

Nadia Desmond

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EDUCATION

University California Davis, School of Law – International Exchange

January 2016- May 2016

- Was selected to complete International Exchange in one of California's leading law schools.
- Modules taken: Corporate and White Collar Crime, Negotiations, International Business Transactions and Employment Discrimination

University College Dublin – BCL Law with Social Justice

September 2013-Present

- 3rd Year GPA: 3.93 (First Class Honours)
- 2nd Year GPA: 3.6 (Second Class Honours, Grade 1) Class ranking: 5th
- 1st Year GPA: 3.7 (First Class Honours) Class ranking: 3rd
- Major in Law, Minor in Social Justice

Mount Anville Secondary School- Leaving and Junior Certificate

September 1998- June 2013

- Leaving Certificate Results: 525 points
- Junior Certificate Results: All higher level, 6 A's 4 B's

WORK EXPERIENCE

Paul O'Sullivan & Co Solicitors

September 2015- January 2016

Legal Secretary/Intern

Part-time work in a solicitor's office. Duties were mainly administrative in nature including file management, dealing with clients and preparation of legal documents for litigation. This has helped with my organisational skills and time management. I found this was a great opportunity to apply knowledge obtained in the classroom into a hands-on and practical environment.

Bolands on the Hill, Public House

August 2014- September 2015

Lounge Girl and Bartender

This job has provided me with extensive experience in the service industry by working as lounge staff- serving food and drinks and also being behind the bar. It has enhanced my communication skills and taught me how to work within a team in a professional environment. I also learned how to overcome obstacles including dealing with difficult customers and working long hours.

Millward Brown, Market Research Company

September 2013- October 2014

Market Researcher

Conducting market research in a call centre to enable clients to grow their business by gaining the perspective of their target markets. Conducted national and international surveys for a large number of companies.

Hanson Capital Management, Property Company

May 2012- September 2012

Administrative and Research Assistant

I used organisational skills to help in the office, for example filing and creation of a website for an upcoming financial project for student accommodation. I also helped to conduct research on upcoming projects. Through this position I learnt administrative skills and about the inner-workings of a business.

Prop Me Up, Promotional and Events Company**December 2011- June 2015**

Brand Ambassador and Events Assistant

Worked as part of a team for promotional events e.g. launching iPhone apps. Responsibility of promoting a product or service. Work at seasonal and family themed events (Christmas work parties and summer events). Entertaining and looking after children.

Arthur Cox**15 November 2011- 19 November 2011**

Work Experience

Completed a week of work experience in Transition Year in Arthur Cox where I attended a number of talks, which introduced me to various departments in the firm. I also completed library training and helped with legal administration work. I was based in the Banking department.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Legal Achievements

- Volunteer at the Student Legal Service clinic, which has helped me to develop practical legal skills in the areas of employment, consumer and property law.
- Awarded a certificate from UCD for completing work-based learning and gaining 'Skills for Working Life'. I was one of a small number of delegated law students selected to complete the Corporate and Commercial Law trip to London. This involved attending seminars to help with my networking, commercial awareness and alternative dispute resolution skills and a visit to Magic Circle London law firms to gain an insight into working in London in a corporate law firm.
- Applied and selected to take part in a Law Start Day in A&L Goodbody where I received first-hand experience shadowing a trainee and learning about the inner workings of a corporate law firm.

Achievements/Extra Curricular Activities

- Completed all 7 ECDL modules
- Completed First Aid Course
- Represented the school choir in Ireland and abroad, including Disneyland Paris
- Received Gaisce bronze award, involving sports, community service, acquiring a new skill and a hike.
- Captain of the school basketball team for two years

Volunteering and Charity Work

- Raised over €1,000 organising a concert in order to volunteer as a helper in Lourdes
- Volunteered at Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home where I served the dinner
- Part of the sales team for a fashion show which raised €21,000 for Our Lady's Children Hospital, Crumlin.
- Volunteered as a Faith Friend in 2012 and 2013, which helps people prepare for their Confirmation.

REFERENCES

Judy Walsh, Module Coordinator of Law with Social Justice- judy.walsh@ucd.ie

Paul O'Sullivan, Principal at Paul O'Sullivan & Co Solicitors- pos@indigo.ie

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To Whom It May Concern

1st February 2016

Re: Reference for Nadia Desmond

Dear Sir/Madam,

Nadia Desmond worked with me as a legal secretary/intern from September 2015-January 2016.

Her main responsibilities were filing, dealing with clients over the phone, by correspondence, email and occasionally in person. She also prepared legal documents for upcoming litigation, conveyancing, etc.

Nadia was an enthusiastic and diligent team member and her work was to a consistently high standard. She proved herself to be organised, efficient and extremely competent.

Nadia's communication skills, both written and verbal, are excellent. She completed work quickly and to a high standard. She showed great initiative and focus on achieving results at all times.

In summary, Nadia would be a valuable asset to any organisation and I would highly recommend her for any legal position or endeavour that she may seek to pursue.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Paul O'Sullivan
Principal at Paul O' Sullivan & Co.



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**Scoil an Pholasáí Shóisialta, na
hOibre Sóisialta agus na Córa
Sóisialta UCD**

Foirgneamh Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington
An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath,
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29th January 2016

To whom it may concern,

I am very pleased to write an academic reference for Nadia Desmond, whom I know in my capacity as the academic coordinator of the Minor in Social Justice on the Law with Social Justice degree offered by University College Dublin. Nadia has been a student on several core modules I teach, including the seminars that run each academic year and a module on Human Rights and Social Justice.

The high grades Nadia was awarded in each module I taught are a testament to her aptitude for academic research and writing. Assessment comprised various pieces of written work that require students to engage in critical analysis of module readings, reflection on their own learning processes, problem-based learning and public scholarship in the form of blog entries. The curriculum and associated assessment strategies cultivate students' critical thinking and writing skills, equipping them to approach legal issues from multiple perspectives. Nadia has demonstrated a strong capacity for innovative thinking, while also engaging in rigorous analysis of legal doctrine.

Each of the modules offered on the programme is interdisciplinary, exposing students to material drawn from fields such as law, political philosophy, feminist and egalitarian theory, criminology and sociology more generally. Nadia moved fluidly between these disciplines achieving consistently high marks in each assessment component. Moreover, this year her grade was the highest in a class of 22 for the Social Justice module on Disability and Equality; she was awarded an A+ for an exceptionally well-crafted essay, which demonstrated excellent knowledge of conceptual material.

Nadia participated very effectively in the weekly group discussions that are integral to the Law and Social Justice seminars, making astute and original contributions throughout the course. This year she played an instrumental role in a group presentation on public interest litigation. Nadia's presentation skills and her command of the topic were highly impressive.

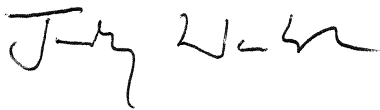
Across the three years of the programme to date she has proven to be a highly affable and motivated student who relates very well to both students and staff. In her

interactions with others she is always respectful, thoughtful and constructive.

In sum Nadia's excellent academic performance, coupled with a strong work ethic and exceptional interpersonal skills, suggest that she would be an exceptional contributor to your team.

If you require any further information I would be pleased to supply it.

Yours sincerely,



Judy Walsh

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