**Christopher Curran**

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**Education**

**2013 – Present Bachelor in Laws (LL.B.)**

**Trinity College Dublin**

*Results*

**2nd Year 2014/2015: 2.1 (68% average)** – Administrative Law: 1st (71%). Land Law: 1st (70%). Equity: 1st (70%). EU Law: 2.1 (67%). Constitutional Law II: 2.1 (66%). Private Law Remedies: 2.1 (66%).

**1st Year 2013/2014: 2.1 (66% average)** – Contract: 1st (72%). Constitutional Law I: 1st (70%). Irish Legal System: 2.1 (66%). Criminal Law: 2.1 (65%). Torts: 2.1 (63%). Legislation and Regulation: 2.1 (61%).

Finals in May 2017

**2007 – 2013**

**St Andrew’s College, Booterstown, Co Dublin**

*Leaving Certificate Results*

*Higher Level*: English (A1), Maths (B1), Physics (A2),

 Chemistry (A2), Music (A2),

 Classical Studies (B2), French (C2),

*Ordinary Level*: Irish (B2)

 560 points total

Prizes: McMordie Prize for English, Buchanan Prize for Music, K.C. Bailey Prize for Physics and Chemistry.

**Employment History**

Sailing Instructor in Bray Sailing Club: Summers, 2011, 2012, 2013,2014, 2015.

Work experience in Independent Newspapers: February 2011.

East Coast Radio intern: April 2011.

St. Andrews National School, Bray, teaching assistant: May 2011.

**Qualifications**

Irish Sailing Association (ISA) Dinghy Instructor Qualification: Malahide Yacht Club under Graham Grant and Ciara Peelo: 2011 (revalidated in 2014).

All 4 ISA Sailing Levels : 2005 – 2010.

First Aid Certificate: 2011 (revalidated in 2014).

Heart Saver AED: 2011 (revalidated in 2014).

VHF Licence: 2011.

National Powerboat Licence: 2010.

**Skills**

***Interpersonal Skills*:** Sailing instructing has honed my ability to mediate and negotiate. I have had to keep large groups of young people happy and learning over the course of forty hour weeks. I have had to deal with hurt feelings, frustration, and stress, all while maintaining a positive and encouraging environment. This also applies to dealing with parents.

***Organisation and Planning*:** Instructing has given me a powerful appreciation for the necessity of preparation and organisation. I have had to prepare course plans and daily plans that convey specialised information in a clear and concise manner. I also have had to manage petrol, powerboats, the rigging of expensive boats, and storage and management of other important items such as first aid kits, VHF radios, and defibrillators.

***Pressure*:** Instructing demands high levels of responsibility and an ability to work well under extreme stress and pressure. For example, last year I, along with my assistant, was responsible for a group of 16 children, all under the age of 15, sailing a mile out at sea in choppy conditions. As an instructor it was my responsibility to award the ISA levels of sailing competency.

***IT Skills*:** I am adept at Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Paint, Outlook, and Office.

***Research Skills*:** Developed while writing law essays in College.

**Achievements**

I have been a voracious reader from an early age and am passionate about writing and have completed two unpublished novels. I also enjoy writing short stories and poetry.

I have played guitar in a band for 5 years. We have played in front of crowds of 500 people. In 2015 we made it to the final of the Trinity Battle of the Bands. The Aviva Stadium Tour currently uses some of our music as backing to their tour video. We have released an EP.

Played rugby for five years in secondary school.

I won a gold medal in athletics for the 5 kilometre race representing Co. Wicklow in 2007.

During the 2015 summer, the ISA inspector visiting Bray Sailing Club commended me specifically to the Commodore for my ability as an instructor.

I am an avid sailor, and have won trophies in several inter-club regattas, primarily in the laser class of boat.

**Referees**

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