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EDUCATION

LLB Law, Upper Second-Class Honours (2:1) | City St George's, University of London 07/2025

- Relevant modules: Statutory Interpretation, Legal Research Methodology, Commercial Law, Domestic Banking Law, International Economic Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Intellectual Property Law, Media Law.
- Legal Ethics research essay: analysed the regulatory framework governing solicitors' role in non-disclosure agreements under the SRA Code of Conduct, weighing confidentiality, duties to clients and the public interest.

Erasmus Exchange | Koç University, Istanbul 07/2024 – 08/2024

- Completed Financial Accounting (ACCT201) as part of an international exchange.
- Led a group project analysing three years of Apple and Microsoft balance sheets and income statements.
- Used financial ratios to evaluate each company's performance and financial position over time, and compared the two directly.
- Identified the main strengths and weaknesses of each company and made recommendations for improvement, presented in a 1,300-word report.

The City Academy, Hackney (Secondary and Sixth Form) 2020 – 2022 (Sixth Form)

- BTEC Business National Diploma (Level 3): D*D*; A-level English Literature: C (144 UCAS points total).
- GCSEs: 10 at grade A*-C, including Maths (6) and English (6).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Legal Consultant (University Industry Placement), Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP 09/2024 – 05/2025

Placement as part of a university industry project, co-authoring a research report for the firm's Knowledge Management function.

- Researched and analysed the impact of AI on the firm's Knowledge Management function, drawing on multiple sources to reach evidence-based conclusions.
- Drafted, proofread and formatted the report's strategic-implications section to a professional standard for review by the firm.
- Introduced a weekly task map to track responsibilities, deadlines and dependencies across the project group, delivering on time.

Front of House Team Member, Nando's 08/2023 – 12/2025

Fast-paced, high-volume, customer-facing role in a 100+ seat venue, balanced alongside a full-time law degree.

- Hosted 100+ guests per shift as the first point of contact, managing guest flow and seating during peak periods.
- Processed and reconciled cash and card payments, maintaining zero discrepancies across 800+ shifts.
- Handled phone and in-person queries and complaints calmly and professionally, escalating issues to management when appropriate.
- Identified a recurring issue with the team's closing routine and proposed a clearer process, which management adopted as standard.
- Balanced 20+ hours of weekly work with a full-time law degree, managing competing priorities and deadlines.

Restaurant Runner, Antalya Restaurant 02/2022 – 08/2023

Fast-paced support role in a busy independent restaurant serving 200+ covers per service.

- Received, checked and stocked deliveries, keeping supplies organised and records up to date.
- Tracked stock records accurately, identifying discrepancies and escalating them to senior staff.
- Coordinated with kitchen, floor and management teams to resolve issues quickly during busy services.

Flexible Agency Worker (Warehouse & Retail) 2022 – 12/2025

Various agencies including Indeed Flex, London. Ad hoc shift work, mainly in warehouses, taken alongside study and fixed employment.

- Handled, organised and tracked stock accurately in line with each site's procedures.
- Followed site safety and operational procedures across varied workplaces.
- Adapted quickly to new sites, teams and systems with minimal onboarding.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Wrestling and Competitive Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

09/2025 – Present

- Train in wrestling at least 4 times a week, with 100% attendance since starting.
- Compete in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, building resilience and composure under pressure.

Air Cadets

2018 – 2019

- Built discipline, teamwork and reliability in a structured, uniformed youth organisation.
- Completed first aid training as part of the programme.

SKILLS & HOBBIES

Technical Skills: Legal research and drafting | Microsoft Word and PowerPoint (5+ years) | Excel: formulas, functions and basic charts (data analytics course in progress) | AI tools (ChatGPT for research and data analysis) | Financial statement analysis | Leadership: led a group financial analysis project (Koç University) | Certifications: AI in Law: Research, Risk and Legal Drafting (Coursera Specialisation); ChatGPT for Data Analytics (Luke Barousse, 09/2026) | Full, clean UK driving licence

Hobbies: Following financial markets and economics, learning data analytics (Excel, SQL and Power BI)

Languages: English (native), Turkish (native)