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**PROFILE:** I am a final year International Law student from U.C.C., fresh from a year of study abroad I just completed in Charles University Prague in the Czech Republic. I am looking for a traineeship/ internship position in your firm with a view to securing full time employment in either Dublin or Cork City for the foreseeable future.

**Education**

2014-2018: **Law (International) BCLI**

University College Cork

Results (to date):

**Year 3(Erasmus):1.57 or 2H1**

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| **Subject** | **Result** | **Subject** | **Result** |
| Czech Criminal Law | A/1H | Czech and EU Environmental Law | A/1H |
| Czech Private Law | A/1H | European Law in the Czech-EU Context | C/2H2 |
| International Human Rights Law | C/2H2 | Medical and Sport Law | B/2H1 |
| Czech Constitutional Law | A/1H | Commercial Law and International Transactions | B/2H1 |
| U.S. First Amendment: Case Law | A/1H | U.S. First Amendment: Issues in Context | A/1H |
| Natural Resources Law | A/1H | Czech Legal History | A/1H |
| Financial Law | D/3H | Czech Language | B/2H1 |

**Year 2: 2H1 65%**

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| **Subject** | **Result %** | **Subject** | **Result %** |
| Law of Torts 1 | 67 | Law of Torts 2 | 67 |
| Economic Law of the European Union | 65 | Commercial Law | 60 |
| Principles of Public International Law | 65 | Public International Law | 58 |
| Law of Property 1 | 68 | Law of Property 2 | 70 |
| Principles of Revenue Law | 68 | Clinical Legal Skills | Pass |

**Year 1: 2H1 60%**

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| **Subject** | **Result %** | **Subject** | **Result %** |
| Foundations of the Legal System | 60 | Mandarin (language) | 55 |
| Constitutional Law:Fundamental Rights | 64 | Law of the Euopean Union | 60 |
| Constitutional Law:Institutions of Government | 64 | Criminal Law | 61 |
| Legal Research and Writing | Pass | Contract Law | 62 |

2009-2014: St. Patricks Secondary School, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

**Relevant Work Experience**

* February 18th-29th 2013: Work Shadowing in Galvin & Broderick Solicitors, Ashe Street, Tralee, County Kerry.

Role and Responsibilities: This work shadowing experience was taken with a view to making up my mind as to whether I wanted to put law at the top of my CAO application. While it only lasted two weeks, I was given a fairly comprehensive view of what it meant to be a solicitor, from drawing up land deeds to watching a criminal trial unfold at Tralee District Court. It also gave me an idea of the sheer amount of knowledge one has to have to be a competent solicitor. My responsibilities here were limited but it did serve to solidify the notion of committing to a career in law, an aspiration that still exists in my mind today.

**Other Work Experience and Employment**

* June- August 2017: Financial Consultant Assistant in J.C. Daly’s Insurance Brokers, The Square, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick

Role and Responsibilities: This job, which I also held in the summer of 2014, albeit with a lesser degree of responsibility, sparked my interest in the financial and corporate world. My tasks involved filing, both manually and online, obtaining insurance quotes for the general public over the phone, dealing with queries in person and filtering which issues needed the attention of my employer, and which did not. I also was tasked with producing preparatory paperwork before meetings with larger clients, and, towards the end of my time, was allowed to sit in on some meetings for experience. The pressure involved in working in such an environment, where my mistake would have a direct consequence for the client and the business, helped me to develop my own judgement, effective communication and initiative, which are vital skills for a career in law. My interest in business has now inspired me to work in the corporate law area, an area which Arthur Cox excels in.

* May-September 2015-2016: Employee of Sliabh Luachra Strawberries, Dicksgrove, Currow, Co.Kerry

Role and Responsibilities: This job involved selling and delivering fruit to sellers around Munster, as well as providing labour around the farm when required. The main benefit I obtained from this job, besides the money to support my year of study abroad, was a confirmation of my ability and willingness to work long and difficult hours. During both these summers, I had to awake at half six in the morning, five to six days a week, often working ten hour days at the height of the season. Working long hours is part and parcel of a career in law, and this job has helped me prepare for that, and given me confidence that I could cope with, and thrive in, such an environment.

I also had to regularly deal with clients, which helped to improve my interpersonal skills, and also introduced to me the importance of managing up to date accounts.

Another aspect of working with fresh food was that we constantly had to meet deadlines due to the quickness with which the product expires. This meant constantly working in teams with other employees to ensure orders were filled on a daily and weekly basis. In this regard I felt I reacted well under pressure and always met these deadlines.

* July 2014: Volunteer youth GAA coach at a locally run gaelic football camp at Castleisland Desmonds football pitch, Springfield, Limerick Road, Casteisland, Co. Kerry.

Role and Responsibilities: Here I was tasked with teaching a group of primary school children the basics of gaelic football for four weeks. This required good organizational and problem solving skills, due to the unpredictable nature of working with children. It also involved a lot of learning on the fly, as I had no previous experience with children or coaching. In that regard, it helped me develop a confidence in my ability to cope with being dropped into the deep end and having to follow my own intuition in dealing with novel situations.

**Hobbies and Interests:**

* GAA: I play Senior Football with Castleisland Desmonds, the St. Kierans divisional outfit and the U.C.C Sigerson team.
* Soccer: Member of the Castleisland Senior Soccer team.
* Travel: Have travelled around eastern and central Europe, and I am keen to do more in the coming years.
* Piano: I have a grade 7 in piano.
* Reading: I have been an avid reader from a young age, which has helped with my ability to assimilate and summarize large blocks of information, which is a helpful skill in studying law.

**Achievements:**

* Obtained 560 points in the Leaving Certificate in 2014.
* Captained the Castleisland Desmonds under-21 team to the county semi-final in 2016.
* Won the Kerry Senior soccer league and cup double in 2014, for the first time in over 40 years.
* Joe O’Connor cup winners medal with St. Pats Secondary School 2012
* Jim Lyons award for Higher English in St. Patricks secondary school.
* Awards for Mathematical and Design and Communication Graphics achievements in secondary school.
* Munster Schools Soccer Senior Cup runner-up medal 2013.

**Other Relevant Skills:**

* IT Skills: Competency with typing and Microsoft software like Word and PowerPoint.
* Filing: Experience with manual and online filing systems.
* Full and clean driving licence.

**Referees**

Proffessional: Academic:

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