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Personal Statement

Adaptable and versatile with strong communication and organisational skills gained through paid and voluntary work experience. Ability to work to own initiative and also enjoy leading and working as part of a team. Recently graduated with a Masters in Common Law from University College Dublin. Have passed six Law Society of Ireland FE-1 Examinations to date.

Education

Law Society of Ireland FE-1 Examinations Candidate (October 2019 – Present)

University College Dublin, School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin, Ireland (2017 – 2019)

Masters in Common Law. Graduated with 2nd Class Honours, Grade 1 (3.27 GPA).

Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada (2015-2016)

International Exchange Student.

University College Dublin, School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin, Ireland (2013-2017)

Bachelor of Arts (International) in Economics, Politics and International Relations. Graduated with 2nd Class Honours, Grade 1 (3.43 GPA). Obtained a 1st Class Honours in final year (3.80 GPA).

Relevant Work and Voluntary Experience

Graduate Legal Analyst, Brightflag – August 2020 – Present

My role involves classifying legal data in order to teach the artificial intelligence engine how to parse relevant information from invoice narratives. I am working as part of the legal product team, helping to generate savings for clients and reports to highlight inefficiencies in clients' legal spend. On a daily basis, I process invoice narratives from different legal jurisdictions ranging across Australia, America and Europe.

Virtual Legal Intern, Maples and Calder LLP – June 2020 – July 2020

I interned with Maples and Calder LLP for three weeks in June and July 2020. The internship was delivered virtually due to COVID-19. I participated in departmental talks, debating competitions and assisted the Asset Finance and Banking teams with their cases and projects.

Letters Officer, Member of the Editorial Board of the UCD Law Review – October 2018 – October 2019

I was appointed to the Editorial Board for Volume 19 of the UCD Law Review in October 2018. Being on the Editorial Board allowed me to further develop my interest in the law generally. I

encountered a wide range of subject matters from submissions which greatly benefitted and improved my legal knowledge.

Legal Intern, Clark Hill Solicitors (formerly Galligan Johnston Solicitors), Dublin 4– June 2018 – June 2019

I worked in various departments, including Litigation, Commercial, Property and Personal Injuries. I was provided with a wide range of tasks and assignments including, but not limited to, drafting letters to clients, writing blog posts on developments in the legal world and the obtaining of relevant documentation for cases.

LLMs & MCL Class Representative, University College Dublin Student Union – October 2017 – May 2018

A role which helped me to develop communication skills, acting as the main link between my classmates and the UCDSU with responsibility for organising social activities for over sixty people.

Sales Representative, Virgin Mobile Canada – July 2017 - August 2017

Working in retail helped to develop my professionalism and ability to interact with clients in a fast-paced, perpetually changing environment. Gained an appreciation of clear career advancement lines within a large organisation.

Marketing Director, Science '44 Kingston Student Housing Co-operative, Ontario - January 2016 - May 2016

Exhibited organisational skills by managing an open house event. Active Board member in relation to administrative tasks, responsibilities and decisions. Pursued different and creative avenues for marketing to include establishing a bigger online presence for the Co-op.

Junior Accountant – NAV Oversight Team and Liquidation Support – Brophy Gillespie, Chartered Accountants, Dublin 14 - June 2013 - August 2015

Assisted with the administration and ultimate finalisation of more than 50 liquidations (Members' and Creditors'), and was part of a High Court Liquidation team, in addition to performing routine accounting support work.

Skills, Interests and Achievements

- Multi-instrumentalist, have played guitar and piano for over a decade, having taken lessons in both
- Keenly interested in literature and creative writing, have had short stories and poetry published by literary journals based in Ireland and abroad
- Highly-skilled in the use of computers and the Internet; including Microsoft Office Suite, troubleshooting computer software and hardware
- Competed in the McCann Fitzgerald Student Legal Service Negotiation Competition in University College Dublin (2018)
- Chairperson of Student Council, Coláiste Éanna Secondary School (2011-2013)
- Coláiste Éanna Secondary School Valedictorian 2013
- Volunteered in schools and hospices in Calcutta, India as part of Coláiste Éanna's biannual India Immersion Project (2012)

References

Referees available on request.