***CURRICULUM VITAE***

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**Education/Qualifications**

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| *School Name and Address:* | *Period:* | *Qualifications:* |
| Aquinas Grammar School  518 Ravenhill Road  Belfast  BT6 0BY  Northern Ireland | 2006 – 2014 | GCSE – 2012:  English Language: A\*  English Literature: A\*  History: A\*  Home Economics: A\*  Mathematics: A\*  Music: A\*  Religious Education: A\*  Science (Double Award): AA  Spanish: A\*  A level – 2014:  English: A  History: A  Music: A  Spanish: A |
| *University and Address:*  Trinity College Dublin  College Green  Dublin 2  Ireland  Maurer School of Law,  Indiana University | 2014 – present | First Year Law: 2:1 (average 67%)  Second Year Law: 2:1 (average 66%)  Third Year Law: Thus far I have completed 50% of my third year, achieving A grades- equivalent to a 1st class honours when converted. |

I am currently undertaking my third year at Maurer Law School, Indiana University, before returning to complete my fourth year in Trinity College Dublin.

**Other Qualifications**

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| *Nature:* | *Period:* | *Qualifications:* |
| Speech and Drama | 2000 – 2006 | Grades 1-6 |
| Music – Violin | 2002 – Present | Grades 1-7 |
| Music – Theory | 2006 – Present | Grades 1-5 |
| Music – Piano | 2005 – Present | Grades 1-5 |

I have completed the Open College Network Level 1 Youth Leadership course organised by the South Eastern Education and Library Board.

In addition, I achieved the Pope John Paul II Gold Award for community involvement.

**Previous Work Experience**

*November 2012*

I obtained work experience in the legal department of the Northern Ireland Health Service. As a consequence, I attended court, read and discussed cases and observed meetings between solicitors and barristers. This exposed me to a variety of legal issues, such as, family law and medical negligence, together with the role that solicitors and barristers play in the legal process and strengthened my desire to study law. This foundation to my understanding of the law has assisted as I pursue my studies in law, contextualising much of what is learnt during lectures.

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I was employed by Aiken Promotions for their *Live at the Marquee Event*. As part of my duties, I was responsible for catering and dressing room management. This opportunity greatly increased my team working skills, refining my ability to work with others in overcoming challenges in order to provide quality services. Furthermore, I gained insight into working in a professional environment, which enhanced my communication and organisational skills, reflecting my ability to represent a client in a professional manner.

**Other Experience and Training**

I am a member of AIESEC, the largest student-run organisation in the world. This organisation enables young people to realise their leadership potential through experiential learning and volunteering experiences. In 2015, I was a team member of the outgoing exchange committee in AIESEC Trinity, responsible for interviewing, supervising and training the exchange participants that partake in the global volunteering experiences offered by AIESEC. I practiced my organisational skills daily as a result of my participation on this committee and it taught me the value of the results which come from hard work.

I became involved in AIESEC following my participation in a 6-week global volunteering opportunity in Vietnam during the summer of 2015. I was involved in a project called *iChange Summer Camp* and was responsible for the organisation and co-ordination of a summer camp in Ho Chi Minh. This camp was aimed at developing the participant’s confidence in their own abilities and providing a view of the world beyond their own lives to international cultures and opportunities. This opportunity allowed me to develop my leadership skills and made me more independent, providing valuable experience in working as a member of a diverse team.

I am currently participating in yearlong Study Abroad Exchange at Maurer Law School, Indiana University. This has exposed me to alternative perspectives on legal theory and has sparked an interest in both Intellectual Property Law and Information Privacy Law. I hope to obtain a specialisation in both these areas this coming year. Studying abroad has been a personal and academic challenge, taking me out of my comfort zone and encouraging me to immerse myself both in American law and culture.

I have capitalised on both the educational and social opportunities available at Indiana University. Following on from my interest in Intellectual Property Law, I am a member of the Intellectual Property Association. This association organises numerous speakers on a range of Intellectual Property topics, encouraging my enthusiasm in this area by emphasising its active role in today’s society. Through the Intellectual Property Association I am engaged in a student mentor program and am receiving guidance from both current students and alumni.

I am also a member of the Inmate Legal Assistance Programme at Maurer Law School, through which advice is provided to inmates at the federal prison on their legal issues. As part of this Programme, I will attend prison visits to interview clients and should gain a better insight into the legal system in America.

I am an active member of the Sailing Club at Indiana University. I have taken on this challenge in order to try something new. The community spirit of the club has provided the opportunity to immerse myself in the American culture, as well as allowing me to learn to work with others in a different environment. Again, this has taken me out of my comfort zone and helped me grow as an individual.

**Other Interests**

I enjoy both listening to, and performing, music. I attended the City of Belfast School of Music as member of the City of Belfast Youth Orchestra, which closed the School Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in London in November 2012 and toured Italy in summer 2013. In addition, I was involved with a Community Link scheme which involved teaching music to pupils at Glenveagh School for children with learning difficulties.

I enjoy travel and have participated in exchange trips to America and Spain, including hosting students from these countries in my home. Apart from developing my Spanish language skills, this has exposed me to a range of different cultures and views and has enabled my independence and individuality to grow.

**References**

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