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**Education**

**Present: LLB Degree - University College Cork**

* Currently completing a postgraduate law degree at UCC. September 2017 - May 2019.
* Average grade: First Class Honours

 **Core Modules:**

* + Company Law
	+ Contract Law
	+ Property Law
	+ Banking Law
	+ Law of Equity
	+ Administrative Law
	+ Data Protection Law
	+ EU Law

**2014 – 2017:**  **Film and Screen Media (BA) - University College Cork**

* Graduated with Second Class Honours Grade 1.
* This undergraduate was an even mix of theory/academic based learning and technical/practical project-based work. Strong focus on IT systems and technology.

**2009 – 2014: Leaving Certificate - Presentation Secondary School, Thurles Co. Tipperary**

* Achieved **540 CAO points** in the Leaving Certificate, with A grades in French (A2), English (A2), Home Economics (A1), and History(A2).

**Professional Experience**

**June 2019 – August 2019 – ADAPT research centre – Intellectual Property Intern**

This was a 10 week internship within the IP team at the ADAPT research centre for digital content innovation. The centre operating out of TCD, UCD and DCU pioneers research and development in next generation digital technologies helping to analyse, personalise and deliver digital data more effectively for businesses and individuals.

My role included:

* Worked closely with the IP Manager who provides legal support to the centre and who’s main role is the commercialisation and protection of the centre’s research outputs(IP).
* Liaised with industry partners through each stage of the research and development process, from the negotiating of NDAs pre-research to the completion of licensing agreements.
* Drafted various contracts and documents such as licensing agreements, Non-disclosure agreements, commercial contracts, invention and software disclosures and submissions for patent filings.
* Worked with various CRM systems and business intelligence software.
* Produced write ups and case studies on ongoing research for the centres website.
* Gained huge exposure to academic and commercial collaborative research in the computer science field.

**June 2018 - July 2018 - Ronan Daly Jermyn - Legal Intern**

In the summer of 2018, I participated in Ronan Daly Jermyn’s Summer Internship programme. During my time with the firm:

* I was placed in their Corporate & Commercial department and joined a dynamic, fast-paced team where attention to detail and client-focused solutions were prioritised.
* I participated in their Client Consultation programme in which interns had the opportunity to participate in mock-consultations and were given feedback on their ability to think on their feet and apply their legal and business knowledge in a practical, real-life scenario. This was an eye-opening experience as it drove home the client-focused approach Ronan Daly Jermyn and many other successful businesses take when tackling their work.
* In addition, I was tasked with writing a number of articles for the firm's TILT (Technology, Innovation, Law & Tax) blog. This was a rewarding experience as I saw through a number of articles from their inception as an idea, through the research and draft phases, to completion.
* As a result of my time with Ronan Daly Jermyn, I am more confident in my own abilities in presenting to a potential client, researching contemporary legal and commercial ideas and drafting documents, based on this research.
* I also gained an insight into a successful professional firm which I believe will be invaluable in my continuing career.

**Other Work Experience**

**May 2018-July 2018: Electric Bar and Restaurant, Cork**

* Role included both bartending and waitressing.
* Developed customer service and interpersonal skills working in this fast-paced customer-focused environment.
* Managed multiple tasks at once, including looking after tables, serving behind the bar and managing deliveries and stock checks.
* Worked as part of a large team.
* Hosted special events for large parties including giving cocktail demonstrations to groups.

**September 2017 – May 2018: Brown Thomas, Cork**

* Joined the sales team of ‘The Kooples’, a luxury French clothing brand.
* Effectively communicated with and persuaded customers in the sale of luxury items, showcasing in depth product knowledge.
* Completed administrative work such as recording daily sales figures and drafting emails to send to international management.
* Learned how best to work under pressure to achieve a particular goal such as sales targets, through teamwork and dedication.
* Exercised ability to meet deadlines and self-motivate by working towards daily and weekly commission incentives.

 **May- September 2016/17: New York Yacht Club, Newport, RI**

* Spent two summers working as front of house hostess and in special events at this prestigious club.
* Role included waitressing, hosting and attending to specific needs of the private members during their stay.
* Trained in new staff and held other positions of responsibility due to seniority, assigned and delegated work to other members of staff.
* Attention to detail and promotion of team-work was crucial, given the high standard of service expected.
* Personally dealt with elite clients, addressing their specific needs and managing expectations.

**October 2016 - January 2017 - The Kilkenny Shop, Cork**

* Joined the sales team during their busy periods in the run up to Christmas.
* Engaged with and assisted customers in purchasing luxury goods.
* Developed interpersonal skills and customer service skills.
* Provided recommendations based on customer inquiries – demonstrating in depth product knowledge.
* Received regular deliveries and monitored stock levels and demand.
* Operated the point of sale and processed various payment methods.

**Voluntary & Society Experience**

**MS Ireland(Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland)**

* Active member of MS Ireland.
* Partake in fundraising and awareness campaigns in my locality.
* Organised my own fundraising event in my locality in 2015 as well as a huge involvement in other events taking place in my community.
* Learned valuable lessons in leadership, planning and cooperation during the organisation of my event which had a turnout of 300 people.

**June 2015 – Presentation Secondary School – Leaving Certificate Reader**

* Undertook this temporary role of huge responsibility in summer 2015.
* Acted as a reader and essentially an exam attendant for one Leaving Certificate candidate in a special exam centre.
* Monitored the student during the course of the exam.
* Exercised impeccable time-management skills by ensuring the student received the correct papers and started the exam at the correct time to ensure equity in the process.
* Assisted student in the reading of the text of the exam papers making it easier for the student to process the information.
* Ensured the utmost confidentiality in the process. Ensured the student felt comfortable in the process and achieved their potential in the examinations.

**UCC Journalism Society**

* Attend regular meetings and events of the UCC Journalism Society.
* Have had opinion pieces and current affairs articles featured in the student newspaper, the UCC Express and in UCC’s award-winning Motley magazine.

**UCC Surf Club**

* Participate in club events and organisation of meetings.
* Aiding with the transport of gear and equipment.
* Travel around Ireland attending surf trips and intervarsities.

**Interests & Achievements**

* **Languages:** Studied French to university level. Have maintained an advanced writing ability and an intermediate spoken level.
* **Music:** Completed up to and including Grade 7 in piano. Play the guitar. Member of my local drama group 2009-2015.
* **Writing:** Enjoy writing opinion pieces on current affairs and having them published in various university and professional publications.
* **Sport:** I run and compete in local races. I also swim and train regularly to maintain a level of physical fitness. Attend weekly yoga classes.
* **IT:** Having worked with IT a great deal in my undergraduate, I have a passion for computers and technology, with a competency in using Microsoft Office applications. Find it quite easy to adapt to other computer programs/processes. I have a typing speed of 60wpm.

**References**

Available on request.