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**Career Objective**

I am currently a final year LLB student attending the National University Ireland Galway. Embarking on my academic education through an Access Course and working part time in Burger King I have learnt to balance my time and work as a team player. With a clear objective from outset of my studies, I am keen to develop a career in Law as a solicitor.

**Education & Qualifications**

**2016-** *LLB (Bachelor of Laws), NUI Galway*

* Expected final year result (1:1), Core Modules; Company Law, Equity and Land Law

**2012-2015-** *BA (Bachelor of Arts) with Law & Sociological and Political Studies, NUI Galway* Overall Result for Degree 62.61 (2:1)

**First year:** *(Legal Studies)*: Irish Legal Systems (54%), Key Issues in Irish Law (60%), Legal Skills (46%).*(Sociological & Political studies)*: Introduction to Political & Sociological Studies (70%), Concepts and Practices of Sociology (63%), Problems in Politics & Sociology (78%)

**Second Year:** *(Legal Studies)*: Legal Methods & Research (71%), Tort I (64%), Tort II (70%), Constitutional I (62%), Constitutional II (63%), Health Law & Policy (68%). *(Sociological & Political Studies)*: Classical Social Thought (66%), Modern Political Thought (62%), European Politics (62%), Methods for Social & Political Science (62%), Comparative Themes in Society and Politics (50%), Social Issues and Policy Responses (66%)

**Final Year:** *(Legal Studies)*: Contract I (42%), Contract II (62%), Criminal Law I (64%), Criminal II (66%), European Union Law I (72%), European Union Law II (60%). *(Sociological & Political Studies)*: Comparative Public Policy (57%), Development and Change (67%), Contemporary Social Thought (62%), Principles of Political Theory (61%), Sociology of Sexuality (67%), Northern Ireland: The Politics of a Divided Society (65%)

**2011-2012-** *School Leavers Access Course, NUI Galway*

* Overall Average for year 70%

**2008-2010-** *Leaving Certificate,**Presentation Secondary School, Galway*

English (H) D3, Mathematics (O) D1, French (O) C3, Art (H) C1, Chemistry (O) C1, Biology (H) D1, L.C.V.P (Merit). I was exempted from Irish because I moved from the UK.

**Work Experience**

**2012-Current:** *(Promoted to supervisor in 2015) Burger King, Galway*

**Duties:**

* Being vigilant of policy and procedure
* Managing and training new employees
* Interacting with customers and resolving any issues they might have
* Cashing up tills at the end of the shift and managing change

**2010-2012:** *Bar tender, The Lantern Bar, Ballybane, Co. Galway*

**Duties:**

* Operating a till
* Working efficiently under pressure
* Cocktail making

**Skills Profile**

I may not posses much legal expertise; however my vast experience working in the catering and customer service industry for a number of years has resulted in valuable skills. I have learnt to cope in stressful, fast paced situations. Along with working as a team player in all of my past positions, I have adapted skills in dealing with money, accommodating staff around work time schedules, being responsible for stock and communication with a vast number of customers from various different cultures and countries.

**Achievements**

* On taking the year out before embarking on my LLB, I travelled to France, Poland and the Netherlands.
* During the summer of 2016, I attended a six week Polish for beginner’s class at the Galway Language Centre.
* I am a volunteer with Youth Work Ireland Galway where I work as part of a LGBT Shout! Programme that helps to support and encourage teenagers in a safe environment.
* During the third year of my undergraduate studies I was Class Representative for my Legal studies class.

**Interests/Hobbies**

My hobbies include instrument playing, specifically bass, although I started with guitar. I played bass guitar in a cover band during my leaving cert year. I have a unique taste to ska/reggae music with its heavy clean bass beats and fast paced vocals.

My interests are reading a vast variety of literature, however if I was to summarise particular favourites it would be fictional novelist Margret Atwood and supernatural fiction by Stephen King.

**Referees**

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