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**Profile:**

Final year Law and Business Student (BCLB) in University College Cork seeking a legal traineeship position.

Possesses an avid interest in legal and business matters, with a particular interest in how these areas are evolving in response to a rapidly changing world.

Accomplished and motivated athlete having performed at elite GAA levels for both club and county.

**Education:**

2019 – 2023: BCLB (Law and Business) Degree, University College Cork

Results:

* Achieved a 1:1 in my 3rd year exams (academic year of 2021 - 2022)
* Achieved a 1:1 in my 2nd year exams (academic year of 2020 – 2021)
* Achieved a 2:1 in my 1st year exams (academic year of 2019 – 2020)

2013 – 2019: Colaiste Ide agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick

Results:

* Achieved 589 points in the 2019 Leaving Certificate including results of 97% and above in subjects as diverse as History and Physics.

**Work Experience:**

Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC), Summer 2022

* Selected for an eight-week summer internship with PWC’s Limerick office during the summer of 2022, working in the Assurance department. As well as developing job specific skills, I gained broader, transferable experience such as an insight into the culture of large, successful corporations.
* Was a keen participant in the firm’s “Friday” programme which involved group projects tasked with unearthing new ESG-related programmes or initiatives.
* Availed of valuable networking opportunities with fellow interns from all around the country and beyond.

Murphy’s Bakery, Caherlane, Abbeyfeale - Summer 2018, 2019 and 2020

* Worked as a general operative in a medium sized food production business.
* Proved myself a valuable employee and was given gradually more responsibility. For example, towards the end of my tenure I was often consulted by management regarding potential production-line issues and improvements.

Plassey Foods, Rathkeale Industrial Park, Summer 2021 and 2022

* Delivery assistant in large-scale food distribution service.
* I established myself as a valued employee, responsible for reconciling cash takings and liaising with customers regarding orders/returns etc.

**Skills, Achievements, Interests and Volunteer Work.**

Skills:

* Extensive research skills, both legal and otherwise:

These skills have developed, largely, through projects done as part of my college work. Examples include a group project investigating the offence of coercive control in other jurisdictions to predict the effectiveness of the new legislation here in Ireland and a project reviewing the economic factors which impact and dictate the business strategies of SPX, a multinational filtration company.

* Leadership skills:

I have held roles of captain and vice-captain in Gaelic football and hurling teams for my school, club and county at both under-age and senior grades. It is a role I enjoy and I successfully captained my local minor football team to the county premier title in 2018.

* Adaptability:

I am a very fast learner and thrive in environments with changing circumstances, being comfortable thinking on my feet. Much of my development in this regard can be attributed to the employment I have had over the years, where supply chain changes or logistical difficulties were very common.

Achievements:

* Have represented my school, club, university and county with distinction in Gaelic football.
* Won West Limerick Minor player of the year in 2018.
* Won Freshers “A” All-Ireland with UCC in 2019/2020.
* Was a member of the Limerick Senior Football Panel in 2022.
* Won a place, based on an essay competition, on the Irish Times Transition Year Work experience programme.

Interests:

Although sport comprises a large proportion of my hobbies and interests, it is not its entirety. I am a big music fan with my taste ranging from Eminem and 1990s hip-hop to the songs of Kris Kristofferson and Johnny Cash. I am a huge fan of TV crime series’ set in the 1990s to early 2000s as well as anything written by AA Gill. Furthermore, I have an interest in financial trading and have been doing so on the platform Etoro since early 2021.

Volunteer Work:

* I have coached underage rugby teams at Abbeyfeale Rugby Club
* I have fundraised, either through bag-packing or carol singing for my local rugby club, Gaelic football club and youth club.
* I have volunteered as a steward for Dromtrasna Challenge – a local charity run in aid of Milford Hospice.