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**Education:**

**Université Jean Moulin III, France Erasmus** (3rd Year)Jan-May 2021

**University College Cork (UCC) BCL (Law and French)** 2018 – Ongoing

Results (%): 2nd Year (71%) **First Class Honours** 2nd in class of 22.

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| Advanced French Language | *78* | Introduction to Translation Studies | *77* |
| Law of Tort II | *75* | Elements of French Civil Law | *74* |
| Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights | *70* | History of Ideas in France | *68* |
| Property Law II | *68* | Law of Torts I | *68* |
| Economic Law of the EU | *68* | Africa: Colonialism to Continental Crisis | *66* |
| Property Law I | *64* |  |  |

Results (%): 1st Year (72%) **First Class Honours** 1st in class of 22.

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| Written and Oral French | *85* | Law, Language, Literature | *84* |
| Introduction to French Studies | *74* | Law of Contract | *70* |
| Criminal Law | *70* | Foundations of the Legal System | *65* |
| Constitutional Law | *60* | Law of the European Union | *55* |

**Coláiste an Chroí Naofa** **Leaving Certificate** **2018**

*588 points* – H1 English, H1 History, H1 French, H1 Irish, H1 Biology, H2 Music.

**Work Experience:**

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| O’Flynn Exhams Solicitors | Legal Intern | August 2021 |

* As an intern, I completed tasks in different departments across the firm such as Commercial Litigation and Commercial Property.
* Conducting due diligence with regards to high-profile property transactions and company acquisitions.
* Responsible for drafting commercial leases, briefing senior counsel, preparing for litigation.
* Developed skills in legal research and drafting in particular.

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| Foodbridge Ltd | Office Administrator | July - Aug 2021 |

* Working as an office administrator in Foodbridge developed my ability to think critically and to think on the spot.
* My tasks included updating our Excel sheets keeping track of imports and exports, as well as invoicing clients daily. Attention to detail skills were imperative.
* Effective communication was central to the role as I spoke to clients daily. Delays with imports and exports at port sometimes led to stress for clients and I learned to efficiently problem-solve and assuage their concerns.
* Teamwork was crucial to the role; I collaborated with my colleagues to ensure we had our work done perfectly in line with client deadlines.

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| Matheson | Legal Intern | June 2020 |

* As an intern, I completed tasks in different departments across the firm such as Tax and Financial Institutions.
* Winner of Group Presentation Competition; developed partnership skills through working effectively and innovatively with my group of fellow interns.
* Developed skills in legal research and drafting in particular.
* Internship had to become virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic; adapted quickly.
* Gained exposure to high profile clients and complex transactions and cases.

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| **Saville Menswear** | **Sales Assistant** | **Dec 2018 - Feb 2019** |
| * Dealt with customer queries in a courteous and prompt fashion. | | |
| * Responsible for keeping workstation tidy and organised. | | |
| * Worked as a member of a large team and gave assistance wherever required. * Responsible for merchandising and stock rotation, to maximise efficient sales. | | |

**Achievements:**

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| **UCC Law Society** | **Conference Director** | **April 2021 - Ongoing** |

* Successfully elected as Conference Director for the 21st Annual UCC Law Society Conference.
* Responsible for all aspects of conference entitled ‘The Infodemic: Misinformation, Disinformation, Media and the Law’, Ireland’s largest student-run professional conference.
* Identified six expert speakers from fields including law, psychiatry, politics and academia, worked through all stages from invitations to follow up phone calls to discuss the content of their address, logistics, transport and accommodation.
* Raising funds for the youth work charity Spunout in parallel with conference work.
* Preparing and managing the financial budget for the conference, and ensuring efficient practices to avoid overspending. Secured title sponsorship from William Fry.
* Developed efficient time management skills to identify priorities and balance conflicting demands. I ensure weekly meetings with the subcommittee keep to agenda, dealing with the most critical needs first.

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| **Irish Legal Information Initiative (IRLII)** | **Mentor** | **Dec 2019 – June 2021** |

* Applied and selected to join a team of researchers (including lecturers, PhD and undergraduate students), providing easy access to all caselaw of the superior courts, as well as academic scholarship and legislation.
* Responsible for training in and mentoring new researchers each week, editing and correcting work. Developed skills in drafting and communication; focus on retaining the integrity of our work.
* Exposed to variety of different legal topics, which has given opportunity to broaden legal understanding.
* Member of IRLII’s Marketing Working Group. Aims to market IRLII through mailing lists, monthly newsletters and campaigns. I have learned to be responsive as we harness innovation to ensure we are up to date with the newest legal developments and our competitors.

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| **UCC: Cork Online Law Review 20th Edition** | **Languages & Case Notes Editor** | **Sept 2019 – June 2021** |
| * Selected as Languages Editor and Case Notes Editor of UCC Cork Online Law Review (COLR) for publication of the 20th Edition. This annual academic publication in UCC is student-led with support from faculty. * Role requires personal commitment, hard work, leadership, academic ability and ‘follow-through’ on deadlines and agreements. | | |
| * Responsibilities include working with a team of 17 peers to review submissions, give feedback to authors to maximise performance, make recommendations to faculty and assist with the organisation of promotional events including publication night. | | |
| * Solely responsible for submissions made in Irish/French and case notes. Continuously looking for innovative ways to increase the number of these submissions and improve our overall performance. | | |
| **National University of Ireland** | **Award Recipient** | **Nov 2019** |

* Nominated by UCC Department of French for NUI Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship and Prizes 2019.
* Awarded 3rd Prize for French written submissions.
* Also awarded the title of ‘College Scholar’ by UCC for achieving a First Class Honours in examinations.
* I also give French lessons as part-time work.

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| **Royal Irish Academy of Music** | **Pianist** | **2011- Ongoing** |

* Have achieved Grade 6 in Royal Irish Academy of Music Piano exams.

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| **The Hope Foundation** | **Fundraiser** | **2016-2017** |

* Raised €3200 by holding events to help underprivileged children in India.
* Achieved this by organising a coffee morning, a raffle, a clothing drive and partaking in regular street collections. This experience enhanced my organisational, leadership and partnership skills.
* Subsequently travelled to Kolkata for a cultural and educational tour of Kolkata and the Hope Projects.

**References:**

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