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Curriculum Vitae

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**Career Objective**

My goal at present is to gain experience working in a law firm through a graduate traineeship programme, following the completion of my Masters in Common Law degree in UCD next year. I am interested in developing practical legal skills and furthering my understanding of the law in a working environment. I am particularly interested in working in the areas of data protection and intellectual property.

**Education**

I completed my primary education at Balla Mixed National School in County Mayo in 2009. I sat my Leaving Cert in 2014 and my Junior Cert in 2012 at Balla Secondary School in County Mayo. I graduated from University College Dublin with a degree in Single Honours History Degree in 2017; before undertaking a Masters in Common Law that year. My GPA throughout my undergraduate degree was a 2:1. During my first year of studies in my Masters I achieved a high 2:1 which I intend to improve on again this year. Throughout third level academia, I have acquired several transferable skills. These include computer literacy, research skills, presentation skills and the ability to be an effective team player from projects I partook in.

**Employment**

* **Bar Staff – The Mezz (August 2018 – present)**

I am currently employed as bar staff in The Mezz, Temple Bar. The role has given me the ability to deliver outstanding customer service, work successfully under pressure and has made me an excellent team player with exceptional communication skills. The role itself consists of:

* Providing a professional and friendly service
* Serving customers and providing advice on drinks.
* Collecting empty glasses and ensuring the bar is tidy.
* Restocking wines and spirits.
* Ensuring all cash and till procedures are carried out in accordance with company policy
* **Brand Ambassador – Real Nation (April 2018 – present)**

At present, I am employed as a brand ambassador for Real Nation Promotions. The role involves representing various well-known brands such as Heineken, Orchard Thieves, Tiger Beer, Bord Gáis, Arnotts and EBS at activations across the country. Broadly, the role consists of:

* Activating and engaging with consumers to educate them in the brands.
* Communicating and organising the activations with others on the brand ambassador team.
* Interacting with the clients effectively to promote the brands successfully.
* Submitting detailed, accurate reports for the events, payroll hours, and material used during activations.
* **Piano Teacher – Melody.ie (September 2016 – September 2017)**

I previously worked as a Piano Teacher for Melody.ie. This consisted of teaching people of various ages and skills different types of music on the piano. It has given me several opportunities and skills which are set apart from my other roles. Such as:

* The ability to devise tuition plans based around each individual pupil’s goals and aspirations
* Acquiring appropriate teaching resources and materials
* Motivating pupils and encouraging progress
* Providing feedback and reports
* **Checkout Operator – Kavanagh’s Supervalu Castlebar (July 2015 – April 2018)**

I was previously employed by Kavanagh’s Supervalu Castlebar, as a checkout operator. I have acquired several transferrable skills during this role. The role included:

* Helping customers with their queries and informing them of offers within the store.
* Cleaning the checkout area in the evening and organising newspaper stands.
* Making sure that counters around the checkouts are always well stocked.
* Assisting in the quarterly stocktake within the store.
* Maintaining a high standard of customer service and working towards the yearly goal for the store.

**Achievements**

I have been playing piano since I was 5 years of age and have passed all my exams with honours. I have also taught myself to play the ukulele and I am also currently learning the guitar. I have played piano for the then President of Ireland Mary McAleese at a local event several years ago, it was an honour to be chosen. When I was 8 I got picked from 4000 entrants to audition for the Late Late Toy Show which was great fun and a day I will never forget! Academically, I have worked tirelessly in my studies, which resulted in my selection to study the Masters in Common Law course in UCD; a prestigious course which is recognised by King’s Inn.

**Hobbies and Interests**

I love to travel and am lucky to have visited some fascinating places, such as the Pyramids in Egypt and the Sahara Desert. As you can gather music is my passion both playing and listening to it, I go to concerts with my friends when the opportunities arise. I am an avid reader and love a good novel. My interests include history and politics, which ties in with my love of travel. I have an interest in 20th century Irish cultural history and I completed my undergraduate dissertation on Francis Stuart’s nationalism and legacy. I thoroughly enjoy research and writing. At present, I am undertaking a research project in my final year of studies. The topic is reflecting on, and critiquing the Irish juvenile detention system in its current form. It will look at international juvenile detention practice and assess which models might be best suited to Ireland.

**References Available Upon Request.**

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