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I trained as a lawyer for seven years which made me to develop strong attention to detail, communication, team-working skills and ability to effectively research technical information and apply it to the problem at hand. As highlighted by the fact that I graduated from law school at the top of my class, I thrive in highly technical, challenging, creative problem solving focused environment. I decided to become a software developer upon realising that I am most passionate about utilising my strengths for building and innovating.

Technical Skills

- **Languages:** JavaScript
- **Front-End:** React, HTML5, CSS3, Sass/SCSS, CSS Frameworks (Bootstrap, Bulma)
- **Back-End:** Express, SQL, Node, Node APIs, RESTful APIs and JSON responses
- **Testing:** Jest, Mocha

Experience

Coding Bootcamp Student at Northcoders

April - July 2022

- Gained experience in full-stack software development after completing immersive curriculum at Northcoders - an industry leading 13 weeks coding bootcamp.
- Obtained knowledge of best practices of programming such as test-driven development, continuous delivery, pair programming, object-oriented programming, Git version control and other agile methodologies such as daily stand ups.
- Developed several user-friendly websites and web applications using full-stack Javascript including:

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Personal Portfolio

Responsive personal website
React, Styled Components, jQuery
<https://link-tbc.com>

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NC News

User-friendly, responsive web application
React, HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap and React Router
[Link](#)

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NC News Api

Restful API
Express, SQL, Node.js, Jest and Heroku
<https://nc-news-alicia.herokuapp.com/api>

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DooDuels - Team Project

AR desktop drawing & guessing game
Firebase, Mediapipe, Filestack, React, HTML5 & CSS3.
[Upload a link to demo](#)

Construction Paralegal/Trainee Solicitor at a National Law Firm

March 2020 - March 2022

Clarke Willmott LLP - Manchester

- Worked collaboratively as part of a team and effectively communicated with multi-disciplinary teams of lawyers, experts, construction professionals, and clients on a daily basis.
- Developed strong attention to detail and problem solving skills after being responsible for drafting, reviewing and responding to various lengthy technical legal documentation.
- Built reputation among the team for exceptional research skills after finding technical authority on a several niche legal principles and applied the same to the problem at hand.

Summer Internship at a Global Law Firm

July - August 2019

Clyde & Co LLP - Manchester

- Conducted research into and made sense of unfamiliar specialist areas of law and presented the findings to senior colleagues within the set deadlines.
- Developed a habit to ask for help when stuck on unfamiliar task for an inefficient period of time.

Summer Internship at a Global Law Firm

July - July 2019

Pinsent Masons LLP - Manchester

- Gained insight into the legal technology, its advantages and the areas for improvement after conducting research in this area and presenting the findings to a panel of associates.
- Attended client meetings and gained insight how different client's interests and business needs shape the customisation of services delivered to them.

Summer Internship at a Global Law Firm

June - July 2018

DLA Piper LLP - London

- Conducted research in Polish on the impact of technology on the criminal justice system in Poland and translated the findings to colleagues in English
- Demonstrated strong attention to detail after pointing out errors in the legal documents being reviewed.

Commercial Banking Summer Internship

June - August 2017

Lloyds Banking Group - Bristol

- Responsible for gathering data and updating key reports which were disclosed to external senior stakeholders.
- Successfully introduced a more efficient process of recording the data for the said reports and rolled out its usage across the team.
- Lead a fundraising team which to raised a total of £2,500 for a charity.

Project Leader - Uppsala University Recycling Project

September 2016 - June 2017

Uppsala University - Sweden

- Came up with an idea for an innovative mattress recycling centre which today provides homeless people with employment and opportunities to develop new skills whilst promoting a cleaner environment.
- Assembled and led a small team and worked alongside local charity and Uppsala University to set up the project.

Education

LLM Legal Practice Course - BPP University

September 2018 - January 2020

Distinction (82%)

LLB Law (International) - Lancaster University

October 2014 - July 2018

First Class Honours (81%)

A-Levels - Loreto Sixth Form College

September 2012 - June 2014

A* (Psychology) | A (Philosophy) | B (History)

Academic Prizes and Scholarships

- "Outstanding Academic Achievement Award" - Lancaster University October 2018
- "Law School Dean's Scholarship" - BPP Law School September 2018
- "Oxford University Press Prize for Best Dissertation" July 2018

Hobbies

- Competitive running: most frequently competes in 5km and 10km races often finishing in the first place with personal best times of 18:22 and 38:53 respectively.

Other Skills and Interests

- Bilingual in Polish and English
- Regular attendee/volunteer at Manchester based tech meet-ups including events organised by Manchester Tech Festival, Tech Leads NW and The SocialCode.

