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## EDUCATION

2020–PRESENT

**LLB LAW**, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

- First year: Introduction to Law (72%); Legal Process (66%); Obligations I (63%); and Constitutional and Administrative Law (67%)
- Second year: Criminal Law; Company Law; Obligations II; Property Law; and Intellectual Property
- Awarded law prize for the highest recorded grade (81%) for a criminal law essay

2013–2020

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, EASTERBY

- A levels: English Literature (A), French (A), History (A), German (B)
- GCSEs: 10 GCSEs with grades 9–8 and A–A\*, including maths and English

## LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

MAY 2021

**INSIGHT PLACEMENT**, TOWERS & MAY LLP

- Work-shadowed trainee in property law seat
- Proofread leasehold contract for associate
- Networked with associates and partners at a drinks reception

JULY 2020

**WORK SHADOWING PLACEMENT**, PORTERS (HIGH STREET FIRM)

- Invited to take minutes at client meetings and conferences with barristers
- Researched legal precedents for two family law cases
- Observed the importance of meeting the business objectives of a chain of vet surgeries focused on buying another local practice

JUNE 2020

**OPEN COURT SESSION**, NORFOLK COUNTY COURT

- Observed the teamwork between barristers and solicitors in a range of criminal cases

## COMMERCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

MAY 2019–PRESENT

### CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT, SAINSBURY'S SOLIHULL

- Promoted from cashier role after four months after demonstrating good rapport with customers
- Advised and assisted customers, resolved customer complaints and handled unexpected situations
- Developed key skills for a career in law: understanding of how large businesses

## VOLUNTARY AND PRO BONO

MAY 2020–PRESENT

### ELECTED PRESIDENT, BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

- Chair monthly committee meetings, liaise with the Students' Union and organise social events for 200 society members
- Raised £1,000 of sponsorship for new initiative: the Client Interviewing Competition 2016
- Arranged and introduced speaker – Jo Smith QC, Bar Council chair at Annual Law Society Dinner 2016

MAY 2020–PRESENT

### STUDENT MANAGER, UNIVERSITY LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

- Set up a legal aid weekly drop-in clinic (run through the welfare office on campus) for students experiencing problems with rental lease or employment rights
- Persuaded two local law firms to supply three qualified solicitors on voluntary basis
- Established a rota of law students to support the solicitors
- Wrote marketing material to increase clinic users from 10 students to 30 students in first month

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Captain of the university korfbal team
- Features editor for Redbrick, the student newspaper
- Worked as an au pair in Neuilly-sur-Seine, Paris
- Fluent in French
- Working knowledge of Spanish

## REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST