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Career Objective: A hardworking and driven Law student (BCL) at N.U.I.G, with previous legal experience, a proficiency to work collaboratively and an ability to succeed in any work environment. Experience working in fast and client focused firms seeking to develop skills and apply learning with an established and successful company. Striving to achieve the most out of myself and others.

Education: 2017-2021 BCL, Bachelor of Civil Law, National University of Ireland Galway

2nd Year Modules: Administrative Law (70%), Company Law (67%), Criminal Law (68%), European Union Law (69%), Legal Methods Research (65%), Moot Court (76%) Overall Grade 2:1

Projects: "Societal influences on sexual offences law" "The need for convictions and its relationship with corruption" and "Artificial intelligence in the workplace and its battle with discrimination law"

1st Year Modules: Tort Law (70%), Family Law (64%), Constitutional Law (60%), Contract Law (54%), Legal methods and Research (63%) Overall Grade 2:1

2012-2017 Christian Brother Secondary School, Thurles. Leaving Certificate: 496 Points

Economics (H1), English (H3), Irish (H3), Math (O2), Music (H2), German (H3), Geography (H3), L.C.V.P. (Distinction)

Work Experience:

September 2019- May 2020, Placement, Matheson, Commercial Litigation and Dispute resolution

- Team Member of the Employment and pensions group collaborating with national and international sources to keep partners and the team aware of any legal updates that may have a potential impact on the working of the firm, doing this through daily news updates
- Conducting extensive research into the current legislative timetable to ensure clients are prepared for future changes, ensuring a proactive approach rather than reactive
- Actively assisted Partners and Associates in solving legal issues
- Participated in client meetings and phone calls, taking accurate notes and ensuring a firm record was kept
- Prepared Briefs and Affidavits for both WRC and High Court proceedings
- Assisted clients during Covid-19 with employment issues including redundancy, maternity leave etc

June - September 2020, Assistant, Michelle O'Connell (State Solicitor), Tipperary

- Actively engaged with DPP Seeking directions and approach to prosecution, preparing files and evidence to be sent to relevant parties in line with GDPR and victim protection guidelines
- Worked effectively with other team members in preparation of cases, ensuring each team member had a strong understanding of what stage each case was at
- Attending Counsel in childcare matters seeking Interim care orders and Wardship applications. Engaging with clients and Guardians ensuring they are kept up to date in a clear and concise fashion
- Drafted witness summons and prepared Affidavits for judicial separation proceedings
- Adapted to a new approach to trials due to the Covid19 restrictions, including video links and electronic document submission

July 2016-September 2018, Judicial Assistant, His Honour Judge Gerard O'Brien, Circuit Court Cork

- Enhanced efficiency by timetabling the day for the judge, increasing Productivity by 5%
- Coordinated documents for the judge to reduce delay in the Court room proceedings
- Ensured relevant parties were present in the court room at the appropriate time, decreasing delays
- Liaised with relevant parties including Gardaí and Court house officials to ensure smooth running of each day
- Interacted and worked effectively with other Judicial assistants to meet the needs of the judge

Skills Profile:

Communication: Excellent communication skills developed from positions such as Schools Liaison Officer and Young Social Innovator ambassador, both these roles required me to deliver numerous presentations

Project Management: Proven ability to manage projects, these skills developed through running a national campaign to engage the government and young people in mental health

Teamwork: Developed the ability to work efficiently and effectively as part of a team through various roles on societies such as Galway University Musical Society, FLAC N.U.I.G. organizing various projects and events

Leadership: Regularly provided cover for the Café Manager and delegated tasks effectively to other team members, and trained new staff members

Adaptability: Proven ability to adapt to changes quickly, developed from roles such as stage manager as well as acting different parts on stage, requiring different character development for each character

Achievements:

- Founder of campaign "Teens stand strong through suicide" which aims to introduce mental health onto the school curriculum
- AMOSS Case study Competition winner 2019
- National Finalist for Young Social Innovators 2014/2015
- Young Social Innovator ambassador 2016
- Nominee for best supporting actor NUIG Dramsoc 2017
- Elected Vice Auditor NUIG Choral society 2017
- Elected Schools Liaison Officer of Galway University Musical Society 2018
- Elected First year officer of the FLAC society NUIG 2017
- Played various leading roles with local performance group "Phoenix Productions" i.e., Jack from "Into the woods"

Interests:

- Interested in Singing and Musical Theatre
- Active member of "Phoenix Productions" and "Galway university musical society" playing many lead roles
- Proven cyclist completing 50km cycle for "Cycle Against Suicide"
- Member of Thurles Cathedral Folk Group
- Strong interest in current affairs such as politics and legal issues such as Brexit

Referees:

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