**Niamh Mahon**

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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I am a highly driven and articulate individual with a keen interest in European and Irish Law. I also have a with a strong interest in both commercial and economical regulation law from my time spent studying these within the framework of public international law.

I believe that I have strong communication and organisational skills. As past auditor of the Literary & Debating society in Maynooth, Ireland I restored the reputation of the society nationally by holding an external competition in Maynooth, one that had previously gone astray. I also secured the prestigious Irish Times Debate Final for Maynooth, the first time it was ever held in the University. Organising these events meant that I had to direct a team, delegate responsibilities and proactively communicate with the wider campus to raise the profile of the society.

In addition to my role as Auditor of the debating society in Maynooth, I have also demonstrated my communication and organisational skills by successfully running two election campaigns for the Welfare Officer position within my students’ union. As campaign manager for the successful candidate I canvassed the whole campus, and managed a large team for over three weeks, ensuring that the key messages of the candidate were conveyed across both traditional and social media.

**ACADEMIC HISTORY**

**University of Groningen Netherlands (September 2015 - June 2016)**

Erasmus - Law and Arts

**Maynooth University Ireland (September 2013 - June 2017)**

Bachelor of Civil Law and International Development – Grade 2.1

**University College Dublin (September 2012 – June 2013)**

Psychiatric Nursing - Completed First Year

**Scoil Mhuire Longford (September 2006 - June 2012)**

465 Points in Leaving Certificate (English, Irish, Maths, French, Biology, Music, Religion) **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**President: Literary and Debating Society Maynooth (September 2014 - June 2015)**

* Elected President of the Literary and Debating Society.
* Headed committee of 12 people. Involved delegation and team-working skills.
* Won national award “Most Improved Society” at BICS (Board of Irish College Societies) which displays constant diligence.
* Won the bid to host the final of The Irish Times Debate - the premier inter-varsity debating competition in Ireland.

**Marketing Director: ELSA (The European Law Students Association) Groningen (October 2015 - June 2016)**

* Chosen through interview process.
* Involves making class addresses which ensures all members or potential members are informed of upcoming events.
* Involves use of initiative with regards to new ideas on how to engage the public.

**Campaign Manager: Successful Students’ Union Member (February 2014 & February 2015)**

* Ran a twice successful campaign for Siona Cahill, Maynooth Students’ Union Vice-President Welfare Officer.
* Organised a large campaign team of students. Ensured canvassing, posters and lecture addresses were organised, efficient and professional.
* Engaged actively with social media in order to reach a larger audience, which greatly improved my online skills.

**Waitress, Le Nautique Restaurant: Guernsey, Channel Islands (June 2014 - August 2014)**

* Worked as a waitress in a silver service restaurant where I also had bar and till duties.
* Worked as a team member as part of a high intensity service.

**Head Team Leader, Irish Summer Camps: Colaiste Na BhFiann (June 2012 - July 2012)**

* Headed team of 10 people and was responsible for between 30-50 students.
* Organised and co-ordinated events for the day and developed lesson plans to motivate and encourage the students.

**Work Experience, Brid Mimnagh & Associates Solicitors: Longford (March 2010 - April 2010)**

* Work experience shadowing associates of the firm.
* Gained experience in secretarial work, advance filing systems and dealing with public.
* Adept with Word/Excel/Publisher and adhering to deadlines.

**ADDITIONAL**

**Languages:** English - mother tongue, Irish – Fluent, French **-** basic.

**Gaisce Awards - Equivalent of Duke of Edinburgh awards:** Bronze and silver achieved.

**Prefect:** Chosen for three years running to represent school year as prefect in secondary school.

**Pastimes:** Completed Royal Academy of Music piano exams - Grade 8. Plays flute and guitar also for entertainment. Actively participates in sports – running and gym.

**Awards**: ECDL: Level 1 Certified. Current First Aid certified. ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention SkillsTraining) - accredited by the Health Service Executive of Ireland.