**SUMMARY.**

I have just completed working as a Public Policy and Law Enforcement Regulatory Intern at a social media platform, AAQUA BV. I am also currently studying an (LLM) master’s in general law at Queen Mary University of London and was studying whilst working full time in my intern role.

I am an LL. B graduate and BA (Hons) Arts graduate, (Sociology and Politics/ Legal Science). I explored further study in law throughout my LL. B and decided to embark on the FE-1 (Law Society of Ireland) exams with a view to qualifying as a solicitor. I have completed all 8 FE-1s as of March 2022. My interest in law has grown through both study and practical work experience, as legal intern, and legal secretary. I am now confident that I can succeed and fully achieve my potential in a career as a solicitor. I believe I am calm under pressure and able to liaise with managers, administrators, and decision makers with regards to legal and commercial matters. From my experience working in an international company, I can communicate cross-culturally, and can adapt accordingly when interacting with other cultures.

**EDUCATION.**

**2021-current:** Queen Mary University of London LLM General Laws.

I have studied a variety of different modules including EU Data Protection Law, Media Regulation, Mental Health Law: Capacity and Best Interests, International Human Rights Law, and finally Terrorism, Migration and Human Rights.

I am completing my dissertation in Mental Health Law. My dissertation title ‘When can someone with a mental illness be deprived of their liberty? A critical review of the detention of patients in different jurisdictions.’

I currently hold a provisional grade of a 2.1 Honours, and will have my degree completed on the 26th August 2022.

**2018-2019:** National University of Ireland LL. B Bachelor of Law Degree- 2.1 Honours.

**2015- 2018:** National University of Ireland Galway BA (Hons) Arts Degree- 2.1 Honours.

Legal Science

Politics and Sociology

History

**2010 – 2015:** Salerno Secondary School, Threadneedle Road, Galway

**WORK EXPERIENCE.**

**Public Policy and Law Enforcement Regulatory Intern at Aaqua, London May 2022- Current.**

I am currently working with the UK Aaqua team in London, as an intern. My role varies as I work with multiple teams across the company. Aaqua is a technology start-up company that is building a social media platform based around making a positive impact on the community. My background in law has allowed me to work alongside those in the legal department, the law enforcement department and those in the trust and safety department. Throughout my internship at Aaqua I have been working to develop where the controlling law of the company will be based. I also have been developing a law enforcement response framework for the company when authorities in the EMEA, UAE and APAC regions seek data from the company and its members. A large portion of the work in this department is based around data and technology issues in the global law enforcement and security space.

I have been working with the policy team, researching EU regulations, such as the Digital Services Act, and exploring the impact different EU regulations will have on the company. A role where I have taken initiative is the development of the company’s human rights pledge. I have also led on enhancing the companies’ policies against terrorism, following the guidelines of the EU protocols on “Tech against Terrorism”.

I have also assisted the data protection officer as I have studied EU data protection. A further responsibility where I have taken initiative within the company is that I am developing is development of a structure as to how the company can engage with cryptocurrencies, NFT’s and Fan Tokens. This role has provided me with detailed knowledge of how companies can engage with the unregulated world of cryptocurrencies.

Working in a multinational company has allowed me to develop my global networking skills as I have been cooperating with others from different regions, thus allowing me to develop skills in building relationships with multiple teams and clients across diverse settings. The varied opportunities that come with working in a start-up company has provided me with more responsibilities and has allowed me to rotate between a variety of departments similar, to how a trainee would operate in a law firm. I believe that through each role I have been given, I have shown initiative, drive and ability to problem solve, I have helped this company overcome hurdles as to how the company should address legal and policy issues.

**Paralegal/ Legal Assistant at Tom O’ Regan and Co. Solicitor Firm, Galway 2020-2021**.

I have worked in this office as a legal assistant/ paralegal where I would work in the office once a week undertaking a variety of tasks, such as conducting legal research, drafting legal documents, and creating briefs for the fee earners. This job also involved general secretarial duties. This position provided me with an extensive knowledge in legal terminology and legal proceedings.

**Summer Intern at Ronan Daly Jermyn, Solicitor Firm, Galway: September- October 2019.**

Throughout my internship working for this law firm, I gained a large amount of experience in relation to the day-to-day activities within a law firm. I experienced hands-on work with solicitors by assisting them throughout the working day. I was fortunate enough to work in departments of Healthcare, Employment and Litigation.

