

# Molly O'Connor

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## **Personal Statement:**

I am ambitious and hardworking, driven to seek challenging projects where I can further my legally related goals. My legal studies at the UCC School of Law and my experience working on the JCOERE project demonstrate my passion for working in law, setting a basis for my career pursuits. I possess strong communication and teamworking skills combined with excellent organisational expertise, and have gained experience in project management, research, administration and recruitment.

## **Education:**

### **October 2019 – Present:**

#### **Final Examination – First Part (FE-1 Examinations), Law Society of Ireland**

- Successfully passed the Criminal Law, Property Law and Company Law exams in October 2019 on my first attempt, receiving the following results:
  - Criminal Law: 70%,
  - Property Law: 60%
  - Company Law: 54%
- Intend to sit the five remaining FE-1 exams in the November 2020 online sitting and the March 2021 sitting.

### **September 2019 – September 2020**

#### **LLM (Taught), University College Cork**

- Studied and undertook advanced legal research in a broad range of legal areas, with a specialisation in European law and environmental law.
- First Class Honours 1.1 overall grade achieved in modules completed in semesters 1 and 2.
- Completed my dissertation under the supervision of Dr Áine Ryall. The research focused on a blend of corporate and environmental law and was entitled 'Shareholder Responses to Corporate Climate-Related Risk Management: Emerging Trends in Litigation and Activism Methods and the Potential Implications for the Irish Public Company'.
- LLM module results:
  - Introduction to Planning Law: 70%
  - Information Rights Law: 79%
  - Climate Change Law and Policy: 73%
  - Intellectual Property and Internet Regulation: 71%
  - Environmental Law in Practice: 70%
  - Brexit and the Future of Europe: 60.5%
  - International Environmental Law: 75%
  - International Criminal Law: 71%

### **February 2020**

#### **European Winter Law School, University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany**

- Completed a number of European Law modules, with a focus on comparative law and corporate law.
- Gathered relevant research on judicial systems in civil law jurisdictions for the JCOERE project.

### **September 2014 – October 2018**

#### **BCLF (Law and French), University College Cork**

- Graduated receiving a First Class Honours 1.1 result.
- Studied a variety of law and French modules and completed a number of academic assignments across both disciplines. Gained advanced expertise in legal reasoning and legal research.
- Final year module results:
  - Family Law: Family Relationships: 67%
  - Equity Law: Doctrines & Remedies: 70%
  - Company Law I: 71%
  - Family Law: Child Law: 73%
  - Administrative Law: Judicial Review: 60%
  - Company Law II: 70%
  - Environmental Law: 70%
  - Trauma and Narrative in the Francophone World: 76%
  - Advanced Use of French: 55.5%
  - Language and Interpretation: 70%
  - The Changing Face of French Cinema: 67%

## **August 2016 – May 2017**

### **Exchange year in Université De Montréal, Montréal, Canada**

- Studied a broad range of legal modules in French, learning provincial, federal and international law.

### **2008 -2014: Leaving Certificate, Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy**

- Achieved 515 points.

### **Relevant Employment:**

#### **December 2018 – Present: Project Manager, JCOERE Project, University College Cork, Cork**

- Project Management and Research for the EU Commission funded JCOERE (Judicial Co-Operation Supporting Economic Recovery in Europe) Project. The objective of the project is to enhance judicial co-operation under the Recast Insolvency Regulation EU 2015/848, supporting preventive restructuring processes for European businesses. The project is coordinated by UCC and works with three research partners based across Europe.
- Manage all organisational, administrative, financial and public relations aspect of the project. This involves consistent planning, communication and efficient collaboration with the project consortium and the Commission to ensure that the project deliverables and milestones are being achieved.
- Adapt elements of the project organisation and planning to find creative solutions where problems or issues are encountered.
- Contribute towards project research by gathering and collating materials, writing, editing, cross-referencing and formatting publications, research reports and other research outputs.
- Creation of a variety of reports, collation of data and data analysis for the project on a regular basis.

