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An ambitious BCL Law and Irish graduate currently working as a Paralegal in a top-tier Dublin law firm. Strong interest and skill level in debating and public speaking (Irish and English). Seeking internship/traineeship opportunities as I undertake FE1 Entrance Examinations.

**Education\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Sept’14- May’18 BCL Law & Irish University College Cork**

Degree Awarded: 2H1 (65%)

Exam Results: First year: Awarded 2H1 (63%)

Second year: Awarded 2H1 (61%)

Final year: Awarded 2H1 (65%)

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| * Contract Law 61% | * Dlí Bunreachtúil (Constitutional Law) 68% |
| * Property Law 64% | * Employment Law 70% |
| * Law of Torts 61% * Law of the European Union 63% | * Company Law 66% * Financial services: Law and regulation 67% |

**Project: *Clinical Legal Skills*** (Pass: from a pass/fail assessed module)

* Prepared a presentation as part of a team that set out the current law in Ireland and recommended changes for consideration. Studied comparative jurisdictions to engage with other countries’ positions.
* Researched using law journals and relevant case-law articles and acquired experience in presentation software. Gained proficiency in presentation skills and research techniques.
* Presented the project to members of the law faculty in UCC. This was an excellent opportunity to develop interpersonal skills within a team environment.

**Jan ‘17-May’17 Juris Doctor (International Exchange) University of Montana**

Studied as an exchange student at the University of Montana’s postgraduate law school, Alexander Blewett III Law School, whilst also tutoring two intermediate Irish language classes a week in the University’s faculty of Arts.

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| * Advanced Constitutional Law 73% | * Business Organisations 65% |
| * Judicial Clinic: Internship at the Federal Court, District of Montana (Competency) | * Irish Language Tutor (Competency) |

**Project: *Advanced Constitutional Law Briefing Sessions* (73%)**

* Researched two given topics; abortion and gun control laws with respect to the American Constitution.
* Using books, online journal and databases, I comprised the research into an oral presentation arguing one side of a dispute and debated it among peers and the teaching Professor in a court room like setting.

**Sept`07-May’14 Leaving Certificate Presentation Secondary School, Thurles, Co. Tipperary**   
Achieved 530/600 CAO points; Irish (H:A1), History (H:A1), Home Economics (H:A2), French (H:B1)

**Relevant Legal Experience\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**May’18-Present Arthur Cox, Ten Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.**

*Paralegal- Litigation Discovery Department (Legal Tech and Innovation Services)*

* Collaborating with team members reviewing documents for relevancy to particular cases. Categorising these documents into appropriate groups/classifications based on the various cases at hand. Reviewing the documents and items marked relevant for privilege and further legal analysis.
* Liaising with the firms Associates and Partners to ensure accuracy and precision when conducting these e-discovery projects.
* Assisting on various other discovery and review tasks. Conducting legal research where required and compiling this information into succinct and coherent reports.
* Putting my translation skills to use, assisting on Irish/English translation projects in different departments of the firm. Translating official documents and reports with complete clarity and attention to detail.

**May’17-Aug’17 Boone Karlberg P.C., 201 West Main St., Missoula, Montana, U.S.A.**

*Summer Internship at one of the city’s largest law firms*

* Exposed to all main areas of law practised at the firm including; Real Estate, Creditor Bankruptcy, Commercial and Banking Law, Tax and Probate, Insurance and Estate Planning with substantial time spent working on projects in the firm's Civil Litigation department.
* Through researching the law using online resources and summarising the relevant points succinctly for clients I was forced to understand the area of Civil Litigation and gain vital drafting experience.
* Conducted the work of a legal secretary writing emails, compiling deposition summaries and organising documents and calendars for lawyers and colleagues.

**Jan’17-May’17 United States District Court for the District of Montana, Missoula, Montana, U.S.A.**

*Judicial Intern for Magistrate Judge Jerimiah C Lynch and Senior Judge Donald W. Molloy*

* Attended and observed cases and mediation conferences with the honourable judges.
* Conducted vast amounts of legal research, using online databases and resources compiling findings in written memorandums.
* Discussed cases with the judges to arrive at legally supported judicial conclusions.
* Compared different aspects of the Irish and Federal American courts systems with the honourable judges.

**Sept ’16- Dec’16 Fiontar, Dublin City University, Dublin.**

*Research Assistant/ Cúinteoir Taighde (Intern)*

* Researched in-depth different aspects of the Irish language, contributing regularly to websites such as dúchas.ie, tearma.ie, ainm.ie, and gaois.ie, using different computer programmes and operations all through the Irish language.
* Edited and contributed to these online resources using different computer programmes and operations in Irish.
* Mainly undertook tasks associated with gaois.ie and the newly established online resource; ‘The Corpus of Contemporary Irish,’ this is a monolingual collection of Irish-language texts in digital format. Its main function is to make terminology and Irish language phrases used contextually, readily available on a digital platform.
* Assisted in compiling an online database of bilingual legislation. Actively wrote and composed online blogpost about issues of language rights in our jurisdiction.

**Additional Experience\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**April ‘15-Present Ógra Fianna Fáil - UCC, (Donagh O’Malley Cumman)** *-Finance Officer*

* Regularly organised events such as debates, guest speaker appearances, etc. Organised the national summer conference in Cork, where issues concerning modern society were approached and discussed. Participated in the 2015 Model Dáil in UCC, researching and speaking on the area of Mental Health Reform.
* Assisted with Cumman finances, budgeting for conferences and events.

**Oct ‘15-Present Ógra Fianna Fáil - Tipperary, (Dan Breen Cumman) -***Vice-Chair*

* Helping and assisting general election candidates in Tipperary, working on a regular basis in the office of a local candidate, helping with paper work and different campaign efforts from writing letters to updating various social media sites.
* Regularly attending meetings and organising different events such as historical commemorations and fund-raising events

**Sept ‘15-‘16**  **Castle Arms Hotel Durrow, Co. Laois** -*Waitress (Part-time/Weekends)*

* Responsible for Handling Money/Cashier management, assumed roles of responsibility whilst in charge of the breakfast shift each weekend.
* Co-operated and assisted other staff members whilst remaining calm and professional in often pressurised situations.

**June-July ‘15 & ‘16** **Coláistí Chorca Dhuibhne Teo,Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí** *-Ceannaire*

* Supervised and was responsible for Students aged 10-13.
* Ensured students always spoke Irish, improving my spoken and written language skills.
* Assumed roles cooking and cleaning, learned the basic principles of the HCCAP system as well as regularly cleaning toilets and public areas of the college.

**Additional Experience\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Camogie:** Active Member of my local Camogie club, St. Anne’s Johnstown since 2002. Competed for the University of Montana’s hurling team winning the NCGAA All-American national collegiate championship in May 2017.

**Debating:** Concern Debating All Ireland Semi-Finalist team member 2013. CEIST schools debating winner 2013. Gael Linn All Ireland Debating winner 2011. Actively competing in debating competitions organised by Ógra Fianna Fáil.

**Other Relevant Information:** Full clean Drivers Licence. ECDL certified.

**References \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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