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Determined and motivated Lawyer with a dual Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Economics at Macquarie University. Experienced communicator, researcher and logical thinker with a passion for investing and making persuasive arguments. Adaptable to pressure, a strong attention to detail and an ability to solve problems while maintaining a friendly, courteous and enthusiastic attitude.

Experience Lawyer

MinterEllison

August 2023 to March 2025

Tax Controversy Team: Formulating arguments, legal research, preparing client responses to the ATO, preparing evidence, reviewing evidence, attending client ATO interviews, attending Court, preparing responses to ATO requests for information, reviewing client documentation.

Competition and Regulatory Team: Preparing advice, reviewing and drafting licences for regulators to be issued to utility providers, reviewing and drafting customer contracts for regulators to be used by utility providers, legal research, reviewing client documents.

Real Estate Team: Providing advice on real estate agent licensing, drafting commercial leases, reviewing leases for acquisition due diligence, drafting letters to other parties in a transaction, and preparing deeds of assignment.

Law Graduate

MinterEllison

February 2023 to August 2023

Investment Funds Team: Preparing advice, legal research, reviewing fund documents for compliance, setting up new funds, negotiating for clients, maintaining fund compliance and assisting funds meet their regulatory requirements.

Tax Accountant

In The Picture Chartered Accountants

October 2018 to February 2023

Preparing income tax returns for individuals and advising clients in tax matters. Additional responsibilities include representing clients in ATO audits, legal research, setting up charities and BAS reconciliation. Building rapport and engaging with clients is essential.

Experience

Summer Clerkship

MinterEllison

November 2021 to February 2022

Worked in MinterEllison's Summer Clerkship program in the Tax team and the Competition and Regulatory team.

Tennis Coach

April 2016 to January 2017

Taught tennis to a high school and a primary school student. Coaching sessions were weekly, with the high school student receiving 1.5-hour sessions and the primary school student receiving 45-minute sessions. The primary school student needed shorter sessions due to her ADHD.

Crew Member

McDonalds Australia

March 2014 to April 2016

Greeted customers, operated various tools and equipment to prepare food, collected payments, maintained cleanliness, promoted special deals, engaged with customers whilst taking orders, and resolved customer complaints and issues. Working in a team, developed a high level of confidence through interactions with customers and became accustomed to working under pressure.

Community Service

Senior Volunteer

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, Security Division

Community Security Group (CSG)

March 2018 to May 2021

Responsibilities include:

- Overseeing the training and development of a small team of volunteers
- Managing security arrangements at events and functions
- Planning and partaking in project management and logistical elements of the operation of an event
- Preparing and delivering presentations to groups of volunteers
- Supervising junior volunteers at functions and events
- Providing feedback and performance appraisals to junior volunteers
- Participating in leadership development programs and attending regular training sessions and lectures

Student Volunteer

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award

January 2014 to January 2017

As part of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards, provided weekly volunteer work. Volunteering included helping busy parents look after their children and tutoring young high school students.

Education

Macquarie University

Bachelor of Commerce with the degree of Bachelor of
Laws, majoring in Economics
2018 to 2022

The combination of these degrees accommodates a legal career in a commercial or corporate field. The economics major provides expertise on market power, competition, market structure and more, perfect for leveraging into competition law. All completed law electives such as Foundations of Commercial Law and Competition and Consumer Law, as well as planned future electives, demonstrate a passion for all areas of commercial and corporate law.

Masada College

2005 to 2017

HSC Legal studies demonstrates an early passion for law and established an early base of legal knowledge.

Achievements

Department of Economics Prize for Excellence in The Economics of Financial Institutions

2022, Macquarie University

Department of Economics Group Project Prize for Excellence in Current Issues in Economics

2022, Macquarie University

Victor Argy Memorial Prize for Macroeconomic Policy

2021, Macquarie University

Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards

January 2014 to January 2017

Each award required learning/improving a skill, improving physical wellbeing, volunteering in the community and undertaking adventurous team journeys. The physical recreation was tennis, the developed skill was guitar and bass guitar, and the voluntary service included tutoring and looking after children. Across the three awards, six adventurous journeys were undertaken. These team adventures involved travelling long distances by hiking through mountains, kayaking, mountain biking, abseiling and overnight camping.

References

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