

# EDWARD KELLY

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## SUMMARY

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I am a dedicated third-year Bachelor in Law student at TUD, Dublin, seeking a legal internship with a leading Irish law firm. Concurrently, I excel as a professional rugby 7's player with the Men's Senior Irish Squad aiming for the 2024 Olympics. I bring a logical and analytical mindset to my academic and athletic pursuits. From my experience as a professional rugby player, I have honed skills crucial for a legal environment, including commitment, perseverance, and attention to detail. My coaching background further enhances my timekeeping, teamwork, and leadership proficiency. I am eager to contribute a unique blend of analytical acumen and dynamic skills to a new part-time legal internship alongside my rugby commitments with a view to a full-time position in the future.

## EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of law

2020-2024

Technological University Dublin

- TUD Law, Dublin (Expected Graduation: Oct 2024).
- Sporting and Academic Scholarship recipient.
- Current 2:1 grade, halfway through final year.
- Focus on EU competition law, alternative dispute resolution, and M&As.

### Leaving Certificate

St Michaels College

2020

- Received 451 points whilst balancing Leinster rugby U17, 18, 19, and 20s commitments throughout school (2017 onwards).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### MEN'S SENIOR IRISH SQUAD

Professional Rugby 7s Player

2021 - present

- Commitment to excellence, selected to represent Ireland at the highest level in international rugby 7s, participating in the HSBC World Series and preparing diligently for the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- Highly resilient and adaptable in nature, having dealt with several career-threatening injuries and setbacks, coming back stronger each time by effectively collaborating with the medical support team.
- Demonstrated strong leadership both on and off the field as a pivot player and teammate at the HSBC World Series, setting new standards and encouraging my teammates and support staff to expect more.
- Prioritised and organised studying for an honours degree alongside professional rugby commitments, demonstrating diligence, work ethic and excellent time management skills.

## **ST. MICHAELS COLLEGE**

### **JCT Rugby Team – Backs Coach**

2020–2022

- Responsible for leading and planning sessions, providing expert guidance on skills, tactics, and game strategy to a large group of aspiring rugby players.
- Led by example and instilled discipline and time management skills in students to balance academics and athletics in an informative and enjoyable format.
- Fostered teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship values among players, demonstrating an ability to motivate a large group of differing abilities.
- Collaborated with coaching staff on training programs, areas for development and match strategies.

## **VOLUNTARY WORK**

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### **OPERATION SMILE VOLUNTEER**

2017

- Attended a youth growth and leadership course in Rome.
- Raised awareness and funds for children with cleft conditions in Africa, facilitating life-changing operations in numerous countries.

### **IRFU YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

2021 – present

- Male representative contributing to the development of a more cohesive pathway for club rugby members.
- Collaborate in bringing innovative ideas forward for the youth rugby community.

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTERESTS**

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- Fluent French speaker with a strong interest in languages, having lived in France during childhood and attended a French boarding school as part of a TY year.
- Enjoy travelling, with experiences in Hong Kong, Dubai, Sydney, and Cape Town, through playing 7s rugby for Ireland.
- I have a significant interest in reading; my favourite book is “The Happiest Man on Earth” written by Eddie Jaku, a holocaust survivor.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

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- Plan to commence FE1s in October after participating in the Olympics.
- Aiming to secure internship/experience in a law firm this summer.
- Aiming to secure a full-time opportunity in preparation for my transition out of professional rugby.

## **REFERENCES**

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- Academic, sporting/character references available upon request.