#### **June 2018 – December 2018: Talent Acquisition Consultant – M3S Division, Morgan McKinley, Lapps Quay, Cork**

- Full cycle recruitment for two clients of M3S, specialising in international recruitment in the sales, digital marketing, and customer service industries.
- Was the first onsite recruiter within a new partnership of the business; played a key role in the creation, development and implementation of a full cycle recruitment process from scratch.
- Effective communication and relationship building with key stakeholders (CEO, COO, Directors and Hiring Managers) in the business partnership, successfully delivering client-focused solutions and managing their expectations of recruitment needs and issues.
- Consistently worked on both an individual and team basis, helping to ensure that all targets and KPIs were reached across each campaign.

#### **May 2017 – August 2017: Waitress and Hostess at Shandon Court, East Islip, New York, U.S.A.**

- Demonstrated customer care and prioritised providing excellent customer service.
- Consistently worked as a team player with other members of staff.
- Aided with organisational and administrative tasks, such as organisation of stock, events management and managing invoices.
- Successfully met daily sales targets.

#### **May 2015: Legal Work Experience with Comyn Kelleher Tobin, 2 George's Quay, Cork**

- Communicated efficiently with employees in the firm, aided them with a number of different tasks.
- Carried out extensive and time-sensitive administration work, including reporting and note-taking during court sessions.
- Dealt with highly sensitive and confidential family law related cases with respect and consideration.
- Maintained levels of confidentiality and professionalism throughout the work experience.

### **Relevant Skills:**

- **Communication:** I have excellent written and verbal communication skills as well as interpersonal skills, which I have attained by building and managing relationships in a variety of projects on a professional, academic and recreational level.

- **Team working:** I am highly efficient at working in a team and in working towards a common goal. I have strong collaborative skills; respecting each team member and providing support to my colleagues when needed.
- **IT:** Highly proficient use of Google Docs/Spreadsheets and Microsoft package – Word, Powerpoint, Outlook, Teams and Excel. Completed ECDL (European Computer Driving License) course in 2012.
- **Administrative:** I approach all administrative duties with strong attention to detail, critical thinking and the ability to plan ahead and prioritise.
- **Organisational:** I am proficient in time management and task prioritisation, gained by balancing a high volume of tasks whilst working in a fast paced, deadline driven environment.

#### Languages:

- **French:** Advanced level of written and spoken French.

#### Awards and Achievements:

- In July 2020, the JCOERE project team received the College of Business and Law award for Research Team of the Year, given as acknowledgment for our excellent collaboration and research.
- Awarded a scholarship and travel bursary to attend the Winter School at the University of Würzburg in February 2020. This was awarded on the basis of my academic merits and professional experience.
- Successfully completed all exam grades in pianoforte and music theory with the Leinster School of Music and Drama, achieving first class honours in all grades. Received an Excellence Award for pianoforte in 2012, awarded to students who demonstrate excellence in performance in music or drama.

#### Interests:

- **University Societies:** During my studies at UCC I was an active member of a number of university societies which I thoroughly enjoyed. I held the position of Sponsorship Officer on the 2015 Law Conference Committee, and International Officer on the UCC Feminist Society in 2015 and 2018.
- **Music:** I have played piano, studied music theory and sang for over ten years now and enjoy performing in open mic nights, small-scale concerts and music competitions.
- **Public Speaking:** I am a keen public speaker, and enjoy taking part in society discussion nights, debating, moot court competitions and research colloquiums at UCC.
- **Campaign Development:** I enjoy taking an active stance on societal issues that have a lasting impact on the rights of citizens. I have been involved in a number of different community and university-based campaigns, including UCC SU presidential election campaigns, and a campaign to implement consent classes on a university wide basis.
- **Hiking:** I enjoy hiking and hillwalking and am a member of the Cork Hillwalking Club.

#### References:

##### **Professional Reference**

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