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PROFILE

Recent law graduate with experience in research, legal analysis and great attention to detail, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In-depth researcher having undertaken two dissertations during education. Excellent multi-tasker with experience working in a fast-paced and high-end restaurant, completing many tasks at while providing a high standard of service and care. Managed university club committee roles, exercising leadership, communication and teamwork skills. A determined and hard-working candidate with drive, having commenced FE1 studies.

EDUCATION

**Masters of Law (LLM) Criminology and Criminal Justice** - University College Dublin 2020

Grade: 2.1

Overview of modules studied: Crime and Society, Gender in War and Violence, Coercive Confinement, Whistleblowing Law and Practice, Organised Violence and Society.

Undertook a dissertation on the need for Ireland to reform the ages of criminal responsibility, advising that it should be increased to 12 for all offences based on the research on young children’s developing capacities.

**Bachelor of Laws (LLB)** - National University of Ireland Maynooth 2019

Grade: 2.1

Studied a multitude of legal modules: Contract, Criminal, Tort, Intellectual Property, Land, Medical, Family, Company, Jurisprudence, International Relations, Dispute Resolution, Equity and many more.

Undertook a dissertation questioning the definition of ‘rape’ in the United Kingdom and proposed for a more gender-neutral offence.

**Honours Leaving Certificate** - Loreto Abbey Dalkey, Dublin 2015

Achieved 475 points in Leaving Certificate.

CAREER HISTORY

**Waitress -** The Ivy Dawson Street, Dublin July 2018-Feb 2020

Served food and drink, covered several tables and orders, carried out multiple tasks at once while providing a high standard of service and care.

Worked as part of a team and performed many roles outside my scope to ensure customers were given the upmost care and attention.

Responded to situations and customer complaints, thinking and applying my knowledge and expertise quickly and finding a suitable solution.

Communicated and exercised excellent social skills while serving guests and their requests.

**Office Intern**- Smith Foy & Partners, Fitzwilliam Square, DublinJune 2018

Data entry, online filing, and exercised printing and copying legal documents.

Assisted in the creation of memos and letters for clients.

Updated addresses of clients and ensured all GDPR regulations were in place.

**Camp Counsellor** - Bridgton Sports Camp, Maine, U.SJune-August 2016/17

Responsible for supervising children aged 8-16 years old for several hours while maintaining the health and safety of each child.

Collaborated with other counsellors and exercised leadership skills in running activities.

Communicated with parents’ questions and queries and transferred these onto the Director of the camp.

Responded to disputes between children and set a good example for campers with punctuality, hygiene, rules and sportsmanship qualities.

SKILLS

EDCL qualifications in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Research skills

Budgeting

Leadership

Coaching

Team player

INTERESTS

**Ultimate Frisbee** Maynooth University Frisbee Club- Treasurer (2016/2017); Women’s Captain and Public Relations Officer (17/18); President (18/19).

Represented Ireland Women’s Under 24s Team that competed in the World Ultimate U24s Championships in Germany in 2019. Representing Ireland Senior Mixed Team in the World Ultimate Senior Championships in July 2021.

**Piano** Grade 7 - Royal Irish Academy of Music.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.