During my time at Ronan Daly Jermyn, I conducted case research, case filing, observed cases in court, prepared briefs and books of pleadings, researched and prepared memorandums on a variety of legal issues, attended client consultations, attended learning seminars on legal issues in the areas of healthcare and commercial litigation, made discovery requests, and created letters for discovery. During this internship, I gained a working knowledge of the Keyhouse database.

One of the main skills that I developed while in this role was meticulous attention to detail, as it entailed reviewing considerable amounts of documents each day and having the ability to spot which of those were relevant to the case matter, and further, how they were relevant to the case.

During my time as an intern, I have gained invaluable experience and am trusted with a high level of responsibility and autonomy.

**Hostess at Cactus Club Coal Harbour, Vancouver, Canada: May-September 2018.**

This entailed working as a hostess in a very busy 500 seated restaurant. My responsibilities involved scheduling, phone reservations, interacting with customers and staff, reporting on guest numbers, private bookings, cleaning settings, waitressing, and general administration. I acted as front of house for the restaurant and received very positive feedback. The position remains open to me should I wish to return.

**Catering Assistant at Loafe Catering, Vancouver, Canada: May-August 2018.**

This position entailed preparing and serving food, liaising with customers and suppliers, being responsible for kitchen cleanliness and monitoring and record keeping for food safety. This position focused on communication within a team with a strong customer focus. Other responsibilities involved in this position was a strong knowledge of food safety legislation and guidelines.

**Receptionist / Secretarial Work, 12 The Crescent Galway May- August 2017.**

I provided receptionist / secretarial holiday cover at a medical (Psychiatry) and Psychology practice in Galway. This involved appointment scheduling, general reception, and secretarial duties in a private psychiatry/psychology practice. By the nature of the services provided the responsibilities involved dealing with confidential matters in a sensitive manner, whilst also maintaining efficiency and good organizational skills.

**Waitress at Mocha Beans, Mocha Beans Salthill, Galway, Ireland: May-September 2016.**

This position entailed working as a part time waitress in a café located in Salthill Galway. This involved general serving duties such as taking orders and being responsible for serving both food and beverages. Other responsibilities included communicating with customers and dealing with specific orders.

**Legal Experience.**

I have assisted a barrister in his practice. This involved scheduling appointments, typing, and attending court cases, assistance with preparation of legal submissions. I observed court proceedings over High Court and Circuit Court sittings in Galway.

**VOLUNTEER WORK.**

**Enactus**: I was a member of the Enactus Society between 2015 and 2018 in NUI Galway. It is a charitable organization which allows for students to develop innovative, sustainable projects within the community with the primary aim of benefitting society. I was mainly involved in working with a group of intellectually disabled adults; the service involved had a service level agreement with Enactus to fund activities.

**Queen Mary University of Law- Law Society**: I am current a member of this engaging Law society, where I frequent events that inspire me to continue and develop my legal knowledge and skills. These events provide me with the opportunity to engage with fellow classmates and practitioners from around the world. I am increasing my network and am constantly developing new skills on how to become a better solicitor.

**Madra volunteer in Galway**: this is a dog rescue and adoption service in Galway. I assisted the employees in looking after the new dogs that had been brought to the centre. I walked and fed the dogs on several occasions throughout the years.

**Mental Health service volunteer work**: I worked on a voluntary basis between 2016 and 2018 in mental health day centres, assisting in daily activity programmes, gaining valuable experience, and understanding of aspects of mental health, particularly chronic and enduring mental illness.

**ACHIEVEMENTS & INTERESTS.**

• I enjoy keeping fit, going to the gym on an almost daily basis.

• I often take part in charity running races such as the croí 5k in Galway.

• I have completed a half-marathon during the summer of 2020 in aid of Cancer Care West.

• I have a keen interest in swimming and have competed at provincial level.

• I am interested in rugby. From a young age I have enjoyed attending inter-provincial and international rugby matches.

• I have an interest in hockey and have played for both the school’s team and club teams.

• I have played golf for many years, with involvement on a school team.

• I enjoy reading, especially fiction, contemporary novels.

**KEY SKILLS.**

• Familiar with researching documents, case histories and discovery.

• Familiar with drafting professional legal letters to clients.

• Ability to work in a fast-paced environment as part of a team.

• Liaising with other professionals.

• Ability to explain legal matters clearly with non-legal professionals.

• Polite and professional telephone manner.

• Tactful and articulate.

• Enthusiastic, ambitious, self-aware with initiative.

• Completed a certificate with EDX online in Intellectual Property law and Policy with the University of Pennsylvania.

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