

LEAH HIGGINS

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Summary

As a First Class Honours Masters of Law Graduate, I am a conscientious and dedicated individual with an aspiration to achieve highly in all personal and academic endeavours. I promote a positive outlook and empathetic nature, and value establishing a positive rapport with both colleagues and clients.

Experience

Corporate Legal Counsel (Seconded)

09/2024 to Current

Google

- Company Overview: This role resides within the EMEA CorpOrg team which supports Google with corporate governance and corporate maintenance of entities in 46 jurisdictions across Europe
- Providing regulatory advice on regulatory and legal project changes
- Reviewing, drafting and negotiating a diverse range of commercial agreements including Articles of Association, Shareholder and investment agreements and Memoranda of Association
- Communicating internal and external legal advice and delivering transactions and projects to stakeholders in a commercial, user friendly and efficient manner
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Legal Professional

08/2023 to Current

Baker McKenzie

- Company Overview: Legal Professional in Baker McKenzie's Alternative Legal Services team, particularly the Contentious Support Group, providing support to clients and the firm's practising lawyers around the globe
- Assisting an important finance client with an international investigation, reviewing electronic communication to determine whether disclosure of commercially sensitive information has taken place
- Conducting a large scale disclosure exercise in respect of a major piece of construction litigation, working as part of a large Belfast team alongside partners and associates in the North America Commercial Litigation practice
- Working on a large scale multijurisdictional project for a major financial services company; providing the client with details of primary and secondary sources derived from the jurisdictional financial regulator, and drafting the regulatory purpose of each source to aid the client in understanding their obligations in each jurisdiction
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Arbitration Project

05/2023 to 07/2024

UCD Sutherland School of Law

- Engaged in role-play exercises and problem focused scenarios, and a mock arbitration, based on real arbitration scenarios under the guidance of members of the practising arbitral community.
- Throughout the project I acquired the ability to programme the conduct of a commercial arbitration in accordance with international arbitration standards and rules, the ability to apply for and direct procedural motions in commercial arbitrations and the knowledge and skill required to move an application or case before an international arbitral panel. I have also gained competence in constructing, writing and analysing a reasoned arbitrators award.

Legal Analyst

09/2021 to 05/2023

FinTrU

Belfast, Northern Ireland

- Company Overview: Upon joining the company, I graduated from FinTrU's bespoke Legal Academy that comprises intensive training in the legal aspects of financial services
- Reviewed and drafted an array of trading agreements (including ISDA Master Agreements, Credit Support Annexes, Termination Agreements, Account Control Agreements)
- Technical Skills: Project Management, Problem Solving, Data Analysis, Excel
- Soft Skills: Attention to Detail, Initiative, Ability to work under pressure, Negotiation, Critical Thinking, Teamwork, Time Management, Communication, Presentation
- Upon joining the company, I graduated from FinTrU's bespoke Legal Academy that comprises intensive training in the legal aspects of financial services

University College Dublin

- Duties included providing campus tours to prospective students from around the world, visiting academic staff, UCD alumni and other visitors to the university, assisting with Student Recruitment-led events, representing UCD at large external events and acting as a point of contact for prospective students looking for information about studying in UCD

Skills

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to structure, evaluate and present ideas • Time-management • Organisational skills • Effective communication skills • Public Speaking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLM Legal Research • Presentations on Corporate Governance • Presentations on White-Collar Crime • Moot Hearings • Legal Research |
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Accomplishments

- Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment Level 3 Operations Certificate (2021)
- Study Erasmus Scholarship (2020)
- Grade VII Piano (2018)
- Pope John Paul II Award
- Millennium Volunteer Gold Award (2017)
- Young Philanthropy Public Speaking Competition (2017)

Education

LLM: International Commercial Law	12/2023
University College Dublin	Dublin, Ireland

ProfDip: Law	12/2022
University College Dublin	Dublin, Ireland

- Modules: Corporate Governance, Data Protection and Privacy: National and International Perspectives, EU Law and Governance
- GPA: Upper Second-Class Honours

A Levels	05/2017
Loreto Grammar School	Omagh, Northern Ireland

- Results: English Literature A
- Government and Politics A, Religious Studies A
- Elected Senior Class Prefect, Justice and Peace Prefect, member of the School Choir and member of the Young Enterprise Team

LLB HONS: Law	04/2021
Queens University Belfast	Belfast, Northern Ireland

- Member of Law Society Charity Committee
- Volunteered in the Peer Mentoring Programme (Sept 2019 - Mar 2020)
- Modules: Evidence, Tort Law, Family Law, International Human Rights Law
- GPA: Second-Class Honours

Custom Section

- Coach and senior player for football team
- Postgraduate ambassador in University College Dublin
- J1: Travelled to Chicago on a J1 work and travel visa, working as a photographer on Navy Pier

Websites, Portfolios and Profiles

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