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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Graduate of Law (LL.B., First Class Hons.) from Trinity College Dublin, current LL.M. student of Law and Technology in Europe at Utrecht University, NL. Broad and pertinent education received in varying jurisdictions, maintaining a high academic standard in conjunction with opportune and widely accredited extracurriculars. Wide variety of classes undertaken relating to both Irish and international aspects of law, nourishing the degree at hand.

Consistent achievement of strong examination results, achieving First Class Honours in both Trinity College and the University of Padova (Erasmus year 2018/19). In addition, received 530 points in the Leaving Certificate 2016, sitting all examinations at higher level. Transcripts available upon request.

Active member of the workforce from the age of 16 in various establishments – legal, finance, education and hospitality – adapting to each of their diverse demands, learning the importance of public service and creating good and lasting relationships. Part-time work during the academic year to balance with studies, with full-time work being of importance during the annual academic recesses.

Interests include law, global development, data privacy, art, languages and more. Achievements in varying fields listed below.

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

- School Awards, Mount St Michael's Secondary School, Rosscarbery:
  - 2012: Student of The Year
  - 2013/2014: Merit and Endeavour Award
  - 2011/2016: Perfect Attendance
  - 2014: Young Enterprise Award
  - 2015: Senior Art and Creativity Award
- Achieved 530 points in the Leaving Certificate – recipient of award acknowledging this achievement.
- Achieved First Class Honours in Overall Degree, Trinity College, Dublin.
- Achieved First Class Honours Third Year Law Examinations, University of Padova, Italy.

### **EXTRACURRICULARS**

Community Involvement – Creativity and Innovation – Leadership

- Foroige Youth Club Chairperson 2011/2012 session.
- Mercy Visitation Volunteer; weekly visit to elderly person in the community.
- Achieved County Medal with local GAA Club.
- Selected as a member of the Trinity College Law Society's Law Day Committee, raising over €12,000 for Saoirse Women's Refuge. I volunteer annually with the Law Society to raise funds for chosen charities.
- Member of S2S (Student to Student) Association in Trinity College, mentoring incoming first year students.
- Awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the National Young Enterprise competition.
- Received Merit Award in the 2014 Texaco Children's Art Competition.
- 'Junk Kouture' Regional Finalist 2014.
- Appointed Bank Manager of school bank in national 'AIB Build A Bank' competition.
- Elected as International Relations Officer for the 86<sup>th</sup> Session of the Trinity College Law Society.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

April 2014 – April 2016: Fernhill House Hotel and Gardens, Clonakilty, West Cork:

- Waiting staff, primarily for functions, both large and small, in family run hotel in West Cork.
- Communication, people skills and teamwork are of utmost importance when working with large numbers of both customers and staff.

April 2016 – August 2019: Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork:

- Waiting staff in hotel situated in small but bustling town, nestled amongst the Wild Atlantic Way, immersed in West Cork culture.
- Diverse employment – floor and bar work in the Kingfisher Bar & Bistro, waiting staff for functions, assisting front office and having an adequate and up-to-date knowledge of the hotel itself and the surrounding areas.
- Such an array of positions additionally requires commitment, stamina, multi-tasking and vigilance.

September 2017 – April 2018: Smyth's of Ranelagh, Dublin 6:

- Lounge staff in popular pub situated in the centre of Ranelagh.
- The consistent volume of customers each day enhanced my versatility, allowing me to create good relationships with a new network of people which branched beyond my comfort zone.

July 2019: McCann FitzGerald Solicitors, Dublin 2:

- Summer Intern in one of Ireland's largest corporate law firms.
- Opportune insight into the diverse world of law, undertaking challenging and stimulating work in varying fields. Worked specifically with the Intellectual Property team in the Litigation Department in matters such as research, case studies, client meetings, visits to the Four Courts, and much more.

August 2019 – September 2020: Hedigan's 'The Brian Boru', Dublin 9:

- Bartender and Waiting Staff in traditional pub.
- Social/communication skills evoked to maintain relationships with clientele and ensure a positive customer service experience. Teamwork and vigilance needed to manage the large volume of customers.

October 2020 – Present: IES Carlos Bousoño, Majadahonda, Madrid, Spain.

- 'Auxiliar de Conversación' (English Language Assistant) in Spanish secondary school.
- Utilising my skills of public speaking and communication to improve fluency in English as a foreign language and prompt confidence and comfortability when speaking.

June – August 2021: Permanent TSB Douglas, Cork:

- Customer Service Advisor in community branch with a high volume of footfall.
- Assisting and advising customers with everyday financial queries and transactions in addition to aiding the smooth transition to internet banking.
- Key skills included initiative, understanding, communication, teamwork and multi-tasking.

## INTERESTS

I am keen to learn to more about our progressive global community and the impacts that technology and other developments will have on the law and the way in which we will conduct our personal and business affairs.

I am passionate about Art. From the earliest age I have loved to create and have been exposed to copious avenues, enhancing my creative abilities. Choosing to study art enhances valuable life skills beyond pen and paper: Art teaches you to question and comprehend the bigger picture whilst also honing in on the finer details. Art has evoked my motivation to delve deeper and question aspects of everyday life. Many parallels can be drawn between Law and Art in this regard.

Additionally, my love of language and culture has opened many doors for me. At secondary level, my proficiency in Irish exemplified my love of Irish culture, and my French studies provided the opportunity to participate in a school exchange. At third level, I participated in the Erasmus programme wherein I studied in the University of Padova (Italy) for one year. Conclusively, this desire to explore and learn about our world prompted my decision to move to Madrid (Spain) to work as an 'Auxiliar de Conversación'.

## REFERENCES

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