

COLIN REYNOLDS

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Education:

Law Society FE1s

Passed 7 of 8 FE1s and will pass my final exam in November 2020.

Third Level

2014-2018

BCL Clinical, University College Cork

Overall Result: Second Class Honours Grade 1 (see attached appendix for detailed results)

Second Level

2008-2014

Attended Coláiste An Spioraid Naoimh, Bishopstown, Cork.

Leaving Certificate: Attained 525 points

Legal Work Experience

Corporate Paralegal- McEvoy Corporate Law 22 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2 (*now Phillip Lee Solicitors*)

-October 2019 – April 2020

- I was part of a specialised corporate legal team.
- Assisted with high end corporate transactions such as mergers and acquisitions, while also assisting with commercial property files.
- I have received training and experience in shareholders agreements, share subscription agreements, company secretarial matters and AIM London Stock Exchange company finance transactions.
- I have assisted in preparing High Court commercial litigation files and have worked on dispute resolution negotiations between high end commercial clients.
- I was part of a legal team who successfully advised Petrel PLC on the sale of its shares by shareholders in breach of a lock in agreement and obtained interlocutory relief before the Irish High Court.
- I was part of a specialised legal team who managed a Chinese fund investing in Irish commercial property. I liaised with a specialised funds legal team, the Chinese clients and our commercial property team.

Paralegal- Walsh and Partners Solicitors, 1st Floor, 7E Nutgrove Office Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 and 17 South Mall, Cork.

-August 2016 – August 2019

- Three years continuous work in the litigation and property departments throughout my undergraduate degree in UCC.
- I have drafted letters for client advices, emails to counsel, prepared booklets for trial, drafted orders for subsequent perfecting and I have attended on counsel in Court without supervision.
- I have experience in filing documents in the Central Offices of the Four Courts and Cork Courthouse office.
- I was a paralegal in a legal team consisting of two solicitors and two legal executives under the Managing Partner's oversight. I learned how to work as part of a legal team throughout the process.
- I also worked in the property, probate and renewable energy departments during my time here.

- I learned conveyancing procedure and ran conveyance and commercial lease/option agreement files with supervision from a partner.
- I was responsible for client relations, filing stamp duty and CRO returns, drafting contracts for sale and deeds of transfer/conveyance. I gained transactional experience while corresponding with solicitors.

Skills

- **Case Management system skills:** proficient in the use of Legal Evolve, Keyhouse and CortBase.
- **Legal research and analysis Skills:** Through my legal writing in University and Court attendances I learned to critically analyse material and I have completed many research tasks as part of my paralegal experience.
- **Communication/team skills:** From an early age on the Gaa pitch and then later in my work life I was required to work with my colleagues/teammates in order to achieve success. I realise it's important to adapt and compromise to all schedules and personalities within the group. I enjoy working with people immensely.
- **Prioritisation skills/Hard working and self-motivated:** My ability to successfully balance a sporting life, work life and college life showcases these skills. This was further evidenced when I received the award from UCC School of Business and Law for the highest performance in the third year work placement.
- **Leadership and Communication:** These are skills gained from team sports and are vital to success. Every member of a team has a unique personality which needs to be identified and harnessed. Communication was also vital when working in McEvoy corporate law; providing a comprehensive corporate legal service required one cohesive unit working together.
- **Responsibility and dependability:** I was a member of a legal team who successfully brought an application under Section 212 of the Companies Act 2014. My role was to ensure all of the paperwork was drafted accurately and all the Barristers were fully briefed with the huge amounts of paperwork associated with a large High Court Commercial case.
- **IT Skills:** Completed my European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) and have extensive experience in working with IT systems such as Microsoft Office and Legal Case Management Systems.

Interests/Achievements

GAA

- I play both hurling and football for my local club Ballinhassig and we compete in the senior hurling division in Cork.
- In 2018 I played for the Cork intermediate hurling team and we won the All-Ireland hurling final against Kilkenny. This was a great experience to represent my county.
- In 2019 I was elected captain of my club's senior hurling team. This provided me with great experience in dealing with many different types of personalities. My goal was to create a positive atmosphere to foster success.

Other interests/Achievements

- Won a University award for the **highest performance** while on placement for my third year work in Walsh and Partners Solicitors.
- Completed level one and two sailing levels in Kinsale Outdoor Adventure Centre.
- Keen interest in long-distance running, rock-climbing, hiking and I love to travel. I hope to continue to pursue travelling as a hobby as I have a strong interest in food and cultures from around the world.
- I also enjoy playing Golf and Pitch and Putt and I am currently working on reducing my handicap.
- Member of UCC Law Society and Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC) Society in UCC 2016.

Referees

- **Karen Walsh**, *Managing Partner, Walsh and Partners Solicitors, 1st Floor, 7E Nutgrove Office Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14* Tel: 021-4270200 Email: kwalsh@walshandpartners.ie
- **Bernard McEvoy**, *Senior Partner, Phillip Lee Solicitors.* Tel 01-2373700 Email: bmcevoy@philiplee.ie

Appendix
Law Society FE1s/University Results

Subject	FE-1	% achieved
Company Law	March	50%
Constitutional Law	October	58%
Law of Contract	October	50%
Criminal Law	October	57%
European Union Law	March	53%
Equity	November	
Real Property	March	60%
Law of Tort	October	57%

1st Year

Subject	Result %	Subject	Result %
Foundations of the Legal System	50%	Constitutional Law	50%
EU Law	56%	Italian	55%
Law of Contract	61%	Economic Law of the Eu	60%
Legal Research and Writing (pass/fail)	Pass		
Criminal Law	50.5%		
Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights	50%		
Overall GPA Score and % for 1 st Year: Second Class Honours Grade Two 55%			

2nd Year

Subject	Result %	Subject	Result %
Law of Torts 1	58%	IT Law	56.5%
Law of Torts 2	58%	Law of Property1	53%
Environmental Law 1	52%	Law of Property 2	55%
Commercial Law	54.5%		
Clinical Legal Skills (Pass/Fail) 1	Pass		
Clinical Legal Skills (Pass/Fail) 2	Pass		
Overall GPA Score and % for 2 nd Year: Second Class Honours Grade Two 58%			

3rd Year

Subject	Result %	Subject	Result %
Placement 1	70%		
Placement 2	70%		
Placement Research Project 1	70%		
Placement Research Project 2	70%		
Placement Presentation 1 (Pass/Fail)	Pass		
Placement Presentation 2 (Pass/Fail)	Pass		
Overall GPA Score and % for 3 rd Year: First Class Honours Grade One 70%			

4th Year

Subject	Result %	Subject	Result %
Management Accounting	70%	Environmental Law 2	67%
Law of Equity: Doctrines and Remedies	57%	Law on the European Convention of Human Rights	59%
Law of Equity: Trusts	65%	Chinese Politics	64%
Company Law 1	53%	Moot Court (Pass/Fail)	Pass
Company Law 2	55%		
Sports Law	65%		
Overall GPA Score and % for 4 th Year: Second Class Honours Grade One 65%			