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Skills

**STRONG RESEARCH & ANALYSIS
SKILLS**

INNOVATIVE THINKER

**COMMERCIAL AWARENESS &
ACADEMIC WRITING**

CRITICAL THINKING

ADAPTABILITY

**STRONG INTERPERSONAL &
COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

INITIATIVE & PASSION TO LEARN

TEAMWORK & COOPERATION SKILLS

**STRONG ABILITY TO ENGAGE &
FOLLOW DIRECTION**

METICULOUS ATTENTION TO DETAIL

HIGHLY ORGANISED

**COMMUNICATION AND PRESENTATION
SKILLS**

Extra-curricular Activities

**Member of the National University of
Ireland, Galway Law Society**
September 2017-Present

**Member of the Literary and Debate Society,
National University of Ireland, Galway**
September 2017- Present

Profile

I am a hard-working, proactive, passionate and professional individual driven by the results of my work. I am detail-orientated, innovative and adaptable, with a strong interest in academic writing, current affairs, commercial awareness & problem-solving, which I express through academic submissions and legal blog publications. I am a confident, highly-organised, dedicated and competent individual with strong communication and interpersonal skills, always motivated to work to full potential, either on my own initiative or collaboratively as part of a team.

Having completed my Bachelor of Civil Law and Masters of Law, I am currently an FE-1 Candidate eager to develop my career in a progressive firm with whom I share the same interests and values. In particular, my interests lie with International & EU Law, Commercial Law, Administrative Law, Property Law, Employment Law, Data Protection, and Intellectual Property Law, for which I am hugely passionate.

Academic Qualifications

MASTERS OF LAW (LL.M), NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY Galway, Ireland

September 2020-August 2021

Grade: **First Class Honours (1:1)**

I have recently graduated with a First Class Honours Masters of Law from the National University of Ireland, Galway. This is a bespoke LL.M which I have tailored to my academic interests, taking an international law specialisation, with an additional focus on Sentencing and Penal Policy, for which I ranked 1st in my class.

Modules I undertook include Public International Law, International Criminal Law, Business & Human Rights, International Refugee Law and Advanced Legal Methods & Research. For my Final Dissertation, I focused up the intersection of International Refugee Law, International Human Rights and Counter-terrorism Law, analysing, critiquing and eventually suggesting reform insofar as creating a singular, universal definition of "terrorism", including for the purposes of International Refugee Law.

BACHELOR OF CIVIL LAW (BCL), NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY Galway, Ireland

August 2017-May 2020

Grade: **First Class Honours (1:1)**

Ranking 4th in my year class overall, I graduated with a First Class Honours which led to an award of the NUIG Postgraduate Academic Scholarship towards the study of my LL.M within the University.

While studying all key modules required for professional exams, I held keen interest in the areas of Commercial Law, EU Law, Administrative Law, Property Law and Intellectual and Industrial Property Law, in which I came within the top 3 students of the module. I also held strong passion for Labour Law, in which I ranked within the top 5 students in my final year examinations.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE, ABBEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL Donegal, Ireland

September 2015-June 2017

Grade: **495 Points**

Studying all Higher Level subjects, I obtained three H2 Grades, including in Irish, and three H3 Grades. During my time in the Abbey Vocational School, I was elected a Student Council Representative, in which I brought student welfare issues to the Council Committee, and pitched suggestions and improvements to the Year Heads. I was also a mentor in the "Big Brother Big Sister" Program, and additionally stood as a

Additional Skills

HIGHLY PROFICIENT WITH MICROSOFT WORD, EXCEL & POWERPOINT

HIGHLY PROFICIENT IN UTILISING ONLINE LEGAL DATABASES, INCLUDING WEST LAW, JUSTIS, HEINON-LINE, LEXIS BUTTERWORTHS & OXFORD LAW ONLINE.

HIGHLY PROFICIENT WITH THE CASE-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM KEYHOUSE

Additional Courses

LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND - *Solicitor Anti-Money Laundering Course: Regulatory Matters (Accounting, AML Compliance, and Management & Professional Development Skills) 2021*

LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND - *Cyber Security Course 2021*

LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND - *Advanced Cyber Security Course 2021*

CITY COLLEGES - *FE-1 Preparation Course 2021-2022*

Languages

ENGLISH
Native Speaker

IRISH
Good Command

FRENCH
Good Command

Charity Work

Charity Volunteer & Collector for Special Olympics Ireland, *Donegal Town, Co. Donegal*

Charity Volunteer & Collector for the Syrian Refugee Crisis 2015, *Donegal Town, Co. Donegal*

Senior Prefect in my Leaving Certificate cycle. This involved acting as a role model to other students, and maintaining a friendly atmosphere of cooperation, peace and discipline within the school.

