**Karen Dowd**

**3rd Year Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L), National University of Ireland Galway**

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**Qualities**

Strong work ethic, ability to work as part of a team and good communication skills.

Ambitious, determined, quick to learn and flexible.

Honest, positive and friendly.

**Career Objective**

Gain a rewarding summer internship with an innovative, dynamic, experienced and inclusive firm which will allow me gain practical experience and knowledge.

**Third Level Education**

**Sept 2018-Present Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L) National University of Ireland Galway**

*3rd Year Semester 1 Result: GPA 2:1*

Subjects: Alternative Dispute Resolution 79%, Evidence 70%, Media 72%, Administrative Law I 60%, Equity I 50%.

**Sept 2016- May 2018 Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L) Univerity College Dublin**

*2nd Year Result:**GPA 2:1*

Subjects: Company Law II (B+), EU Economic Law (B+), Property Law II(C), Criminal Offences and Defences (B-), Family and Child Law (B), Player Welfare and Devlopment (B-), Company Law I (B-), EU Constitutional Law (B), Property Law I(D), Criminal Liablility(C), International Human Rights Law (C), Introduction to Humanitarian Action(A).

*1ST Year Results: GPA 2:1*

Subjects: Constitutional Law II (B), Nominate Torts(B), Civil Procedure (B+), Contract law II( A-), Comp Legal(B-), Crop Science (B+), Constitutional Law I (B+), Negligence and related matters (B+), Criminal Procedure (B+), Contract I(B+), Irish Legal System (A-), Food, diet and health (B-).

Transferred to NUI Galway in Sept 2018.

**Second Level Education**

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**2009-2015 Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Galway Leaving Certificate Result: 535**

*Subjects: Higher Level:* English (A1), Irish (B1), Agricultural Science(A1), Spanish (B2), Biology (A2), Chemistry (B2). *Ordinary Level:* Maths (B2).

**Work Experience**

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Present I am currently carrying out a work placement in D.M. O’Connor& Co.,

Cross Street, Galway.

1st June- 25 August 2017 Medtronic, Parkmore Business Park, Galway

May- August 2016 Anthony Ryan’s Department Store, Shop Street Galway

Galway Raceweek Lydon House Catering, 3 Buttermilk Walk, Galway

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**Responsibilities and skills obtained throughout work experiences:**

The importance of customer care and service, time keeping, team work, ability to make decisions and solve problems, communication skills, analytical skills, interpersonal abilities strengthened, organisation, public speaking, computer skills, ability to pick up new skills, the importance of ethics and integrity, responsible for money and tills at the start and end of the day.

In D.M O’Connor & Co., I am learning more specific skills individual to the area of law such as writing skills, transcription skills and familiarising myself with legal documents and terminology.

In Medtronic I also gained more specific skills and knowledge in relation to how a multi-national company is run, the importance of accuracy, precision and perfection in creating product which has an effect on individuals lifes and the importance of understanding and abiding by a company’s ethos.

**Awards and achievements**

During my time in UCD I received a GAA sports scholarship. I was also a starting member of the senior O’Connor cup team.

I am a member of Claregalway Ladies Football Club- in playing with Claregalway I have many county championship and league medals, as well as two underage All-Ireland medals and an Intermediate Connacht medal, a Connacht Senior League medal and an All-Ireland Intermediate medal. I was selected on the Galway Bay FM Senior Team of the year in both 2015 and 2016. I was selected as Claregalway Senior Ladies Player of the year in 2017.

I Represented my club at County level. I have 6 Connacht medals and two All-Ireland medals playing with Galway at U14, U16 and minor level. I was also a starting player on the victorious U-21 All-Ireland winning Galway team of 2017.

During the summer of 2018, while in Chicago on a J1 programme, I was a member of St. Brigid’s Ladies Football Club. I was appointed captain of the St Brigids team and we won the Chicago Senior Championship and the North American Senior Championship.

I was a member of Carnmore Camogie team and represented my club at county level, I was appointed vice-captain of the Galway U-16 camogie team.

During my time at Calasanctius College, I was awarded a medal for my behaviour record over the three years of Junior cycle. I was awarded a certificate of attendance for my impeccable attendance record during my 6 years. I also won ‘the spirit of Calasanctius award’ voted for by my classmates for making a difference in their school life. During transition year I took part in the Dochas heritage project, volunteered as part of the bio-diversity committee in my school and also received a distinction in a Public speaking year long course.

I have regularly fundraised for Enable Ireland- a charitable organisation working with children with physical and sensory disabilities. I also fundraised for the Irish Heart Foundation. I was involved in an initiative called Living Scenes during Transition Year, this involved inviting older members of the community into the school and helping them with basic tasks. I have trained underage teams and volunteered in assisting at an Easter camp at my local club and helped train the U-14 Galway team.

During 5th year and Leaving Certificate I spent time with a young adult with special needs on a weekly basis. This was an extremely enjoyable and rewarding experience.

I also passed my driving test in 2016 after attempting it for the first time.

**References**

**­Ger Brennan Brendan O’Connor**

**GAA development executive (UCD) Solicitor, D.M O’Connor&Co**

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