Curriculum Vitae

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# 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. I always strive for excellence and I am determined to become a leading lawyer. 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 healthcare and life sciences, corporate law and commercial litigation.

# Employment History

**William Fry, 2 Grand Canal Square, Dublin 2.** June 2nd 2015 – June 26th 2015. In March 2015 I was selected from over 500 applicants to take part in a summer internship at one of Ireland’s 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. I thoroughly enjoyed the chance to work on such high profile, complex cases and I know that this is something I would love to do again in future.

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.

During my internship I attended numerous training seminars on the various departments within the firm. Through these seminars I gained an excellent insight into all the main areas of practice within the firm.

I also improved my communication, people and legal research 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 feel that working in a heavily customer based environment would prove useful in terms of the business development aspect of a corporate law firm.

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.

**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. During 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. While in this role 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-** Ihave 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:** In October 2015 I passed the following FE-1 examinations on my first attempt; Constitutional Law, Company Law, Criminal Law and Equity.

**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.
* Breffni League Division 1B 2015.
* 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.
* Excellent listening skills- it is vitally important for an employee to be able to take instructions accurately from both colleagues and clients.

# 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.

# Referees

**Academic Referee;**

**Name;** Dr Phillip Johnson

**Position;** Commercial Law Professor

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**Employer Character Referee**

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**Position;** Owner

**Company;** Used Metal Disposals

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