

Aoife Ní Dhonaile

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PROFILE - Masters graduate in International Human Rights Law with an undergraduate degree in Law. Thoroughly experienced in legal research and legal writing. Knowledgeable in the following areas: EU Law | Gender & Human Rights | Public International Law | Criminal Law | Constitutional Law | Advocacy & Public Interest Law | Business & Human Rights | Immigration Law

EDUCATION

Master of International Human Rights Law (L.L.M) - 2.1 Final Grade **2018 - 2019**
National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG)

Bachelor of Law (B.C.L) - 2.1 Final Grade **2014 - 2018**
Dublin City University (DCU)

Scoil Chaitríona Secondary School - Leaving Certificate - 490 points **2008 - 2014**
Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

AWARDS –Arij Gashout Memorial Prize for Best Performance in International Human Rights Law 18’ - Achieved for obtaining highest grade in the International Human Rights Law module in final year.

EMPLOYMENT

Paralegal | Mental Health Commission, Ireland | Dublin, Ireland | May 2020-Current

- I assist our internal and external counsel with preparation for Circuit Court Appeals of Mental Health Tribunal decisions under the Mental Health Act 2001. I also conduct legal research, undertake legal administrative tasks and partake in meetings surrounding the development of legislation.

Legal Executive | MS Solicitors | Dublin, Ireland | November 2020-April 2021

- In this role I prepare submissions and help with the day to day liaising of criminal law, family law and immigration law matters in this busy general practice firm. I am responsible for assisting with and submitting immigration submissions, adhering to Department of Justice and Equality deadlines for submission of immigration information, and liaising with clients for such information. My role entails a high level of responsibility for family law district court matters and client’s immigration submissions.

Legal Researcher | Pat Finucane Centre | Remote | August 2020 - December 2020

- In this role, I conducted legal research remotely on the inquest process in Northern Ireland, and the right to life under Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, for this human rights, advocacy and lobbying entity in Northern Ireland. I was required to utilise multiple legal databases and public sources of information to conduct legal research and legal writing.

Paralegal | Law Office of Reza Pourmohammadi, P.C. | New York, U.S.A. | September 2019 - July 2020

- Working as a paralegal in a boutique immigration law firm, I assisted four attorneys in their handling of employment based visas. My paralegal duties included: completion of immigration forms, sourcing and drafting supporting evidence such as cover letters, employment engagement letters, and testimonial letters and re-structuring case exhibits and legal arguments. My responsibilities also included administrative and clerical duties, diary management and liaising with clients.

Judicial Intern | Chief Justice Summer Internship Programme | Court Services of Ireland | Dublin, Ireland | Summer 2019

- As organised by the Chief Justice, I was chosen as one of 14 students in Ireland to intern with a judge of the High Court, located in the Central Criminal Court.
- Attended court on a daily basis, proofread judgments prior to delivery & conducted legal research.
- Conducted two research projects, one on the topic of discovery and another on juvenile sentencing that were used in judge’s deliberation processes.

Legal Research Intern | Global Legal Action Network | Galway, Ireland | October 2018 – March 2019

- Responsibilities included legal research and legal writing.
- Drafted & presented two separate briefing documents on human rights abuses in the occupied territory of Western Sahara.

- Assisted in the development of 'Deis Dlí' an initiative to provide a space for legal work through Irish.

Innocence Project Researcher | National University of Ireland, Galway | Galway, Ireland | September 2018 – May 2019

- Prepared key supporting documentary evidence for the team to exonerate the wrongful convictions for the murders in the 19th Century 'Maamtrasna' case, a politically sensitive case with significance for Irish-British relations.

Legal Researcher | Research Project on Business & Human Rights | Galway, Ireland | February 2019 – April 2019

- Conducted legal research, legal writing and composed a report as part of a voluntary research project with Prof. Shane Darcy, NUIG, on the topic of non-financial reporting for businesses in Ireland.

Legal Intern | KOD Lyons Solicitor Firm | Dublin, Ireland | Summer 2018

- Attended court, met with clients, aided lawyers in their court duties and undertook administrative duties to support the team in one of Ireland's top human rights and criminal law firm. My duties in this role were focused in criminal and family law.

Legal Intern | Daly, Lynch, Crowe & Morris Solicitor Firm | Dublin, Ireland | March 2018 – June 2018

- Worked part-time as assistant to a busy solicitor practicing in immigration and family law. Responsibilities included administrative duties, attending court and liaising with clients in a leading immigration and family law firm.

Skills Profile

- **Teamwork** – Developed the ability to work effectively in a team through numerous group projects during undergraduate and postgraduate, as well as work carried out as a member of various committees for student volunteering initiatives and organisations.
- **Independence** – Undertook numerous independent research projects while at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.
- **Research** – Developed strong research skills throughout my undergraduate and postgraduate by undertaking independent research for various assignments and modules.
- **Communication** – Excellent communication and public speaking skills developed from my work as a paralegal, as well as my vast array of experience interning at various law organisations.
- **Problem Solving** - Proven ability be analytical and systematic when approaching and solving problems demonstrated through a variety of academic projects done as part of my coursework.

Additional Skills and Experience

- Fluent in Irish.
- Familiar with multiple legal databases.
- Current co-ordination volunteer with The Hygiene Bank Dublin.
- Previous volunteer with a number of community based initiatives.
- Completed Erasmus in the University of Valencia.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel & Powerpoint.
- Proficient in social media.
- Experienced fiddle player, dramaturge and Gaelic football player.

References available on request.