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Education

FE1 Candidate

Current

- Completed **7 of 8** FE1 exams in two sittings, October 2019 and March 2020.
- The 1 remaining exam, Law of Torts, was delayed due to COVID-19, so I will be sitting this on November 3, 2020.

LLB - Postgraduate Law - University College Cork

2017 - 2019

- Completed a postgraduate law degree.
- Average overall result of **69%** - Second Class Honours Grade 1.
- Achieved First Class Honours in **Intellectual Property Law, Data Protection Law, Company Law and EU Law.**

BA - Film and Screen Media - University College Cork

2014 - 2017

- Graduated with **Second Class Honours Grade 1.**
- Modules undertaken were an even mix of **academic learning and practical project-based work.**
- Strong focus on IT systems and technology, including **Photoshop and Final Cut Pro.**

Leaving Certificate - Presentation Secondary School, Thurles Co. Tipperary

2008 - 2014

- Achieved **535 CAO points** in the Leaving Certificate.

Legal Experience

Current

Legal Data Analyst – Financial Solutions Group - Allied Irish Bank

- Role predominately includes the drafting, finalising and issuing (approximately 10 per week) credit agreements and letters of sanction to facilitate the restructure of non-performing loans for a wide variety of small to medium enterprise clients with exposures of up to c. €20m;
- working closely with credit managers and solicitors regarding each stage of the loan agreement;
- carrying out quality assurance work to aid my colleagues and liaising with Legal to finalise highly specific and detailed agreements;
- closely collaborating with a wider team of professionals including chartered accountants and financial advisors to ensure the accuracy of each agreement detailed;
- logging of errors when they arise, improvement of processes, minute taking at meetings, weekly and monthly report creation;
- partaking in extra-curricular activities that aid the team such as weekly Fake or Bake, charity work with FoodCloud and weekly team catch-ups. I am the Social Representative for the team so I'm involved in organising events, outings and staff parties.

June 2019 – August 2019

Intellectual Property Law Intern - ADAPT Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin

- Due to achieving high marks in Intellectual Property Law I gained a 10-week internship at the ADAPT Research Centre which operates out of TCD, UCD and DCU.
- The Centre focuses on researching methods for the effective analysis, personalisation and delivery of digital data solutions for businesses many of which are Fortune 500 listed / large multinational companies.
- This role included assisting the IP Manager with their responsibilities in providing legal support to the Centre namely the commercialisation and protection of the Centres' research outputs;
- liaising with industry partners through each stage of the research and development process, from the negotiation of non-disclosure agreements pre-research to the completion of licensing agreements;
- drafting various contracts and documents such as licensing agreements, commercial contracts, invention and software disclosures and submissions for patent filings;
- working with various customer relationship management systems and business intelligence software;
- producing write ups and case studies on ongoing research for the Centre's website, gaining exposure to academic and commercial research in digital innovation;
- presenting my work to the Centre at an internship showcase alongside the 8 other interns from various other disciplines such as computer science and marketing.

Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors - Legal Intern

June 2018 – July 2018

- Worked with the Corporate & Commercial department of Ronan Daly Jermyn (RDJ) and joined a dynamic, fast-paced team where attention to detail and client-focused solutions were prioritised.
- This role included administrative work such as printing, scanning, indexing and assisting trainees in their duties;
- participation in the Client Consultation programme in which interns had the opportunity to participate in mock consultations and were given feedback on their ability to think on their feet and apply their legal and business knowledge in a practical, real-life scenario;
- authoring a number of articles for the firm's TILT (Technology, Innovation, Law & Tax) blog.
- In this role I became more confident in my competency in public speaking, presenting, researching contemporary legal and commercial issues and drafting written documents.

