**Matthew Jones**

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**Key Achievements/ Objectives**

* Worked as an intern in the Intellectual Property Department of DFMG Solicitors.
* Over 2 years-experience working in client focused roles within the entertainment and hospitality industries.
* Competed in a variety of intervarsity moot court competitions.
* Selected to compete in the EUROPA Mooting Competition 2020 in Portugal.
* Partook in 2 charity missions to Nairobi, Kenya in Secondary School.
* Grade 8 violinist.
* Committed to developing career in law and highly focused on this objective.

**Key Skills/ Attributes**

* Innovative
* Focused
* Project Management/ Leadership
* Teamwork
* Time efficient
* Analytical
* Corporate Awareness
* Socially Responsible
* Computer Literate
* Well Spoken
* Great social skills
* Resilient

**Education**

**2010-2016 Leaving Certificate** *Gaelcholaiste na Mara*, Arklow, Co. Wicklow

Higher Level: Irish, English, French, Maths, Biology, Music, Geography.

Points Obtained: 460.

**2016-present L.L.B. Law** *Maynooth University*, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Grades: Year 1 - 2nd Class Honors (2.1)

Year 2 - 2nd Class Honors (2.1)

Year 3 – 2nd Class Honors (2.1)

**Legal Experience**

**Summer Intern, DFMG Solicitors.**

I completed an unpaid summer internship in DFMG Solicitors, working predominantly under Patricia McGovern in the Intellectual Property Department. During my time at DFMG I was tasked with, among other things, assisting the firm’s solicitors and attending court.

**Vice President, Maynooth Free Legal Advice Centre.**

Maynooth Free Legal Advice Centre is an organisation run by students with the goal of providing high quality free legal advice to the students and residents of the township of Maynooth. As Vice-President, my duties include, but are not limited to, assisting the President in his duties, corresponding with legal professionals for our clinics and training sessions as well as corresponding with the Student Union and Law Department of Maynooth University.

**Mooting**

I have taken part in a number of moots during my time in University. The Philpot Curran Novice Moot Court Competition was my first. I also partook in the DCU Moot in the Criminal Courts of Justice in 2018 and 2019, as well as Maynooth’s annual Silken Thomas Competition. I was also selected out of a number of applicants to compete as part of a team in the annual EUROPA Moot, which will be held in Portugal in April 2020.

**Other Experience**

**Summer 2017/ 2018 Outdoor Pursuits Instructor:** Clara Lara Funpark, Vale of Clara, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

* I was tasked with ensuring customers were equipped for and knowledgeable of the use of various outdoor activities such as rowing boats, kayak’s, balancing beams, go-karts, water slides, climbing frames and rope swings.
* I also performed duties such as cleaning bathrooms and directing cars in the carpark.
* Working in Clara Lara required timely responses to problems and enhanced my problem-solving capability, all whilst dealing with customers in a polite and friendly manner.

**September- December 2017/2018 Kitchen Porter/ Waiter/ Delivery Driver:** La Locandina, The Mall, Wicklow Town, Co Wicklow.

* I was primarily responsible for the hygiene in the kitchen.
* My duties included washing, drying and re-shelving dishes as well as pots/pans etc.
* I was also tasked, given the small nature of the restaurant, with waitering duties and for several weeks worked as a delivery driver.

**Hobbies & Interests**

**Sport:**

*Mountain Biking*: I thoroughly enjoy mountain biking and try to go biking at least once a week in the Wicklow Mountains.

*Fishing:* I have enjoyed fishing from a young age and predominantly fly fish in the Avoca river.

*Sailing:* I am a member of the Arklow Sailing Club and partake in races and competitions during the Summer months.

**Music:**

I have played the violin since I was 8 years old and was awarded my Grade 8 in musical competence from Trinity College London when I was 17 years old.

**Travel:**

I have a keen interest in travelling. I was chosen to travel to Kenya on a number of occasions during my time in secondary school as part of the Junior St. Vincent de Paul Society in Arklow. I have also spent time in New Zealand as a child and more recently over Christmas in 2017. I also spent a month interrailing around Europe.

Curriculum Vitae: Matthew Jones.