Niamh Brennan

Education

* UCD Bachelor of Civil Law 2015- present
* Year 1 GPA: 2.1
* Year 2 GPA: 2.2
* Year 3 GPA: 2.1
* Year 4 GPA: 2.1
* Yeats College Galway 2013 – 2015
* Our Lady’s Bower, Athlone 2009 - 2013

Work Experience

UCD Sport and Fitness Centre

(Pool lifeguard August 2018 - present)

* I am responsible for ensuring the safety of swimmers in all eight lanes, the beginners’ section, the children’s pool and the tepidarium. This requires me to be highly alert and focused at all times.
* I am responsible for the general upkeep of the pool and its surrounding area. This includes carrying out the morning safety check, testing the cleanliness of the pool bi-hourly and logging the results as well as cleaning the pool deck and changing facilities. I must also operate the poolside machinery, change the depth of the pool and change the ropes to accommodate the various lessons and team sports which take place.
* I also build a strong rapport with my colleagues and the pool clientele. As lifeguards, we are in constant contact with the entire staff of the UCD Sport and Fitness Centre via walkie-talkie. I am also required to deal with any complaints or comments from the members promptly and proactively.

Taylor Wessing LLP, London.

(Summer internship August 2018)

* I worked in the banking and finance team and assisted in drafting duty of care agreements. This involved examining documents, recognising and editing relevant information and transferring it into the templates provided.
* Conducting extensive research and drafting case notes and articles for the firm’s website which I then presented to senior members.
* Participating in numerous workshops including a commercial challenge in which we worked on a project in teams before presenting our findings to a number of the partners and associates of the firm.

Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, Dublin.

(Summer internship June 2018)

* I worked mainly in the litigation department gaining considerable experience and knowledge of the litigation process.
* Drafting appearances and defences, proof reading solicitors’ letters and documents and filing.
* Constructing and preparing legal briefs for court. This involved sourcing cases and legislation, scanning correspondence files and organising all the information in a presentable manner.
* Attending court hearings, before which, I would read the case file and take detailed notes to ensure I was fully familiar with all aspects of the legal and factual background of the case.
* I sat in and observed settlement for which I had helped to prepare the Briefs for Counsel and was an observer in a mediation.

Bimini’s Liquor Store, Vancouver BC.

(Paid summer employment 2017)

* I opened and managed the shop meaning I was responsible for managing the alarms, counting the tills and carrying out the stock checks.
* Serving customers and engaging with customers, rigorously checking identification to ensure every customer was of legal drinking age, educating myself on the various wines and beers in order to be able to inform and advise customers and operating the tills.
* Counting and checking deliveries when they arrived before re-stocking the shop.

Interests & Achievements

**Music**

* Grade 6 Piano, Oboe and Music Theory.
* Grade 5 Voice.
* Play the guitar and ukulele to a high standard.
* Member of The NUIG Medical Orchestra, Galway Youth Orchestra, Our Lady’s Bower School Orchestra and Yeats College Galway School Orchestra. Reserve on the Irish Youth Orchestra and the UCD Symphony Orchestra.

**Drama**

* Grade 10 Speech and Drama.
* Lead roles in school musicals.

**Sport**

* National Beach Lifeguard.
* National Pool Lifeguard.
* Kayak Level 1
* Team member of Our Lady’s Bower Gaelic Football and Hockey teams.

**Societies**

* Member of the UCD Student Legal Service.

References

**Academic Reference:**

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