Other Work Experience

Electric Bar and Restaurant, Cork – Bartender & Waitress

May 2018 – May 2019

- I held this position during the academic year 2018/2019 bartending and waitressing at a busy Cork bar and restaurant.
- The role included bartending, waiting tables, managing deliveries and stock checks, operating a cash point, hosting and cleaning.
- Due to my being a full-time student, my main shifts were at weekends when the bar and restaurant were busiest. This improved my recall ability by memorising long orders from multiple tables and my ability to multitask and prioritise my workload.
- This role in particular taught me to manage under pressure working in a fast-paced customer-focused environment.
- Being a team player was such an important aspect of this job. Open and respectful communication with my colleagues was key to getting the job done efficiently and I was always willing to row in where needed if my workload was lighter than another colleagues.

September 2017 – May 2018

Brown Thomas, Cork

- During the academic year 2017/2018 I worked as a Sales Assistant for luxury French brand 'The Kooples'.
- My daily tasks included the sale of clothing, record-keeping of daily sales and feedback, the transaction of sales, handling of money, and the completion of administrative work.
- With daily commission incentives I exercise my ability to work to deadlines and meet goals. A typical day at work was extremely busy and it was my job to manage many customers' needs at one time, this was often alone as the brand's sales team consisted of 4 members.
- I also completed extra administrative work such as recording daily sales figures and drafting emails to send to international management in France.

New York Yacht Club, Newport, RI, United States of America

May – September 2016 & 2017

- I spent two summers working as front of house hostess and in special events at this prestigious club.
- The role included waitressing, hosting and attending to specific needs of the private members during their stay.
- Having been asked to return by my manager, summer 2017 was my second summer at NYYC. Thus, I acquired a great deal more responsibility and was promoted to a mainly hostessing position.
- I was tasked with welcoming and seating guests, ensuring they were looked after, training in new staff members, leading service teams for special events and taking sole control over smaller VIP parties.
- Attention to detail and promotion of teamwork was crucial, given the high standard of service expected.
- I developed the ability to manage expectations of demanding clients and effectively manage large/multiple projects at once.

Voluntary Experience, Interests & Achievements

MS Society of Ireland (Multiple Sclerosis)

- Active member of MS Ireland, partaking in fundraising and awareness campaigns in my locality.
- I organise fundraising activities each year such as christmas craft fairs, raising hundreds of euro for MS Ireland.

FoodCloud Cork

- Volunteer at FoodCloud's Cork City hub packaging and sorting surplus food from supermarkets and distributing it to charities in need.

UCC Journalism Society

- Active member of the society during my time at UCC attending regular meetings and events.
- Published opinion pieces and current affairs articles which featured in the student newspaper, the UCC Express and in UCC's award-winning Motley magazine.

- **Languages:** Studied French to university level. Have maintained an advanced writing ability and an intermediate spoken level. I have recently begun a night class in conversational and business French and hope to start a course in American Sign Language in the new year.
- **Music:** Achieved up to and including Grade 7 with The Royal Irish Academy of Music in piano. Self-taught guitarist.
- **Speech & Drama:** Member of my local drama group 2009-2015. Member of the Gael Linn debating team at school.
- **Sport:** Keen interest in running and partake in numerous running events such as Cork City Marathon. Avid hiker, most recently completing the longest gorge in Europe, the Samaria Gorge. I practice Pilates and Yoga regularly to maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness. I was an active member of the UCC Surf Club and am currently a member of Thurles Knights Basketball club.
- **Art:** I have a keen interest in painting and sketching, selling my work online.

References

Available on request.

LLB Degree 2017-2019 – Results

Year I

Foundations of the Legal System - 71%
Law of Torts I - 67%
Law of Torts II - 70%
Constitutional Law I - 71%
Constitutional Law II – 54%
Law of the European Union - 73%
International Human Rights Law - 63%
Legal Research and Writing - PASS (pass/fail module)
Criminal Law - 65%
Law of Contract - 64%

Overall: 2:1

Year II

Company Law I – 67%
Economic Law of the European Union – 72%
Property Law I – 67%
Privacy and Data Protection Law -72%
Intellectual Property Law – 71%
Law of Equity – 67%
Banking Law – 67%
Administrative Law: Grounds for judicial review – 63%
Company Law II – 74%
Law of Equity II – 67%
Medical Law – 64%

Property Law II – 70%

Overall: 2:1