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## **Education**

- 2014-2018            BCL Law and Philosophy (expected grade: 2.1)  
1st Year Overall Grade: 2.1  
2nd Year Overall Grade: 2.1  
3rd Year Overall Grade: 2.1  
Subjects Include: Administrative Law, Advanced International Law,  
Contract Law, Employment Law, EU Law, Jurisprudence, Property Law,  
Philosophy of Law, Applied Ethics, Analytic Philosophy.
- 2012-2014            The Institute of Education, Dublin  
Leaving Certificate (545 points)
- 2000-2012            C.B.C. Monkstown Park, Dun Laoghaire

## **Work-Experience**

- 2017-2018            Retail Assistant: I worked as a Christmas retail assistant in Penneys, a fast-paced retail environment. My responsibilities included working the tills, assisting customers, handling queries and complaints, and tidying the sales-floor and keeping it fully stocked. I worked 20 hours per week on average, balancing my academic studies and extracurricular activities.
- 2016-2017            Satire Editor: I was satire editor of UCD newspaper, The College Tribune. I oversaw a team of writers, and worked with them to generate ideas for satirical current affairs articles. I wrote articles, edited submissions, and worked to produce a high-quality final product by each biweekly deadline. While I was an editor, The College Tribune won Newspaper of the Year at the Student Media Awards 2017.
- 2016                    Competition Judge: I judged a national short-story competition run by Duke University and the Metro Eireann newspaper. I evaluated the submissions, discussed the entries with my fellow judges, and voted on the winners. The judging panel mainly consisted of literature academics, journalists, and writers. I was on the panel because I won the competition the previous year.

- 2014-2018      Journalist: I write articles for UCD's student newspapers, The College Tribune and The University Observer. I often write about law-related subjects, including the 2015 marriage referendum and US gun law reform. The experience of researching and writing about contemporary legal matters inspired me to create an intellectual property law blog entitled *The Plajurist* (theplajurist.wordpress.com), which I update regularly.
- 2012            Work Experience: As part of my Transition Year work experience, I shadowed a barrister in the Four Courts. I spoke to barristers about their day-to-day duties and sat in on cases that were open to the public.
- 2011            Shop Assistant: I volunteered on a weekly basis in Charity Begins at Home, a charity shop based in Dun Laoghaire. My responsibilities included sorting donated stock, ensuring the shop-floor was neat and tidy, working on the till, and answering customer queries.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

- 2016-2018      Law Blog: I run an intellectual property law blog called *The Plajurist* (theplajurist.wordpress.com). I write about topical issues from both a legal and philosophical perspective.
- 2015-2016      Philosophy Society Treasurer: I managed the finances of the society and worked with the committee to organise society events.
- 2014-2018      Debating with the UCD Law Society: I enjoy debating because it rewards effective argumentation, an interest in current affairs, and the ability to collaborate in high-pressure situations. I have participated in the Cork IV, the Maynooth Open, as well as internal competitions in UCD.
- 2014-2018:      UCD Outreach Centre Tutor: I tutor students from underprivileged socio-economic groups and provide information and guidance in relation to third-level opportunities and college life.

### **Other Skills**

Languages      French (Good)  
                       Arabic (Basic)

Communication      Excellent interpersonal and communication skills. I have been an active member of the debating society since my first year in college. I am also adept at written communication, winning a writing competition in 2015.

## Personal Achievements

- 2017 Winner of the Newspaper of the Year award at the Student Media Awards in 2017, along with my fellow editors of The College Tribune.
- 2015 Winner of a 2015 national short-story competition judged by a panel of notable figures in literature and journalism. I served on the judging panel the following year.

## Interests & Activities

Current Affairs: I am interested in political, business and international news. As a result of this interest, I have written articles for the UCD newspapers and have created a blog where I discuss topical legal matters.

Running: I am interested in long-distance running because improving as a runner requires significant self-discipline. I enjoy challenging myself, and each long run allows me to test my determination and endurance. I recently completed the Dublin Marathon.

## References

### Reference 1:

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