Scholarships

NATIONAL OF UNIVERSITY IRELAND, GALWAY ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVER 2020

Awarded the NUIG €1,500 Postgraduate Academic Scholarship towards the study of my Masters of Law (LL.M General) on foot of a First Class Honours obtained in my undergraduate Bachelor of Civil Law Degree.

Professional Experience

CONOR MCLAUGHLIN & ASSOCIATE SOLICITORS, 8 BAYVIEW TERRACE, BUNDORAN, CO. DONEGAL *August 2020 - Present*

In preparing for the FE-1 Examinations, I undertook a position as a Legal Secretary/Assistant in a highly-respected, leading full-service Irish Law Firm. While working in this position, I have been delegated notable responsibility in terms of drafting legal documents, researching, and assisting the Principal Solicitor and three Associate Solicitors in their respective cases. My primary duties include:

- Professionally and confidently representing the firm as an initial point of contact for clients and legal professionals, promptly and efficiently resolving concerns, answering legal inquiries, and relaying detailed messages to legal professionals
- Preparing, researching and distributing time-sensitive correspondence, documents, briefs and reports based on written/oral drafts and research findings
- Developing legal documents and pleadings to support litigation processes and court proceedings in multiple areas of law including personal injury, data breaches, employment law, bankruptcy, and chancery proceedings.
- Confidently liaising with the Courts Service, Government Agencies, Local Authorities, Mortgagors and Financiers to extract, lodge prepare and/or submit documentation on behalf of the Principal and associate Solicitors under minimum supervision
- Responsibility over the implementation of the firm's Anti-Money Laundering Policy. I undertook the Law Society of Ireland's Regulatory Compliance Legal Education Lectures to ensure high-quality management of and engagement with these Regulations, which I supplemented with the Law Society's Advanced Cyber Security Legal Education Lectures. These programmes provided me with extensive knowledge and competence in protecting against & preventing money-laundering and security breaches within a law firm, which is critical to the strength of the company and security of clients.
- Significantly improved filing system and assisted extensively in the firm's move to paperless, increasing accessibility to information, bolstering staff efficiency, and ensuring client files are highly organised and comprehensive for legal professionals. I also undertook the Law Society's Paperless Legal Education talk to ensure my full competence in aiding the transition.
- Assisting the Principal Solicitor in the marketing of the firm. This includes engaging new clients, clarifying the legal process for prospective clients & assuredly illustrating the firm's ability to assist clients in their legal matters.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, PLANNING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT *2018-2020 Ad-Hoc Basis*

In undertaking the position of Poll Clerk numerous times from 2018 to 2020, I assisted the Presiding Officer in the conduct of the ballot in the polling stations during both Referendums and Local Elections. In doing so, I complied with all instructions from

Additional Accomplishments

GRADE 7 PIANIST, ROYAL ACADEMY OF
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the Returning Officer, ensured that all electors were treated impartially and with respect, and maintained the secrecy of the ballot.

Publications

I am currently a Legal Content Writer for the two-time award winning UK-based Legal Blog "According to a Law Student" ([ATALS](#)). This encompasses writing on current commercial awareness issues, in areas such as intellectual property law, corporate law, EU law, and labour law, as well as digesting the latest topical caselaw. ATALS is uniquely a visual-centric blog, which supplements each Legal Blog with an exclusive infographic designed by the authors, thus providing me with strong creative design and digital design skills.

During my uptake of this position on the Legal Writing Team, my first published article acquired the highest ever number of interactions on any article ever published by According to a Law Student. This was more than double the average interactions the blog usually receives.

Several of my published articles have all been listed in Legal Cheek UK's "[Best Law Blogs of the Week](#)", a prominent British legal news website.

My Publications to date are as follows:

- [*The Latest Crypto-Craze: Non-Fungible Tokens - The Craze, the Crux and the Questions*](#)
- [*To Waiver or not to Waiver?: The COVID-19 Vaccine & Intellectual Property Debate*](#)
- [*Phew!Tube: The Great Liability Escape - The ECJ Rules that YouTube is Not to Blame for Copyright Infringements*](#)
- [*Time to Face the Music or Just a Broken Record?: An Investigation into Calls for a Reset of the UK's Music Streaming Industry and its Legal Issues*](#)
- [*The Embrace of NFTs by Social Media Corporations \(due for publication February 2022\)*](#)

In addition, I currently have two academic articles in the areas of Business and Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law and Sentencing and Penal Policy submitted for review and potential publication within the NUI Galway Law Review's March 2022 edition.

References

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