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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a recent graduate from the University of Limerick with a First Class Honours (1.1) LL.B degree in Law Plus with Economics. I am currently undertaking preparations to complete my first set of four FE-1 exams in October 2021 and I aim to sit the remaining four exams in March 2022 in advance of beginning a training contract in September 2022.

I believe I would thrive in a challenging legal environment as I am willing to work extremely hard to develop new legal skills in a range of areas of law, alongside experienced legal practitioners. I am passionate about pursuing a career in law and therefore I am very enthusiastic to progress in my next step of becoming a solicitor. My various work experience, both legal and non-legal, has instilled in me the importance of the ability to effectively communicate with clients and colleagues alike and also the significance of taking pride in completing work projects with precision and attention to detail.

EDUCATION

LL.B Law Plus with Economics (2017- 2021)

University of Limerick

Final Grade: First Class Honours (1.1)

Results of Core Law Modules

Contract Law	A1
Criminal Law	A2
Constitutional Law	A1
Law of Torts	B2
Land Law	A1
Law of the European Union	A1
Equity and Trusts	B1
Company Law	A1

Elective Modules:

Intellectual Property Law (A2), Medical Law (B1), Commercial Law (B1), Jurisprudence (B1), Criminal Procedure (B1), Family Law (B1), Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy (A2) and Macroeconomics (A1).

Leaving Certificate (2011- 2017)

Ardcoil Rath Iomgháin, Rathangan, Co. Kildare

CAO Points: 496

WORK EXPERIENCE

Electricity Supply Board, House 40 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. (May 2019-January2020)

Legal Intern- Undergraduate Placement

- I assisted my manager in the sale of large commercial properties nationwide.
- I collaborated with several external solicitors and clients to prepare for court hearings on various environmental cases and also prepared briefs on behalf of counsel for court appearances.
- I investigated property title to assist in the nationwide rollout of broadband built on ESB infrastructure.
- I liaised with the Property Registration Authority on behalf of clients in relation to queries regarding rights of way.

- I witnessed employment dispute resolution meetings in action on several occasions.
- I attended the Four Courts several times per week to gather information on recent environmental law case developments to assist in writing case notes which were circulated to all of the solicitors within the firm.

- I attended the Supreme Court of Ireland to witness a case involving the ESB and assisted the paralegals in research in advance of the case.

Barrister Work Experience (2015-2017)

- I accompanied a barrister within my family to the Four Courts and the Criminal Courts of Justice on several occasions throughout my time in secondary school to become accustomed with the functioning of the courts and the legal work performed by solicitors and barristers.
- I listened to some very high-profile cases, including Ian Bailey's High Court libel case and the Elaine O'Hara murder trial.

Portarlington Golf Club, Co. Offaly

The Thatch Restaurant at the Heritage Resort Killenard, Co. Laois (2015-2021)

Food Server and Barista- Part-time during school/University

- I collaborated with colleagues to efficiently oversee all table service both indoors and outdoors at weekends.
- I served and attended to the needs of customers at the coffee station, café, restaurant, and bar area.
- I addressed all customer queries in a professional and efficient manner to ensure customer satisfaction at all levels of the business.
- I managed bookings and contacted society groups in relation to golf outings.

- I prepared for and hosted large functions such as weddings, golf societies, fundraisers, and funerals.
- I managed different sections of the restaurant to ensure all tables were assisted and served.
- I trained new members of staff and delegated tasks to junior members in busy situations while equally receiving instructions and advice from my manager.

SKILLS

- I have gained excellent leadership and organisational skills from my experience of training new staff and delegating tasks to junior employees.
- I have a strong ability to work in a fast-paced challenging environment with my colleagues as I believe all challenges can be overcome with a positive team mentality.
- I have developed excellent customer service and communication skills both face-to-face and over the phone since my legal internship, where I gained valuable experience handling client queries in a professional and efficient manner.
- I am a very flexible person and I have the ability to adapt quickly to new situations without being thrown by the unexpected.
- I have excellent attention to detail and undertake all work projects to the best of my ability.
- I am accustomed to using my initiative to identify tasks to be completed and to prioritise work according to importance and I am willing and able to receive instruction and constructive criticism in the workplace.

INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected to be a Meitheal Leader as part of the Kildare diocese “Meitheal” Youth Leadership Programme in 2017.
- Keen interest in health and fitness, in particular running and swimming.
- Irish language enthusiast and awarded full Gaeltacht scholarships in 2012 and 2016.
- Awarded Student of the Year for 2015/2016.

REFERENCES

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