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**Education**

**University College Dublin** 2011-2015

* BCL Law with History
* Graduated with a Second Class Honours Grade One (G.P.A 3.58)

**Presentation Secondary School Kildare** 2005-2010

* Achieved 510 points in the Leaving Certificate
* Class prefect in 2nd and 3rd year of school, Senior Prefect in 6th year

**Legal Work Experience**

**Internship at the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)** June- July 2014

* My main responsibilities while at ICTU was researching the new Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and how volunteers would interact with this act.
* Working and researching within the Irish National Archives
* Helping to identify grounds for appeal of EAT decisions.

**Corporate and Commercial Law Study Visit `** March 2014

* Week long study trip to London during midterm break visiting both magic circle and medium sized city firms.
* Opportunities to develop and enhance networking skills and gaining an insight into the life of trainee solicitors.
* Undertook case studies to present to partners on our findings of sample legal issues.

**Other Work Experience**

**Penneys, Newbridge**  2010 - Present

* Excellent multi-tasking skills developed. It is one of the larger stores in Ireland and can be extremely busy at times, one may be expected to do a number of subsequent tasks.
* Strong interpersonal skills – Penneys pride themselves on great customer services, having worked there for almost five years, I have had the opportunity to hone my communication skills, effectively with both co-workers and customers.
* Providing on the job training and assistance to new employees.

**Skills and Competencies**

* **Team Player.** The Student Legal Service (SLS) on Campus involves a lot of team work for meeting deadlines and giving the best advice possible to students. Last year, the society produced a guide to the most frequently asked questions. I was elected to the committee overseeing the Student Legal Convention held in February 2015.
* **Communication** During my employment with Penneys, I have had a great deal of experience dealing with customers. This has greatly enhanced my communication skills.
* **Research and Analysis** I have studied Law with History in UCD for the last four years and I feel that the history has really complemented my degree in law as it has given me invaluable research and analytical skills that I’m sure will benefit me in any working environment. During my internship with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions I was responsible for analysing the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and doing a report on the status of Volunteers under the Act.
* **Organisation** During my internship I was tasked with the job of researching, preparing and organising a case file for a pending Employment Appeals Tribunal case. While at secondary school I was involved with the organisation and fundraising for a church pilgrimage to Lourdes. The fundraising allowed the local Carmelite Church to bring many elderly on the pilgrimage.
* **Working under pressure** having worked in Penneys for the past five years while studying full time in college. I have a proven ability to prioritise workload and manage my time effectively.

**Achievements and Interests**

* While in secondary school, I received numerous awards for academic excellence for annual exams, my Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations.
* I was afforded the chance to go on the UCD Corporate and Commercial Law Study Trip to London in March 2014 because of my high GPA and exam results in university.
* A member of UCD’s Student Legal Service and have helped in writing their recently published civic constitutional guide as well as volunteering at ‘know your rights’ week. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to inform other students with their legal issues and help to find solutions to whatever problems they may have had.
* I really enjoy exercise and go to the gym several times a week. Personally, I feel that this alleviates any stresses I have, and gets my brain working for the day ahead.
* I like to spend time socialising with friends - food, drinks or sometimes to the cinema.

**Referees**

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