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Dublin  K36R259.  0866678480  [orla.taaffe@icloud.com](mailto:taaffeo@tcd.ie)  **ㅡ**  **Skills:**  Strong collaboration  and communication skills  Research and advocacy skills  Trained mentor  Highly organised and diligent  Excellent customer-service skills  Committed team player  **ㅡ**  **Extra-curriculars:**  DU Food and Drink, 4th Year Class Representative  Student-2-Student Mentor  FLAC Researcher 2021/22  DU Dance  Foróige Youth Club Volunteer  Fitness and Gym  **ㅡ**  **Personal Achievements:**  FLAC Research Project on Gendered Issues in Irish Law and Policy, Spring 2022  Full Driver’s License  Employee of the Month, June 2019  Highest sales, summer 2019  All Ireland swimming finalist, 2013-2016  Grade 6 Ballet Award  Grade 2 Irish Dancing Award  TY English Award, 2016  TY Maths Award, 2016  Bronze Gaisce Award  Class Merit Award, 2015  **ㅡ**  **Interests:**  Business  Human rights  Health, fitness, and lifestyle  Musical theatre  Travel  Cooking and Food  **ㅡ**  **Volunteer Work**  FLAC Research Project, Spring 2022  Foróige Youth Services, Youth Club  Volunteer  Trinity College Dublin, Student-2-Student Mentoring | **Education**:  **Trinity College Dublin, LL.B. Law**  Graduand Law Student  Erasmus Candidate for Boston College 2020/21  Achieved 2.1, 69% overall  Group work:   * *Legislation and Regulation*: Drafting mock legislation for participating in mock parliamentary debate * *Private Law Remedies:* Moot Programme over three group assignments, drafting court submission and practice of advocacy skills and debating skills * Dissertation, *Prison Law:* This is a collective group research project, completed alongside eight other classmates   Dissertation: “The Treatment of Prisoners with Mental Illness”  Community based research strand in conjunction with the Irish Penal Reform Trust  **Malahide Community School:**   * 2012-2018 * Class prefect * 7 Leaving Cert Honours * 11 Junior Cert Honours   **Experience:** McInnes Dunne Murphy LLP, Legal InternAugust 2022 – PRESENT, 43 Fitzwilliam Square West McDM is a boutique law firm, specialising in employment law. My duties and tasks include:   * Reporting to four partners, completing tasks to a high standard in an efficient manner * Attending client meetings and WRC hearings and taking notes * Meeting and greeting clients in a professional and courteous manner * Conducting extensive legal research on case law and key pieces of legislation, including the Unfair Dismissal Act, Protected Disclosure, Employment Equality and Organisation of Working Time * Drafting employment contracts, WRC case submissions and reviewing company handbooks, under the guidance of my colleagues  Starbucks, BaristaMarch 2019 – July 2022, Malahide  * Customer facing role – meet and greet, customer service and conflict resolution * Management and maintenance of equipment * Adherence to health and safety standards, and government regulations * Remain knowledgeable on all products, in particular seasonal offerings * Onboarding new members of staff with positive reinforcement and encouraging coaching * Entrusted with cash management and shift leader duties * Communicating with and listening to colleagues to complete task and ensure efficiency     Key Achievements   * Employee of the Month July 2019, having achieved some of the highest sales whilst working full time, May-August 2019 * Employee of the Month June 2022, for having an going positive attitude and providing key team support  Matheson, Law First InternApril 2019- February 2020, 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2 In this role I was exposed to a fast-paced commercial law firm and through various activities gained valuable broad experience, including   * Research project on innovation and diversity which enhanced my research and analytical skills, creative thinking, and articulation skills * Various workshops including communication skills, research skills and team building skills * Participated in a mock trial, improving advocacy and oral skills. I also gained a real-life court experience and improved my understanding of the court’s role in Ireland * Knowledge as to how commercial law firms engage with clients to build a good customer relationship. I was introduced to the ethos of the company and how certain driving factors help improve sales, profits and derive excellent standards * Insight into a large multinational private client, learning about the role of in-house lawyers * Working alongside a mentor who delegated task, completing assignments efficiently and asking questions where appropriate to adhere to the task requirements   Key Achievements   * Strengthened my overall understanding of legal practices * Winner of team building competition * Experience using Microsoft Word  Foróige National Youth Service, Youth Club Volunteer and Club Administrator September 2021 – Present, Malahide, Co. Dublin   * Organising and planning club activities for young people, including games, cooking, arts and crafts and outings * Adhering to child protection guidelines and ensuring the safety and well-being of young people * Interacting with young people and parents in a respectful and calm manner * Collaborating with other leaders to ensure the smooth running and management of club activities * Reporting to our District Manager, providing updates and making suggestions for the improvement of our club |

**Academic Results:**

**Overall Degree Result: 2.1; (69%)**

**Modules Taken:**

**First Year: Overall 2.1 (67%)**

Constitutional Law (69%)

Legislation and Regulation (69%)

Tort Law (67%), Contract Law (67%)

Foundations of Law (66%)

Criminal Law (62%)

**Group Project Work:** Drafting mock legislation for Legislation and Regulation, participating in mock parliamentary debate. Learned to collaborate and succinctly convey ideas to classmates whilst respecting other people’s views and opinions to achieve a common goal.

**Second Year: Overall 2.1. (64%)**

Land Law (67%)

Equity (66%)

Administrative Law (65%)

Constitutional Law II (64%)

EU Law (63%)

Private Law Remedies (60%)

**Project Work:** Moot program in Private Law Remedies over three group assignments, drafting court submission and practice of advocacy skills and debating skills. Group dissenting judgement, completed over Zoom, requiring commitment to scheduling and attending zoom meetings, and understanding, especially in the early days of the pandemic.

**Third Year: Overall 2.1. (67%)**

Public Interest Law (70%)

Family and Child Law (70%)

Employment Law (68%)

Evidence (67%)

Company Law (67%)

Legal Philosophy (62%)

**Fourth Year: Overall 1.1 (71%)**

Refugee and Immigration Law (73%)

Medical Law and Ethics (71%)

Food Law (70%)

Current Issues in Constitutional Law (70%)

Critical Perspectives of Law (68%)

Financial Services Law (63%)

Dissertation: Prison Law; Community based research project in conjunction with the Irish Penal Reform Trust (IPRT) entitled “The Treatment of Prisoners with Mental Illness”. (77%)

Project Work: My dissertation project is a collective group research brief and report, being completed per a request of the IPRT. This has allowed me to examine a brief for a particular client and fulfil their expectations alongside eight classmates. We achieved 75% (1.1) for our collective efforts in presenting this project to interested parties, worth 25% of our overall grade.