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***PERSONAL PROFILE***

An enthusiastic, hardworking and conscientious young professional. I graduated from Dublin City University with a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL, 2H1, 2019) and Master of Laws (LLM, 1H1, 2020). My ambition is to qualify as a solicitor specialising in the area of corporate and commercial law. I have successfully passed all Law Society of Ireland FE1 entrance examinations on my first attempt.

I have 5 years’ experience in commercial retail which has developed my skills in team leadership and customer service while working in a demanding, target-focused and lean retail environment. I have further honed these skills in my current employment as a Funds Company Secretarial Assistant at Dillon Eustace LLP, which has given me exposure to a fast paced legal & corporate governance environment at a large law firm.

***EMPLOYMENT HISTORY***

**Dillon Eustace Solicitors LLP**

**Dates: February 2022 to present**

**Intern – Company Secretarial Assistant**

Company secretarial and corporate governance support services, delivered to over 300 clients - including domestic and international limited companies, public limited companies and regulated ICAV entities.

**Responsibilities**

* Arrangement and coordination of board meetings and annual general meetings, including preparation of agendas, board papers, and follow up on action points, on an independent basis.
* Preparation of comprehensive minutes of meetings and Director’s written resolutions, on an independent basis.
* Maintenance of company statutory books, registers, company seals & authorised signatory lists.
* Preparation and filing of all statutory returns with the Companies Registration Office & Central Bank of Ireland.
* Building and maintenance of strong relationships with clients.
* Experience in legal and corporate governance software including Keyhouse, BoardVantage, Relate, CRO Core and iManage.

**Beauchamps Solicitors, Dublin**

**Dates: July 2020 to August 2020**

**Intern**

Having achieved First Place in Company Law in my BCL graduating class, I was awarded an Internship with Beauchamps Solicitors, Dublin. The internship was a rich and varied legal experience in a leading and busy legal firm.

* I have enhanced my legal skills through legal research exercises and authoring case notes.
* I actively participated in mentorship classes with role models such as Siobhan Moriarty (General Counsel for Diageo), American immigration lawyer Fiona McEntee, and champion golfer Paul McGinley.
* I was part of the winning team of a mock criminal trial. This involved extensive case preparation and the ability to present the prosecution case in a mock courtroom.

**Next Retail, Swords, Co. Dublin**

**Dates: May 2017 – Present**

**Team Coach/Sales Consultant/Office Assistant**

**Responsibilities:**

**Team Coach:** Promoted to this key role in February 2020,responsible for the training and continuous development of new and existing team members in the areas of store operations and stock management IT solutions.

**Sales Consultant:** Working independently with minimal supervision in the areas of customer service, cashier, stock control and visual merchandising to achieve and maintain the highest standard of customer experience.

**Office Assistant/Administrator:** Responsible for the Next Online retail function, ensuring large volumes of stock are organized on the company stock management computer system for distribution to online customers and Next outlets on-time and in-full.

**Denis I. Finn Solicitors, Dublin 2-**

**Dates: January 2017 – March 2017**

**Legal Intern**

**Responsibilities:**

Gained valuable general legal experience in a busy legal firm. For example:

* Instructing and attending Counsel at the High Court in varying practice areas such as bankruptcy and liquidation, tax, property law, and landlord and tenant law.
* Liaising with large corporate clients
* Case file management and preparation, use of “Keyhouse” case management system.
* Legal research, banking, proofreading of documents, serving papers and legal documentation/procedure.

***ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION***

**Law Society of Ireland Course: FE-1 Exams**

**October 2020 – March 2022**

8 out of 8 exams successfully passed, as follows:

* Contract Law
* Property Law
* Law of Equity
* Law of Torts
* Criminal Law
* Company Law
* European Union Law
* Constitutional Law

**Master of Laws (LLM), Dublin City University**

**Dates: 2019 -- 2020**

**Grade:** 1.1 (First Class Honours)

Placed **3rd** in class

Thesis: “*The Gene Genie: In light of rapid advances in the field of genetic science and new technologies, and the corresponding potential misuse of these technologies by interested third parties, such as employers, this dissertation examines whether a specific and standalone legislative framework is needed to address the legal issues arising”.*

**Bachelor of Law & Society (BCL), Dublin City University**

**Dates: 2016 -- 2019**

**Grade:** 2.1 (Upper Second Class Honours)

Placed **8th** in class

*Recipient of the Beauchamps Award for best performance in Company Law.*

Activities and societies: DCU Law Society, DCU Music Society, DCU Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC), European Law Students Association (ELSA)

**Institute of Education, Leeson Street, Dublin 2**

**Dates: 2013 -- 2015**

**Leaving Certificate**

***HOBBIES AND INTERESTS***

* I am a keen and proficient musician. I play piano and achieved Grade 6 with the Royal Irish Academy of Music.
* My first love is drums and percussion. keen musician, playing piano and drums/percussion. I have played in a number of large gigs, such as the Blastbeat Band Showcase in The Academy, Dublin.
* My musical highlight is my participation as a percussionist on the RTE flagship broadcast “Centenary”, celebrating 100 years since the 1916 Easter Rising. I received great insight into professional show production and had the honour of playing in the company of prominent artists such as Imelda May, Sharon Shannon, Colm Wilkinson.
* I enjoy keeping fit through walking and gym.
* Current affairs in the area of law, politics, economics and technology.
* I enjoy socializing and good food with my friends and family.

***REFERENCES***

* Employer and academic references can be provided on request.