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Personal Overview: I have a legal and financial education, and currently working in the Oversight Department in Carne Group while in the process of completing the FE1 Examinations for the Law Society of Ireland. Completed an MSc in Finance at Trinity College Dublin and a BCL in Law and Accounting at Maynooth University. I also represent Ireland in both Tag Rugby and Touch Rugby.

Education:

2020- Law Society of Ireland, FE1 Examinations

November 2020: Tort Law, Company Law, Property Law, Contract Law, Criminal Law, EU Law, Equity

2019-2020 Trinity Business School, Trinity College Dublin, MSc Finance [2:1, 65.4%]

Modules: Venture Capital, Investment Theory, Credit & Fixed Income, Alternative Investments, Derivatives Corporate Finance, Portfolio & Wealth Management, and Applied Investment Management & Trading.

Dissertation Title: A case study of WeWork's IPO Withdrawal and the insights gained for future IPO Withdrawals.

2016-2019 Maynooth University, BCL Law and Accounting [2:1, 60.7%]

Modules: Eight core legal modules with Evidence, Administrative Law, Media Law, and Employment Law. Financial Accounting, Management & Cost Accounting, Taxation, and Business Ethics.

2010-2016 St. Andrews College Dublin [460 points]

Leaving Cert (Hons): Maths, French, English, Geography, Accounting, Music, Physics, Irish (Ord)

Relevant Work Experience:

Carne Group Financial Services: 17th May 2021 – Current (4 months)

Work in the Oversight Department in the Luxembourg Branch. My main responsibility is the managing oversight for three funds which has allowed me to gain project management, communication and client service skills. Other responsibilities included;

- Drafting minutes for meetings, creating board reports, and assisting in regulatory requests for the CSSF, which enhanced my drafting skills and legal compliance experience.
- Investigating breaches of NAV tolerance and inputting the contributing figure to ensure the fund is within the legal threshold which enhanced my problem solving and analytical skills.
- Training in new employees and presenting an EU law training to the team which refined my presentation and research skills.

Eversheds Sutherland Summer Internship Programme 2019: 28th May – 9th August (11 weeks)

Worked in Corporate Department with a senior partner. Gained insight into commercial legal practice and the communication, organisational, and collaborative skills required. Responsibilities included:

- Drafted board minutes, reviewed a company's constitution, and drafted legal memos on topics including mergers and powers of attorney, which increased my legal writing and research skills.
 - Traced a company's unknown share capital history and assisted in the resolution of client queries, which enhanced problem-solving and attention-to-detail skills.
 - Delivered a group presentation on a social media campaign as part of the internship, which improved communication and presentation skills.
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Other Work Experience:

Groupon: Student Intern Talent Development International: Jan 2018 – May 2018 (Part-Time) and August 2018 (Full Time)

Organised and allocated employees to specific online training, dealing with employees from various countries in Europe and the associated logistics. Responsibilities included;

- Managing the progress of employees, ensuring employees kept up to date and completed mandatory training before the deadline. This task improved my project management and organisational skills.
- Assisting in constructing a presentation on Irish employment law procedures for hiring and terminating employees, which taught me about the application of the law in a company and allowed me to improve my research and communication skills.

PKF O'Connor, Leddy & Holmes: 6 Week and 7 Week Summer Internship: May – July 2017 and June – August 2018

- Completed audit accounts for presentation to clients and included them as part of their financial statements, which had strict deadlines. Assisted in the tax calculations of foreign income for a client.
- Given more challenging tasks in the second internship which included completing final accounts to be presented to clients, which increased my responsibility in the firm and allowed me to develop more as an individual from the experience.

Technical Skills & Certificates

- MS Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)
- Internal Document Management Systems
- Bloomberg Market Concepts Core Module Certificate
- Level 1 Touch Referee Badge

Interests and Achievements

Rugby: Ireland Men's Open Touch Rugby Team – 2018-Current

Achieved 22 caps and have played in the European Touch Championship and 2019 Touch World Cup in Malaysia.

Rugby: Ireland Men's Open Tag Rugby Team – 2018-Current.

Achieved 12 caps and have played in the 2018 Tag World Cup in Australia and Test Matches.

Trading: WHU Finance Society Trading Challenge – 2019

Other Interests: Rugby Union, Soccer, Cricket, Piano, Gaisce.