Rebecca O’Shaughnessy

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Statement

I am a twenty two year old Law and Business (BCLB) student in University College Cork. I am a hardworking, reliable and enthusiastic person with a wide range of skills. I work well both in teams and as an individual and I am always eager to improve myself.

Education

Educational institutions:

* 2018 - present: University College Cork (College Road, Cork City)
* 2012 - 2018: Scoil Mhuire Secondary School (Wellington Road, Cork City)
* 2004 - 2012: Scoil Niocláis Primary School (Douglas, Cork City)

Examination results:

* BCLB Year 3 (2020/2021): Upper Second Class Honours
* BCLB Year 2 (2019/2020): Upper Second Class Honours
* BCLB Year 1 (2018/19): Upper Second Class Honours
* Leaving Certificate State Examination 2018: 555 points
* Junior Certificate State Examination 2015: 7 A grades and 3 B grades

Work Experience

* O’Flynn Exhams LLP (2021): Legal Intern
* Involved assisting numerous solicitors with a wide variety of tasks, primarily in the area of corporate law
* FitzGerald Legal & Advisory LLP (2021): Legal Intern
* Involved assisting numerous solicitors with a wide variety of legal tasks, as well as assisting the firm’s Advisory Partner with various commercial tasks
* The Oar Bar (2020 - 2021): Bartender and Waitress
* Involved preparing food and beverages, serving customers and cleaning
* RHP Events (2018 - 2019): Event Support Staff
* Involved planning events, assembling/disassembling equipment and serving customers
* Royal Cork Yacht Club (2019): Senior Sailing Instructor
* Involved the daily management of a team of 30 instructors, coordinating activities for over 150 children and carrying out administrative tasks
* Royal Cork Yacht Club (2017 - 2018): Sailing Instructor
* Involved teaching sailing to a variety of age groups and working within a team of 30 instructors

Voluntary Positions Held Outside of Employment

* 2020 - 2021: Auditor of the 91st Session of UCC’s Law Society
* 2019 - 2020: Second Year Representative for the 90th Session of UCC’s Law Society
* 2019 - 2020: BCLB Second Year Class Representative
* 2019 - 2020: Ordinary Committee Member on UCC Sailing Club’s committee
* 2019 - 2020: Member of UCC’s Peer Support programme
* 2017 - 2018: Member of Scoil Mhuire’s 6th Year Council
* 2016 - 2017: Chairperson of Scoil Mhuire’s Debating and Public Speaking Society
* 2014 - 2015: Captain of Scoil Mhuire’s Junior A hockey team

Achievements

* 2020: Chosen to be an ambassador for UCC’s Law and Business degree
* 2019: Awarded “Best Under 25 Sailor” by the Royal Cork Yacht Club
* 2018: Awarded “Best Newcomer” by UCC Ladies Hockey Club
* 2016: Achieved best result by an Irish competitor at the Laser 4.7 dinghy’s World Championships in Germany
* 2015: Chosen to represent Ireland at the 84th International Session of the European Youth Parliament in Norway
* 2014: Became the Laser 4.7 female Irish national champion
* 2013: Awarded for the highest academic results in Scoil Mhuire’s Second Year group

Interests

* Sport
* I have accrued a number of skills over the years that I have spent sailing and playing hockey. First and foremost, I have learned the importance of dedication and perseverance. I have also learned how to effectively work in a team and, when chosen to lead a team, how best to communicate and delegate. Finally, playing sport has taught me to de-brief myself after every important event, so as to decide what needs to be improved upon.
* Debating/Mooting and Public Speaking
* I have also accrued a number of skills from my time spent debating/mooting and speaking in public. First and foremost, I now feel comfortable speaking on a wide range of topics in front of any number of people. Secondly, I have learned the importance of research and planning ahead of time. Finally, debating in particular has taught me to think critically and to approach problems from all possible angles.

References

* Non-academic: Tom O’Byrne (Partner in O’Flynn Exhams) - tob@ofx.ie
* Academic: Professor Mark Poustie (Dean of UCC’s School of Law) - mark.poustie@ucc.ie