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|  | Contact 4 The Strand, Somerville, Tramore, Co Waterford, X91H6YR, Ireland  083 095 9110  [slacey747@gmail.com](mailto:slacey747@gmail.com) |  | Profile  * A top-ranking law graduate with a deep passion for law, eagerly seeking a solicitor traineeship with ByrneWallace. * My LL.M. from Trinity College Dublin, where I attained the programme’s highest ranking, underscores my exceptional conscientiousness, comprehensive legal knowledge, ambition, and dedication. Holding an LL.B. (First Class Honours) from South East Technological University and graduating from the Supreme Court's Chief Justice Placement Programme, I am committed to applying my legal acumen and drive for success as a trainee solicitor at ByrneWallace. |
|  | Key Skills • Conscientiousness  • Legal Research and Analysis  • Written and Oral Communication  • Team Collaboration  • Adaptability Interests Enthusiastic cyclist  Adept swimmer  Skilled musician  Deeply passionate about history and science, always seeking to expand my knowledge. |  | education**MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.), TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN** SEP. 2022 – JUNE 2023   * Graduated 1st in class from a cohort of forty-three postgraduates. * Achieved Grade 1 results across a diverse array of law modules, complemented by a distinction grade in my LL.M. thesis. * Studied and excelled in EU Financial Services Law, Data Protection: Law Policy, EU Employment Law, EU Aviation Law, Law and Risk, and AI, Ethics, Regulation, preparing me to make valuable contributions to a dynamic legal setting. * My thesis, titled "Privacy in Peril: Unveiling Fundamental Shortcomings of the European Commission's Proposed Artificial Intelligence Act," received a prestigious distinction with a remarkable grade of 75%. This research critically assessed the effectiveness of the Proposed AI Act in safeguarding privacy rights of EU citizens. This academic achievement underscores my analytical ability and commitment to legal excellence.  **BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B.), SOUTH EAST TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY** SEP. 2019 – MAY 2022   * Graduated with First Class Honours, achieving academic excellence across a broad spectrum of legal subjects. * Earned a unanimous nomination from the esteemed Law Faculty to participate in the prestigious Chief Justice Placement Programme, an initiative organized by the Supreme Court of Ireland, showcasing my exceptional potential and commitment to the legal profession. * Actively engaged in the SETU Law Society, serving as a dedicated member and Treasurer, contributing to the society's mission and fostering a sense of community among law students. * Committed to nurturing the growth of first-year law students through voluntary mentoring, offering valuable guidance and insights to support their academic journeys and personal development. * Selected as a Class Ambassador, a role of great responsibility where I represented the university to prospective students and the wider public during our campus open day, effectively utilizing strong communication skills and leadership abilities. * Aided in facilitating the historic visit of Supreme Court Judges to our campus for their inaugural sitting in Waterford in 2019.  **LEAVING CERTIFICATE – ARDSCOIL NA MARA, CO. WATERFORD** • Attained honours-level proficiency in the German language through self-directed learning, showcasing dedication and determination beyond the established curriculum.  • Successfully completed the Leaving Cert with results that mirrored my academic aspirations and underscored my commitment to achieving excellence. eXPERIENCE**cHIEF JUSTICE PLACEMENT PROGRAMME – SUPERIOR COURTS OF IRELAND** JUNE 2022 – JULY 2022   * Personal assistant to the Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Quinn and Hon. Mr. Justice Conor Dignam of the High Court. * Conducted comprehensive legal research, reviewing case files, researching legal precedents and statutes, and providing essential information to support judges' decision-making. Attended court proceedings alongside the judges, gaining first-hand insights and taking meticulous notes. * Assisted judges within chambers, ensuring organized schedules, preparing case briefs, and handling administrative duties. * Collaborated closely with Judicial Assistants of the Superior Courts, aiding in daily tasks, legal research, and maintaining smooth court operations.  **General assistant, Artisan Pieces. - WATERFORD** June 2018 — September 2018   * Assisted in assembling and framing various artworks to ensure proper presentation. * Managed setup and art sales at exhibitions, collaborating with event organizers for efficient arrangements. * Coordinated with a team to prepare exhibition spaces and engaged with customers, addressing inquiries and facilitating purchases * Responsible for organizing, labelling, and packaging cards for online sales, ensuring efficient and timely processing.  **Carpentry & Joinery assistant - Aidan Franey Carpentry & Joinery** June 2019 — September 2019   * Played a crucial role in assembling and installing kitchen components, emphasizing precision and adherence to specifications. * Conducted general maintenance and cleaning tasks, ensuring a clean and safe work environment through activities like sweeping, mopping, and dusting. * Assisted with painting and finishing work, showcasing keen attention to detail and precision. * Provided physical labour and support for construction-related tasks, demonstrating strength and stamina in handling heavy materials and operating equipment.   **Referees**   1. **Gráinne Callanan**   LL.B. Programme Leader, South East Technological University,  Lecturer in Company and Insolvency Law  Email: GCALLANAN@wit.ie   1. **Courts Service**   Email: OfficeoftheChiefJustice@courts.ie |