

# Michelle Farrell

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## Education

**University College Dublin: BCL (Law with Politics)** **2017-2021**

- Current Grade: 1:1 (3.77 GPA)
- Relevant modules completed: Contract Law (A-), Tort Law (B+), Intellectual Property Law (A-), EU Economic Law (B+), Company Law (A), Property Law (A-).
- Currently studying Equity, Banking Law and Employment Law.
- Completed a semester abroad at the University of Vienna in Austria during my third year.

**Convent of Mercy, Roscommon** **2011-2017**

- Completed the Leaving Certificate in 2017, receiving 552/625 points.

## Work Experience

**Editor-In-Chief** **Jan 2020 – Present**

UCD Student Legal Service Law Journal, Sutherland School of Law.

- Co-manage a team of 30 contributors and sub-editors, in the production of the 2020/2021 publication, entitled “Legal Change in Changing Times”, analysing everything defining a changing Ireland in 2020.
- Responsibilities: interviewing and training our team and monitoring their progress through frequent meetings, approving articles for publication, organizing promotion and sponsorship, organizing the journal’s launch, and contacting guest-speakers to contribute to the event.

**Social Media Manager** **Apr 2020 – Present**

Dun Laoghaire Pharmacy, 56 George’s Street Upper, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin.

- Manage the business’s website, blog, and social media platforms. Organize their promotions and collaborations and monitor their statistical progress.

**Legal Intern (Litigation)** **Jan 2020 – Mar 2020**

BHSM Solicitors, 6-7 Harcourt Terrace, Dublin.

- Worked within the litigation department, in the areas of mortgages and debt, As well as employment.
- Responsibilities: compiling briefs, drafting letters, drafting affidavits and arranging for their swearing and filing, invoicing and drafting a variety of more complex legal documents as I progressed within the firm. I attended Court for the hearing of various matters and experienced the reality of litigation, gaining a valuable understanding of the importance of the administrative element critical to each case.

**Sub-Editor & Contributor** **Sept 2019 – Mar 2020**

UCD Student Legal Service Law Journal, Sutherland School of Law.

- Managed a team of contributors in the “Public Interest” section of the 2019/2020 publication.
- Contributed to the publication with articles in both the “Public Interest” and “Corporate Interest” sections.

**Receptionist** **May 2018 – Nov 2018**

Urban Brewing Company, 1 Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.

- Responsibilities: Ensured an excellent client experience, coordinated tours and events for large groups, dealt with customer complaints as the face of the company, dealt with financial transactions and queries and supervised our team when needed.
- Endeavoured to establish a returning customer base by developing staff-client relationships and ensuring the maintenance of the company’s excellent professional reputation.

**Hostess** **May 2016 – Dec 2017**

Hannon’s Hotel, Roscommon.

- Developed my interpersonal skills from a very young age while working in this family business. My early start in the hospitality industry has certainly helped me to become the people person that I am today.

## **Skill Profile**

- Commercial Awareness developed from studying politics and economics modules, as part of my degree, and listening to political and current affairs podcasts.
- Organisation & Efficiency skills honed within my role as Editor-in-Chief of the UCD Student Legal Service Law Journal and from working within the busy litigation department of a corporate law firm.
- Teamwork and collaborative skills gained from working within multiple professional, passionate, and hardworking teams from my work experience in legal, hospitality and academic settings.
- Leadership skills developed from my positions as a receptionist, where I assisted in coordinating teams and further excelled through my role with the UCD Student Legal Service society, where I manage, train and monitor a team of 30 students.
- Creative problem-solving and communication skills accrued from customer service experience in the hospitality industry, dealing with customer grievances and requests.
- Legal Research & Writing skills developed through my legal studies and excelled through my involvement with the Student Legal Service society in UCD, by attending and assisting in running their legal clinics regularly, as well as being constantly saturated by legal writing in my role as Editor.
- Proficiency in Keyhouse, Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Access.
- Competent in conversational Irish and French.

## **Interests**

- Passionate about fitness, having competed at county and provincial levels in swimming. Current member of the UCD Triathlete Society. I had hoped to complete my first triathlon this year.
- Regularly hike in my free time, something I have particularly enjoyed while travelling, having hiked through the Himalayas in Nepal and rural Tanzania.
- Avid reader of everything from fact to fiction and am passionate about journalism and writing, having completed internships with companies such as The Daily Mail, Her.ie and the Roscommon Herald.
- Volunteered with PLAN Ireland Children's Charity. Travelled to Nepal in 2015, teaching careers education in local schools, particularly focusing on the encouragement of young girls.
- Volunteered with UCD Volunteers Overseas. Travelled to Tanzania in 2019, teaching computer skills and English in secondary schools for one month. I spearheaded the organization of career guidance classes for secondary school students progressing through their education.
- Volunteered with Brothers of Charity, Roscommon, throughout my secondary education as an assistant in the Speech and Language sector, assisting in the progression of social skills for young adolescents with special needs.
- Passionate about travel, the outdoors and adventure from my experiences in Nepal and Africa.
- Previous member of UCD Philharmonic Choir and voice part leader in my school's chamber choir which had successes at competitions such as The All Islands School's Choir Competition and Navan Choral Festival.
- Avid listener of podcasts discussing current affairs and economic and political developments.

## **References**

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