept 2022 to July 2023
* French speaker: Leaving Cert and DELF

# **Hobbies/ Interests**

* Yoga, Running, Gym and Tennis
* Reading and Current Affairs
* Travel and Languages
* Active Member of the Law Society, Germanic Society, ELSA, FLAC, DU Modern Languages, TES, and Environmental Society
* Member of the Trinity Canoe and Kayaking Club – participated in intervarsity competitions