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**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

Motivated and conscientious undergraduate with a genuine ambition of working in the area of law. I bring a strong work ethic, willingness to learn and an open mind.

Determined and hardworking, with a track record as a valuable team player with a “get-up-and-go” attitude. Passionate about being a professional in the legal field.

**EDUCATION:**

**Dublin City University**: 2017 – 2021  
*Collins Avenue, Glasnevin, D9*

* Currently in final year, studying Law and Society (BCL Clinical) with a particular interest in how the law interacts with individuals and wider social issues.
* GPA: 2:1
* Notable grades: Moot Court: 1:1, Advanced Property Law: 1:1, Advanced EU Law: 1:1, Human Rights Law: 1:1, Critical Approaches to Law: 1:1, The Irish Legal System: 1:1

**St Vincent’s Secondary School**: 2011 – 2017   
*Seatown Place, Dundalk, Co Louth*

* Completed Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate (467 points).

**CAREER HISTORY:**

**KOD Lyons Solicitors**: September 2019 – Present (Full-Time and Part-Time)  
*Ushers Court, 31-33 Ushers Quay, D8*

**Legal Assistant (Immigration and Public Interest teams)**

* Drafted submissions before the International Protection Office, International Protection Appeals Tribunal, Irish Naturalisation & Immigration Service and assisting clients through the international protection process.
* Providing support to clients and Counsel in the preparation of public interest Judicial Review cases heard before the High Court and subsequent appeals to the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.
* Providing assistance to solicitors and Counsel throughout Wardship proceedings.

**SuperValu Fairways**: October 2017 – August 2019 (Part-Time)*The Fairways Centre, Haggardstown, Dundalk, Co Louth*

**Sales Assistant**

* Customer Service – advising customers on pricing and product availability.
* Customer complaint front-line administration.
* Assisting in the training of new staff.

**O’Hagan & Company Solicitors**: March 2019  
*Court House Square, Dundalk, Co. Louth*

**Legal Intern**

* Legal research – conveyancing.
* Office administration.

**SKILLS:**

***Communication***

Extremely proficient communicator, in both written and oral format. Drafting written submissions and liaising directing with clients, Counsel and public bodies during my time as a legal assistant has greatly advanced my communication skills.

***Teamwork***

Having a history of playing team sports has given me an advantage when it comes to working as part of a team. Teamwork requires high levels of co-operation, communication and compromise, all of which I value and have demonstrated in previous employment.

***Ability to work under pressure***

Meeting deadlines was a crucial part of my role as a legal assistant. Adopting time management and concentration skills were key to battling the pressures of the job.

***Other Qualifications***

European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL).

Introduction to International Humanitarian Law Certificate issued by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

* National Moot Court Competition Participant 2019.
* Aoife King Moot Court Competition Finalist 2019.
* Intervarsity Criminal Mock Trial Semi-Finalist 2018.
* SSI/IRFU Rugby League 2018 – 19 Women’s Division 2A: member of winning team.
* Sports Prefect at St Vincent’s Secondary School (2016 – 2017).
* Qualified as a Club and School Affiliate Referee for the IRFU (2017 – 2021).
* Leinster U18 Girls Bowl 2015 – 2016: member off winning team.
* Chairperson of Dillonstown Foroige Club (2014 – 2015).

**HOBBIES**

* Team sports: rugby (DCU RFC & Ardee RFC), Gaelic football (Naomh Fionnbarra) and camogie (St Anne’s Camogie Club)
* Public speaking; participated in various moots and as part of my role as Chairperson of Dillonstown Foroige.
* Running; completed the VHI Women’s Mini Marathon in aid of the Gary Kelly Cancer Support Centre.
* Reading; favourite books include: “*Memoirs of a Geisha*” by Arthur Golden, *“The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy”* by Douglas Adams and “*Serena*” by Ron Rash.

***References available on request***