**Niall O’Connor**

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**Education:**

**2015 – present: BCL (Clinical): University College Cork**

**4th Year: (Semester 1)**

Company Law 1: 68% Evidence 1: 67%

Public Administration Law: 68% Equity 1: 60%

**3rd Year:**

Placement and Research Project: 67.5%

**2nd Year:**

**Overall Result: 659/1000**

International Human Rights: 70% Constitutional Law:Institutions of Government: 66%

Constitutional and Institutional EU Law: 68% Property Law 1: 60%

Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights: 60% Clinical Legal Skills: Pass

Criminal Law: 67% European Convention on Human Rights: 65%

Property Law 2: 68% Economic Law of the European Union: 68%

**2014 – 2015: LLB: Maynooth University**

**(Transferred to 2nd year in UCC)**

**Overall Result: 675/1000**

Contract Law 1: 63% Tort 1: 65%

Tort 2: 66% Contract Law 2: 70%

Criminal Law: 68% Introduction to Legal Systems: 62%

Legal Writing and Advocacy: 72% Moot Court: 65%

Legal Skills: 71%

**2014: Leaving Certificate: Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

520 points, A’s in Irish, Geography, Chemistry and German

**Work Experience:**

**KOD Lyons Solicitors: September 2016-December 2016**

* Responsible for High Court bail cases in one of Ireland’s leading criminal law firms, which involved meeting clients in prison, organising bail money from family or friends, drafting Affidavits and Notices of Motion, lodging documents and serving on the State and attending the case in the High Court.
* Responsible for Driving License Restorations and Police Property Applications, which involved taking instructions, receiving fees and getting Court dates for the application.

**Kerman and Co: June 2017**

* One-month internship in the corporate department.
* Involved in carrying out due diligence for companies and involved with high profile clients such as the All England Lawn Tennis Club.

**Free Legal Advice Centres: January 2017- April 2017**

* Responsible for giving legal advice over the phone in several legal areas, including criminal law, family law and human rights law.
* Responsible for helping staff with drafting leaflets explaining new legislation, particularly in landlord and tenant law.

**General Assistant: Killeen House Hotel: May 2016 – May 2017**

* Responsible for bringing guests’ luggage to rooms and ensuring they feel welcome.
* Bartending and helping in the kitchen where necessary.
* Kitchen Porter on the days when the usual Kitchen Porter was off.

**Caddy: Killarney Golf Club: 2012 – 2016**

* Responsible for carrying golf bags and ensuring tourists remain on the course.
* Ensuring tourists enjoy round by engaging in conversation and answering questions players may have about the area in general.

**Other Experience:**

**Law Society UCC Moot Convenor: May 2017- Present**

* Elected as Moot Convenor of UCC Law Society which involves organising internal and external moots for the society as well as marketing mooting to students.
* Organised the Matheson Moot Open, a competition involving 12 teams from around Ireland.

**Law Society UCC Advocacy Committee: September 2015 – May 2016:**

* Organised UCC Law Society 1st Year Moot Competition which included organising a workshop, announcing event in class, inviting barristers, solicitors and lecturers to judge and setting a suitable problem question.

**Steward: Killarney Golf Club: 2012 – 2013**

* Responsible for crowd control around the 18th green during the Irish Open.
* Ensuring players’ comfort by keeping crowd quiet and allowing them a certain amount of space in a pressurised environment.

**Moot Court and Debating:**

* National winner of the 2016 Corn Adomnáin International Humanitarian Law Competition and participant in 2015 Bréagchúírt Uí Dhálaigh, DCU, FLAC and semi-finalist in the Philpot-Curran moot court competitions.
* Judge in 2016 Galway National Law Debates.

**Skills**

**Legal Skills:**

* Completion of Legal Skills and Legal Writing course in Maynooth University ensured that I know how to conduct research through legal databases and communicate ideas effectively.
* Success in mooting competitions such as the Corn Adomnáin shows my willingness to work hard, considering that this was a subject I had not studied in college.

**Teamwork:**

* Represented Killarney Golf Club in 2 Munster Finals.
* Worked as part of a team in KOD Lyons Solicitors.
* Completed Clinical Legal Skills course which allowed me to work in a team with people that I had never met before. Resulted in a successful presentation before my colleagues.
* My mooting and debating experience means that I regularly have to work in teams.
* Working on the UCC Law Society requires high levels of teamwork and leadership, particularly when organising the Matheson Moot Open.

**Interpersonal Skills:**

* Capable of reacting to people’s demeanour due to caddying experience and experience in KOD Lyons Solicitors, particularly from experience of dealing with clients in custody.
* Capable of working in an office due to experience in KOD Lyons Solicitors.
* Ability to put people at their ease due to experience of talking to guests in Killeen House Hotel.

**Other Skills and Achievements:**

* 4 handicap golfer.
* Attained Certificate in Microsoft Word and Powerpoint.
* “A” Grade competitive swimmer.
* Recipient of the Bronze Gaisce Award
* Participated in “Shave or Dye” raising money for cancer research.

**Referees:**

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