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Personal profile

I have just started my final year studying law at Trinity. My focus this year is on my capstone project of Property and Constitutions: Regulating People and Places. I intend to begin completing my FE1 examinations in 2024 and hope to finish them within two years. This year I am intending to sign a training contract with a law firm in Dublin, allowing me to plan further for the completion of my FE1 exams and career.

Education

2020 - 2024 Trinity College Dublin, Law L.L.B

- Averaging a 2:1 grade for first and second year (64%)
- Averaging a first grade for third year (70%)

Year 3 University of Zurich, Law

- Studied international and comparative law at masters level as part of an Erasmus semester abroad. (71%)

2014 - 2020 Loreto Secondary School Balbriggan

- Leaving Certificate (566 points).
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Legal Work Experience

July - August 2023: Legal Intern, Colm O’Cochlain and Co Solicitors

- Shadowed solicitors, trainees and administrative staff in the litigation, probate and conveyancing departments.
- Proofread documents to finalise changes before clients signed contracts.
- Interacted with clients and the general public about their legal needs and questions.
- Witnessed the signing of wills and subsequently processed them on the system.
- Accurately and efficiently scanned legal documents and files, labelled and assigned them to

- the relevant cases using Keyhouse software.
- Travelled to other law offices for the swearing of affidavits.
- Observed conveyancing meetings with clients.

Other Work Experience

2021 - present: Waitress, The Harbour Bar Rush.

- Created a friendly, welcoming atmosphere to encourage positive guest experiences.
- Kept guest tables neat and tidy by regularly clearing away dirty dishes and used glasses and wiping down surfaces.
- Served meals and drinks with professionalism and skill, maintaining high quality standards.
- Worked calmly and professionally under pressure in a fast paced environment.
- Resolved guest complaints promptly and professionally, notifying restaurant management of concerns.
- Trained new wait staff to deliver quality service and uphold brand standards.

June - August 2022: Waitress, The Black Rose Boston USA

- Navigated and excelled in a new role as a seasonal member of staff during the busy summer period
- Developed a strong understanding of the American working culture and adapted to this environment quickly.
- Worked closely with bartenders, barbacks, and other staff members to ensure efficient service and a smoothly run establishment.
- Engaged in conversations with customers, shared stories, and created a welcoming environment for everyone. This allowed me to interact with people from various backgrounds and make connections with regulars and newcomers alike.
- Prepared for fast-paced shifts and high volumes of customers by ensuring I was organised and familiar with daily drink or food specials.

July - September 2020: Au Pair, Paxos Island Greece

- Offered exclusive, responsible and engaging care to multiple children at once, ranging from age 5 to 10.
 - Developed my own language skills by communicating in French with the children.
 - Created educational strategies to help teach the children English.
 - Assisted in light housework and laundry to reduce parents' workload.
 - Developed strong bonds with the children through compassionate verbal and physical interaction.
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Research experience and interests

As part of my final year in university, I will be writing a 12,000 word dissertation on **Property and Constitutions**. My focus will be on the housing and homelessness crisis in Ireland and particularly, how the Irish constitution has blocked measures to tackle these issues. My experience working in the conveyancing department of a solicitors office has equipped me with a significant amount of knowledge on the property landscape in Ireland today and it is a great interest of mine.

I consider myself a very well read person. I have a great interest in **world news** and continuously keep up to date with what is going on around the globe, including business, politics and the law. Throughout secondary school, I wrote numerous articles for the school newspaper, including one about a mock trial competition which was published on a local news website.

Activities

I have been involved in **volunteering** with my local community, raising money for Focus Ireland. This included a Christmas food drive in our local Tesco supermarket.

I am a member of **Trinity's Law Society**, acting as an Outreach mentor in my final year. This work will require me to travel to local secondary schools and carry out legal education workshops with students, giving them an insight into law.

I enjoy swimming and currently hold a Gold Stage 1 certificate in Rookie **lifesaving** and hope to complete my final stage, Gold Stage 2 in order to become trained in lifesaving.

I play **guitar** and consistently challenge myself to learn new things and get better at playing the instrument. I have performed with a music school for a large audience, something that improved my confidence tremendously.