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**Profile:**

* I am a recent graduate of the BCL (Bachelor of Civil Law) programme at the Sutherland School of Law at University College Dublin. I achieved an overall Second-Class Honours, Grade 1 in my degree (Class of 2020). I was previously enrolled in the Law and Chinese programme for one year before switching to BCL in my second year.
* I also graduated from the Master of Arts in International Relations programme at the School of Politics and International Relations at UCD. I achieved an overall Second-Class Honours, Grade 1 in my degree (Class of 2021).
* During the Summer of 2017, I was enrolled in the Renmin University of China Summer School in Beijing, China. There, I undertook a course in Elementary Comprehensive Chinese and a current affairs course which focused on the relationships between the US, the EU, and China.

**Work Experience:**

* I am currently employed as a Pre-Trainee Solicitor at Peter Boyle & Company Solicitors in Dublin. My employment at the firm began in April of 2022. My duties include drafting correspondence, contacting clients, filing court documents, preparing briefs for colleagues, legal research as well as general office administrative tasks. The role places a heavy emphasis on attention to detail, time management and the ability to work under pressure.
* In July of 2019, I worked as an intern in the Employment Law Department at Byrne Wallace solicitors in Dublin. My duties included undertaking legal research, document preparation, document editing and other office work. These tasks had to be completed in a timely manner and to a high quality. Furthermore, I was tasked with proof reading documents and pieces of legislation as well as making enquiries on legislative amendments.
* During the Summer of 2018, I worked in a number of service industry jobs in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada as part of a working holiday. These jobs mainly consisted of dishwashing and kitchen maintenance tasks.

**Education:**

***Secondary Education***

Blackrock College: 2010 - 2016

Leaving Certificate at Blackrock College, Dublin, Ireland, 2016.

* Leaving Certificate Points: 450
* English (H) – C1
* Maths (O) – C2
* Irish (O) – C1
* Geography (H) – C1
* Latin (H) – C1
* French (H) – C1
* History (H) – B1
* Religious Education (H) - B1

***Undergraduate***

BCL at UCD, 2016 – 2020. Achieved Second-Class Honours, Grade 1.

* Formerly enrolled in the Law and Chinese programme before switching to BCL during my second year.
* Renmin University of China Summer School – July 2017. Achieved 82% in Elementary Comprehensive Chinese. Achieved 97% in Appraising the Relations between China, the United States, and the European Union: Implications, Options and Opportunities. Completed HSK Level 2 Chinese Language Exam as a condition for enrolment.
* Erasmus Semester at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, February – June 2019.

***Postgraduate***

MA in International Relations at the School of Politics and International Relations at UCD 2020-2021. Achieved Second-Class Honours, Grade 1.

* Thesis: “China and Africa: Debt and Influence”.
* My thesis was focused on China’s infrastructure expansion in African states and the potential for debt and political influence as a result.
* Achieved a Grade B.

***Law Society of Ireland FE1 Examinations Passed (7/8)***

* October 2021 - Criminal Law (56%)
* March 2022 - Law of Tort (50%)
* October 2022 - Law of Contract (51%)

- Equity (50%)

- Real Property (59%)

* March 2023 - Constitutional Law (59%)
* EU Law (57%)