

# CURRICULUM VITAE

Breen Reilly,  
Pullamore,  
Cavan,  
Co. Cavan.

## PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a highly motivated student with excellent communication and people skills. I believe my commercial awareness, strong work ethic and legal nous mean I am perfectly suited to life in a corporate law firm. The world of corporate law really appeals to me as I would love the chance to work on high profile, noteworthy cases. I am especially interested in the areas of intellectual property, corporate and healthcare law.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**William Fry, 2 Grand Canal Square, Dublin 2.** June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 – June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015. In March 2015 I was selected from over 500 applicants to take part in a summer internship at one of Ireland largest and most respected law firms.

During my internship I was placed in the litigation department. While working in this department I was involved in a number of high profile cases including Denis O'Brien v RTE and Quinn v IBRC and Others. I also assisted in preparations for a high value trademark dispute as well as litigation arising out of the Bernard Madoff scandal. Being involved in these cases really whet my appetite for work in a corporate law firm.

My work mainly involved assisting associates and partners with research. For example, during my time I undertook a research project on the Unified Patent Court which I then presented to the Intellectual Property department on my final day. I was highly commended for my presentation skills and the partners noted my ability to identify how the developments in this area would affect the firm and its work.

I also attended numerous training seminars on the various departments in the firm. I also improved my communication, people and legal skills during this time.

**Used Metal Disposals, Monery, Crossdoney, Co. Cavan.** June - September 2011, May-September 2012, January 2013, May-September 2013.

Responsibilities included- answering phone calls to the main office, dealing with customer queries in the office, bookkeeping and filing, operating the weighbridge and general office work.

I worked in the main office of this local business for two consecutive summers. As the main point of contact with customers, I gained valuable experience in a customer facing environment, improving my communication and people skills.

Like a law firm, the scrap metal business is mainly based on repeat and referred business. I witnessed first-hand how the manager built up relationships with customers throughout my time there.

I also experienced working as part of a team in a professional environment for the first time. This added to my already extensive teamwork experience in sporting and academic environments. Working in the main office, I also witnessed first-hand how a business operates.

The teamwork, people and commercial skills I gained in this capacity would definitely prove valuable in corporate law firm. I feel that working in a heavily customer based environment would prove useful in terms of the business development aspect of a corporate law firm.

**Cavan County Council.** 21 February 2011- 11 March 2011. I assisted in the IT department as part of a work experience module undertaken in Cavan Institute. In the course of this work I helped to evaluate new software, provided solutions to staff IT problems and assisted with general maintenance in the IT department. Here, I developed my team skills further and demonstrated my innovativeness by providing solutions to some IT problems. Technology has an ever increasing influence on the operations of a law firm and I feel my expertise in this area adds greatly to my skillset.

**Family Farm-** I have worked on my farm at home and my uncle's farm from the age of 10 to the present day. A vital attribute I have acquired through this experience is a massive work ethic. Farm work often demands long days up to 11-12 hours at a time. This work ethic is something I feel could be transferred into a legal environment where deadlines and client pressure often require early mornings, late nights and weekend work. The agri-food sector is one of Europe's major growth areas. I feel my knowledge of this area could prove useful in dealing with clients in this sector.

## EDUCATION HISTORY

**Law Society of Ireland, 2015-Present:** I am awaiting the results of 4 FE1 examinations which I sat in October 2015.

**University College Dublin, 2011-2015, Bachelor of Business and Law:** Stage 1 GPA- 3.43 (2:1)  
Stage 2 GPA- 3.33 (2:1)  
Stage 3 GPA- 3.42 (2:1)  
Stage 4 GPA- 3.57 (2:1)  
Degree GPA- 3.49 (2:1)

**Cavan Institute, 2010-2011:** FETAC Level 5 in Information Processing

**St. Patricks College Cavan, 2005-2010:** Junior Certificate 2008, (7A's and 4B's, all higher level)  
Leaving Certificate 2010, (510/600 points, all higher level)

**St. Brigids National School Killygarry, 1997-2005**

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Cavan Minor Football Championship 2010.
- I have won numerous quizzes at county and provincial level.
- St Patrick's College Prefect 2009-2010.
- GAA Level 1 coaching award.

## SKILL SET

- Excellent communication skills- as a student in the renowned Quinn School of Business I have acquired excellent verbal and written skills through numerous presentations, reports and essays.
- Brilliant memory- an important skill for any solicitor is the ability to remember and recall facts. I have shown this skill by winning numerous quizzes.
- Legal expertise- I always find that I am able to think like a lawyer and come up with effective legal solutions.
- Analytical and Comprehension skills- as a law student in UCD I have really honed these skills through reading case judgments and answering problem questions.
- Excellent computer/technological skills- developed whilst completing a FETAC course in Cavan Institute and utilised in subsequent college work and work experience.
- Team Player- I have played football for my local club at every level from u10 to senior. I also play soccer with my classmates in the UCD Super league. The teamwork skills I have learned here would prove invaluable in a corporate law firm.
- Capable French speaker – I achieved an A in Junior Cert French and an A2 in Leaving Cert French.

## HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- I read the business section of the paper daily and like to keep on top of current affairs in the world of commerce. I believe this has added to my keen sense of commercial awareness.
- I am a sports enthusiast and am passionate about many sports. I have substantially developed my teamwork skills while playing GAA and soccer.
- I like to keep as fit as possible through the gym, cycling and football. This shows my dedication, discipline and my ability to balance work with leisure.
- I have a keen interest in technology and like to keep up with developments in this area.

## REFEREES

### **Academic Referee;**

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