

Rachel McBride

Summary

I am a confident, hardworking legal professional with excellent oral and written communication skills including the ability to think and process information logically and clearly.

Education

Queen's University Belfast: 2016-2019

Shantou University, China: September 2018-December 2018 (semester abroad)

Law LLB: 2.1

The Royal School Armagh: 2014-2016

A Level: AAA

Employment

Allen and Overy Legal Professional: August 2019 to Present

- Completed four-week intensive Business Law and Practice module with the University of Law
- One-week training programme in London completed, including training with the legal technology team and workshops on due diligence, document review, and companies house searches
- I receive work from the Banking, Litigation, International Capital Markets, and Corporate teams.
- Enrolled on the London trainee's banking training programme for September 2020. This has been done virtually this year and covered areas such as syndicated loans, credit type facilities, navigating a loan agreement as well as signings and completions.
- Actively involved in pro bono work including Legal Experts in School, where a group of legal professionals volunteer their time to help young people learn about their rights and responsibilities across a number of areas including: social media, employment law, intellectual property and police powers in a local high school.
- Part of a team who answer letters for the AIRE Centre in London, who litigate before the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice and help vulnerable individuals apply under the European Union Settlement scheme. These letters are in response to people who have sent in queries about their status and want more information on their rights.

Pathways Assistant August: 2019

- In this position I acted as an academic mentor to a group of lower sixth high school students on the QUB pathway programme. The students on the programme are either the first in their family to go to university or are from deprived areas in Northern Ireland.
- I acted as part of a team of guides helping the students with teamwork activities and classwork, providing them with support, both academically and socially. Upon completion of a final exam and a pass mark they can obtain a two grade reduction into Law at QUB.

Elim Nursing Homes Care Assistant: November 2015 to August 2019

- Responsible for basic medical check-ups, helping patients with personal care, monitoring the evolution of each patient's health condition, and administering medicines
- I would work each weekend and during the holidays

Xiaotaiyang Kindergarten (China) English Teacher: September 2018 to December 2018

- Worked part-time as an English teacher at a large kindergarten, teaching children aged 3-7 while on my semester abroad in China

The Walking Orange (China) English Teacher: September 2018-December 2018

- English teacher in culture centre for children aged 2-5
- Evenings and weekends
- Organised games, quizzes and songs to teach English in an interactive and engaging manner

The Ivory Tower (China) English Teacher: November 2018-December 2018

- English teacher and camp leader
- National holidays and weekends mainly

Queen's University Annual Fund Call Centre Operator: January 2017 to August 2018

- Worked as a student caller for the Annual fund, a registered charity with QUB
- Phoned past graduates to inform them about the Fund, obtain feedback on their experience at the university and ask for donations

Queen's University Students Union Bartender: May to August 2018

- Bartender in the student's union for the summer months working in the bar as well as club nights and gigs

- This role involved customer service and clean up duties

Work Experience –

Law Society Magazine Contributor: September 2017 to June 2019

- Contributor to the Law Society Magazine, "The Verdict" and was published in three editions
- Articles focused on recruitment in the legal sector, interview pieces and one on legalising prostitution

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society: September 2017 to June 2019

- Competed in internal competitions at the beginning of first and second year, selected to compete in competitions
- Opportunity to compete in an ELSA competition in Portugal focusing on different areas of law: tax, commercial and human rights
- Received very positive feedback and high scores
- Selected to be on the external team following an internal competition in 2018

A & L Goodbody Summer Intern: July - August 2018

- Participated in the A&L Goodbody summer internship programme
- Gained insight into different departments, following a short rotation in each
- The departments included: employment, property, banking, insolvency and corporate.

Peer Mentor: September 2017- July 2018

- Mentored a group of first-year law students
- Held meetings throughout the year focusing on topical issues for them
- This was an important role as the leap from high school to University proved challenging for some and we were able to help with personal and well as academic challenges

Citibank Financial Services Program: November 2017- March 2018

- Participant in a professional training programme which focused on the legal framework of the banking and finance sector
- Involved case studies and group work sessions
- Gained knowledge in banking, data protection, corporate and contract law

Elsa Summer Law School: July – August 2017

- Selected to participate in a summer law school on Finance and Law in Dublin
- The programme included banking, corporate finance, private equity, securities, investments, mergers and acquisitions, government agencies and international financial authorities
- This included workshops from Arthur Cox, Byrne Wallace, and an Intel Ireland representative
- Sessions were both interactive and informative, increasing my knowledge in the different practice areas
- Attended a summer school in Portugal on Business and Law
- The academic programme covered tax law, competition law, European Law and Dispute Resolution & Arbitration

Eversheds Sutherland Intern: June 2017

- Completed a two-week internship in the corporate department as part of the QUB City Scholarship Programme after a rigorous application and interview process
- Assisted in general office organisation, administration duties and research for legal articles
- Gained a great deal of practical knowledge on the new General Data Protection Act

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn: March 2017

- Selected to attend a dinner at Lincoln's Inn to hear about the role of a barrister and network with barristers and members of the judiciary who were present
- Witnessed supreme court case on the guardianship of a child in an adoption case

Interests

To unwind you will find me in the kitchen baking or venturing to make a DIY item I have found on Pinterest. I train at a CrossFit gym and love to take yoga classes. I have a basic level of Mandarin from my time spent in China.

Skills

Computing: familiarity with Windows packages including MS Word, MS Access and Internet Explorer; experience of Westlaw and Lexis.