KATIE O’BRIEN

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**Education:**

2015 to present: Batchelor of Business and Law (BBL) in University College Dublin (UCD).

Current GPA: 3.72 (1st Class Honours).
Relevant modules:

Third Year: Property Law (A-); Financial Accounting 2(A); Responsible Marketing (A); Management Accounting (A); Supply Chain Management (A-); Global Business (A-).

Second Year: Principles of Finance (A+); EU Economic Law (A-); Criminal Law (A-); Financial Accounting 1 (A).

First Year: ICT in Business (A-); Contract Law (A); Constitutional Law (A-); Irish Legal System (A-); Maths for Business (A).

2009-2015 Mount Sackville Secondary School.

Leaving Certificate 2015: 550 points, including A1 in honours French and Irish.

**Work Experience:**

Summer 2018: PwC. Participated in the Summer Internship Programme within the Financial & Regulatory Consulting division.

* Gained exposure to high profile client projects and transactions.
* Spent majority of internship on client site in large multinational financial institution, assisting both their legal department and their financial resolution department.
* Research project involving analysis of Dublin’s suitability as an SSC location for a client of PwC looking to relocate to Dublin. Involved heavy analysis of data along with answering several questions posed by the client about Dublin’s workforce and operational costs.
* Participated in the PwC annual Consulting Challenge, allowing me to develop my teamwork and presentation skills in a high-pressure, fast-paced environment.
* Heavily involved in tracker mortgage related issues whilst on client site, involving heavy analysis on mortgaged properties and complex excel programming.

June 2018: McDowell Purcell Solicitors. Legal intern within the Public and Regulatory Law department.

* Applied skills and knowledge acquired in university to legal cases, legal research and legal writing.
* Gained an insight into the Irish Court System and its proceedings.
* Gained exposure to working with private clients on issues and developing relationships with them.
* Responsible for attending conference calls and meetings alongside solicitors and taking notes to be uploaded to the client’s case file.
* Developed presentations on professional integrity and misconduct, and subsequently delivered these presentations to solicitors and paralegals.
* Undertook several research projects whilst working with the firm and was responsible for the drafting of witness summons letters.

April 2016 to July 2018: The Westin Hotel Dublin. Member of waiting staff across high end restaurant and bar, including conference, banqueting and fine dining.

* Hosting guests, including VIPs, and interacting with the other hotel departments.
* Resolving guest issues and remaining calm in stressful situations.
* Training in new staff members to the highest standards.
* Representing the hotel group at the 2017 Taste of Dublin festival.
* Nominated the representative for the hotel’s bar on the sports and social committee, collaborating with the other members and organising events for over 200 employees, summer barbeques, sports outings, and Christmas parties.

**Additional Skills:**

IT, ECDL certified qualifications in Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access.

Lifeguard qualification.

First Aid qualification

Sign Language skills.

**Interests and Achievements:**

Debating: Leinster finalist in the Leinster senior schools debating competition. Mount Sackville senior debating champion 2015. Winner of Trinity 2014 Pro-Am Competition. From this I have become very comfortable with public speaking, presenting and developing arguments.

Swimming: Many achievements in swimming galas at national level, winning medals at the Division 1 age groups final.

Music: Member of Christ Church Cathedral Choir and have a keen interest in singing.

Acting: Distinctions from the Trinity Guildhall Examinations up to grade 6. Past member of the Gaiety School of Acting and I have appeared at the National Concert Hall, the Draiocht Theatre and Smock Alley main stage.

I enjoy working with people and have a strong work ethos. I have high standards, am reliable, a good timekeeper, friendly, personable and outgoing.

**Reference**

Julie Byrne,

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