**Martijn Blonk**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

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**EDUCATION:**

2016-2017

LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict, National University of Ireland Galway.

 Overall Grade Attained: 2nd class hons grade 1

 **Sample of modules undertaken:**

 Peace Support Operations: 66% Dissertation: 65%

 Refugee Protection: 65% Transitional Justice: 62%

 Counter-terrorism and Human Rights

2015-2016

Honours Bachelor of Laws (LLB), National University of Ireland Galway.

 Overall Grade Attained: 2nd class hons grade 1

 **Sample of modules undertaken:**

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 66% Law of the Sea: 80%

 Land Law: 65% Criminal Law: 63%

European Human Rights: 63%

2012-2015

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Corporate Law, National University of Ireland Galway.

 Overall Grade Attained: 2nd class hons grade 1

 **Sample of modules undertaken:**

Comparative Competition Law: 64% Banking Law: 68%

 Legal & Business Ethics: 66% Information Technology Law 73%

 Cross Cultural Management: 70%

2007-2012

Leaving Certificate, St Jarlaths College, Tuam, Co Galway

Achieved 405 points in a diverse assortment of subjects.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

2015 - present 3\* Private in the Reserve Defence Forces of Ireland

Regularly work in exceptionally stressful and demanding situations as part of a cohesive unit, both in very small sections and much larger bodies of troops. Have completed a number of training camps which have imparted a wide variety of skills including navigation, marksmanship, personal organisation, teamwork, clear and concise communication, leadership and instruction among others.

May – August 2016 Souvenir Photographer and Guest Experience Associate at Photogenic Inc. Chicago, U.S.A.

Worked as a souvenir photographer and guest experience manager in Shedd Aquarium, one of the busiest tourist attractions in Chicago, Illinois. I had numerous responsibilities such as interacting with guests to ensure they had as positive an experience as possible, taking photographs, editing them to a high standard, and subsequently selling them. This honed my ability to manage customer expectations and multitask in an exceptionally congested work environment.

Galway Race Week 2014 Bar Runner at Radisson Blu Hotel Galway

Worked in a very strenuous high-footfall bar during the busiest time of the year as a member of the stocking team. I was regularly on my feet and constantly working for shifts up to 14 hours in length. This experience relied heavily on hard work, teamwork, staying calm under pressure and the determination to keep your colleagues supplied with everything they needed to be able to do their part.

June – August 2013 Hardscaping Assistant Martin Rabbitte,

 West Coast Landscaping, Galway

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Assisted in a variety of aspects of hardscaping. Occasionally entrusted with a certain degree of artistic license in the implementation of aspects such as feature stones and pebble beds.

**SKILLS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

**Languages:** Fluent English and Dutch and basic German.

**Qualifications:**

* Level 5 FETAC qualification on Occupational First Aid (Distinction)
* Swiftwater Rescue Technician Level 1
* Gorse Fire Safety Training
* In possession of a valid, clean, full Irish driving license.
* Manual Handing in the Workplace

**Miscellaneous:**

I have become a competent marksman since joining the Defence Forces and have had success in a number of marksmanship competitions.

3rd place in my recruit camp marksmanship competition, 1st place as part of a team in the 2017 1st Brigade Falling Plates, 2nd place as part of a team in the 1st Brigade Senior Rifle Team, 2nd place as part of a team in the All Army RDF senior rifle team and 2nd overall individual in the All Army RDF senior rifle competition.

Participated in the “J1 work and cultural exchange program” in the Summer of 2016 to work in the United States and experience a complete immersion in a different way of life.

Finalist in the Cathal Lavelle – Walkers Gold Medal & Internship Award 2014 for outstanding performance in Company Law.

I thoroughly enjoy travelling and experiencing other countries and cultures. I endeavour to travel to one new country every year and have so far travelled to approximately 25.