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Professional profile:

A 22-year-old recent Bachelor of Civil Law graduate, currently pursuing an LL.M in International Business Law. Confident and outgoing, hard-working and ambitious, driven by the desire to achieve the best in everything. Bilingual, speaking and writing fluently in Russian and English. With three years' experience in the hospitality industry, working throughout university during weekends.

Education:

• Luttrellstown Community College, 2009-2015.

Leaving Certificate: 450 points.

• Maynooth University, 2015-2018.

BCL Civil Law Graduate, 2.1.

• Maynooth University, 2018-2019.

LL.M International Business Law Candidate, grade pending.

Summary of skills:

• <u>Communication:</u>

I have exceptional communication skills. For instance, working as an important part of a hard-working team in a fast-paced environment. To ensure everything runs smoothly, I work with my team to delegate a section in work for each staff member to ensure organised and efficiently-run tasks with as little mistakes as possible. *The art of communication is the power of leadership!*

• Leadership & Teamwork:

Not only is being a *leader* an integral part of who I am, but also being a *team player*. While my previous work experience has proved that working on my own *initiative* will inspire others to get up and follow, working as a team will get the work done efficiently. I am responsible for a number of tasks throughout the day which include training new staff and looking after big events. Big events would generally include of up to 100 persons and sometimes, each member would be assigned the responsibility of looking after a party of this size on their own. *A leader is someone who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way!*

• Organisation:

I consider myself to be very organised and neat in everything I do whether it is college work or my parttime job. Without this skill, it is difficult to succeed in any daily task. Being organised in the workplace is also important particularly, as is mentioned above, big parties require an organised administrative who can manage working under pressure and ensuring that all requests are dealt with and where a request cannot be fulfilled, the issues is resolved promptly and accordingly. Organisation means effective time management, and effective *time management means meeting deadlines*!

• <u>Problem Solving & Listening:</u>

I understand that listening is an integral part of any learning environment, and alternatively, it is essential to *solving a problem*. An example being where I attentively deal with customer dissatisfaction in an appropriate manner to resolve the issue in question effectively and promptly. And if unsuccessful, I will report to the manager for assistance. During busy nights it is difficult to have managerial involvement and thus, *confidently* working on my own *initiative* to ensure the unhappy customer(s) leave the venue somewhat satisfied is crucial. By listening you gain insight, an understanding into what is being expressed, without this skill, I cannot imagine being able to effectively resolve an issue. *You won't know unless you listen*!

Work Experience:

• **2015 – 2016.**

Sales assistant

Gifts Remembered, Blanchardstown.

- ✓ Customer service ensuring customer satisfaction.
- ✓ Cash handling.
- ✓ Closing and opening the store
- ✓ Ensuring general tidiness.
- 2016 present

Waitress/ Administrative

Zozimus bar

Brookwood restaurant

Lemon & Duke restaurant and bar.

- ✓ Effectively communicating with kitchen regarding dietary requirements, allergies and so forth.
- ✓ Emails and telecommunication.
- ✓ Training new staff.
- ✓ Effective communication skills and team work.
- \checkmark Exceptional, friendly and fast service.
- \checkmark Organised and accurately recorded orders to ensure no mistakes are made.
- ✓ Working under pressure and maintaining a cool composure.
- ✓ Dealing with customer dissatisfaction in an appropriate manner to resolve the issue, if unsuccessful, reported to the manager.
- \checkmark Greeting and seating customers.
- ✓ Demonstrated awareness of liability issues and the law by confirming legal alcohol consumption age and discontinuing service to intoxicated guests for their own safety.
- \checkmark Managed closing duties, restocking and reconciliation of the cash drawer

Interests and activities:

1. **Yoga and gymnasium sports** – I am a sports enthusiast and I strongly believe that it is extremely vital, particularly for students, to balance out their academic life with sport and health. I am an active member of

my local gym and I also practice yoga every night. Yoga is particularly important to me because before I began practicing it, I found it difficult to control stress and work efficiently under pressure. Now, I realise how crucial mindfulness is, and essentially, how being able to finally control it has enabled me to be more successful in my academic pursuits, and in the workplace.

- 2. **Writing** I enjoy writing quite a bit, I part-take in annual essay competitions such as the NUIM Golden Thread and I am currently working on the *The Association of Pension Lawyers in Ireland* essay competition dealing with Mandatory retirement ages and State pension ages and how other jurisdictions have managed the conundrum of being "too old for work but too poor to retire?"
- 3. **Reading-** I am a fan of avant-garde reading and art. While heading to art galleries as often as I can, I also enjoy reading the work of Jean Baudrillard, for instance, and his post-modern nostalgia of how today, it is almost impossible to tell the difference between reality and virtual reality, where the line is blurred to the point of no distinction. I also enjoy indulging in Victorian Gothic literature.
- 4. **Research** One of my main interests include researching. I am currently focusing on expanding my knowledge in International law, with particular interest in the currently new and growing area of international investment law with many questions as to whether it functions efficiently as a system of Investment law governance and particularly, how it conflicts with Human Rights, environmental protection and Customary International law. I anticipate on pursuing my PhD in September 2019 in this area in an effort to find out how to make this system effective via harmonisation. I am also very interested in Islamic finance and its potential in the western world as a financial system of ethical governance.
- 5. **Travelling** I enjoy travelling in the summer time to Eastern countries to explore their cultures, learn about their foods, environment and overall, I love meeting new people and making life-long friends.
- 6. **Nature** Growing up I would always help my mother out in our garden. I enjoy going to the botanic and Powerscourt gardens and embrace the scenery. I enjoy going for walks and going on hikes with friends once every now and again when the weather allows it. It helps me clear my mind and thoughts.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.