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| **PERSONAL PROFILE** |

I am currently a final year law student studying the BCL programme in Dublin City University. In addition to maintaining an average 2:1 grade throughout my studies, I am also experienced within the area of criminal defence and have developed excellent analytical, research and writing skills transferable to my desired profession. My ambition is to undertake an LLM in Trinity College Dublin in September 2017 tailored to modules in both Criminal and Corporate Law before pursuing a career within the commercial and corporate sector.

**EDUCATION**

**2014 – 2017: BCL Law and Society,** Dublin City University, Dublin 9

* Final Year semester 1 results pending

Expected Grade: *2:1 Honours*

Modules Studied: Jurisprudence, Equity and Trusts Law, Law and Dispute Resolution, Genetics Law and Society.

 Law and Body Politics, International Human Rights Law, Administrative Law, Jurisprudence II, Intellectual Property Law.

* 2nd Year Results: *2:1 Honours*

Modules Studied: Healthcare Law and Society (71%), Company Law 2 (70%), Advanced Contract Law (70%), The Law of Contract (66%), European Union Law (66%), Law of Evidence (65%), Company Law 1 (63%), Moot Court (62%), Family Law and Society (62%), Employment Law (57%), Advanced European Union Law (52%)

* 1st Year Results: *2:1 Honours*

Modules Studied: Law of Torts (68%), Advanced Criminal Law (65%), Advanced Torts (64%), Public International Law (64%), Comparative Law (63%), Constitutional Law (62%), The Irish Legal System (61%), Foundations of Law and Legal Research (60%), Criminal Law (56%),

**2008 – 2014: Manor House School Raheny Dublin 5**

 Results – Overall Leaving Cert Points: 535

* Business Studies – A1 Accountancy – A2

**SKILLS PROFILE**

* Excellent analytical, research and writing skills developed from my academic studies.
* Interpersonal skills and skills in critical thinking and problem solving developed throughout my employment.
* Ability to work independently and effectively produce high quality work in time pressured situations.
* Capable of working as part of a team, both academically or professionally.
* Confident in public speaking through mooting.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Tony Collier Solicitors, Criminal Defence Specialist - Ushers Quay Dublin 8**

**Role: Paralegal**

**June 2016 to present**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

* Liaising with barristers on Circuit Court matters and attending court when required.
* Preparing legal documents for court in both District and Circuit Court cases in addition to drafting and filing the relevant documents required to initiate High Court bail proceedings.
* Interacting with clients and arranging consultations and attending such in certain circumstances.
* Responsible for all claiming including legal aid, Garda station and prison visits and ensuring payment is received in all cases.
* Arranging prison visits between counsel and clients and attending such when required.
* General administrative duties; filing, answering telephone calls, ordering office supplies, maintaining and updating all files & updating the legal diary daily.

**Boots – Frascati Shopping Centre Blackrock**

**Role: Customer Assistant**

 **August 2015 -- June 2016**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

* Interacting with customers and achieving a high level of customer care.
* Continuously expanding my knowledge of the various products available in store and using this meet challenging store targets.
* Handling cash when opening and closing the store and carrying out transactions on the till on a daily basis.

**Next – Grafton Street Dublin 2**

**Role: Sales Assistant**

**March 2015 -- July 2015**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

* Assisting customers with their purchase and ensuring a high level of customer satisfaction at all times.
* Carrying out transactions on the till and performing in-store orders.
* Replenishing stock and maintaining high standards of merchandising and housekeeping.

**Boots – Pavillions Shopping Centre Swords**

**Role: Christmas Customer Assistant**

**November 2014 – January 2015**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

* Refer to the above duties in my previous role as a customer assistant.

**Dublin Dental University Hospital**

**Role: Clerical Assistant**

**June 2014 – September 2014**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

* Registration of patients from referral letters onto Salud database.
* Checking student patient lists for anomalies.
* Booking assessments on the Salud database.
* Assisting on the help desk in the IT department for a brief period of time.
* General administrative duties.

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| **INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS** |

* **Law –** I have always been fascinated with the law. It is the law which impacts the lives of every individual and is in fact the bedrock of society. I view law as a career in which I will have the opportunity to improve the lives of others in a variety of different areas.
* **Travel –** I have a passion for travelling and enjoy experiencing different cultures. While I have been fortunate to have visited several countries over the past year, I hope to see more of the world in the coming years.
* **Voluntary Work –** I was an active member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society in my university throughout my first year of college. On several occasions throughout the year we gathered in Dublin City Centre and distributed soup and sandwiches to the homeless.
* **Prefect**- I was selected as a Prefect during the final two years of my second-level education. I guided the younger years and participated in the organisation of sixth year events.
* **Spanish and Accountancy** - offering tutoring in both to Leaving Cert Students during my first two years of higher education
* **2012-2014 -** award for perfect attendance.

**REFEREES**

**Professional: Academic:**
Tony Collier Dr. John Quinn

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