

# Conall Shaw

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## Education and Qualifications

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**2015** **MOOC in Technology Law** **Law Society of Ireland**  
Successfully completed the Law Society's Understanding the Law in a Digital Age (Massive Open Online Course)

**2014–Present** **FE1 Examinations** **Law Society of Ireland**  
Passed Contract Law, Tort Law, Criminal Law, Property Law, European Union Law, Constitutional Law & Equity

**2010–2013** **Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL)** **Dublin City University**

Third (Final) Year (2012–2013) – 2.1 (Hons)

Placement with State Claims Agency (73%), Employment Law (70%), Jurisprudence II (70%), Intellectual Property Law (68%), Equity (66%), Administrative Law (66%), Jurisprudence (65%), Family Law & Society (65%), Law & Dispute Resolution (63%), Law & Body Politics (63%), Law, Inequality & Social Exclusion (62%) and Trusts Law (54%)

Second Year (2011–2012)

Healthcare Law & Society (67%), Moot Court (67%), Company Law 2 (66%), Company Law (65%), Work, Employment & Society (64%), Property Law (62%), Advanced Property Law (60%), Comparative Law (59%), Advanced European Union Law (54%), Public International Law (54%) and Advanced Contract Law (53%)

First Year (2010–2011)

Foundations of Law and Legal Research (75%), Contract Law (72%), Advanced Criminal Law (67%), Tort Law (61%), European Union Law (58%), Advanced Tort Law (58%), Advanced Constitutional Law (58%), Constitutional Law (57%), Irish Legal System (56%) and Criminal Law (40%)

**2009–2010** **Leaving Certificate** **Institute of Education**  
History H(A1), French H(B1), Business H(B3), English H(C1), Biology H(C1), Irish H(C3), Maths O(B1)

## Professional Experience

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Private Practice Experience

**June 2015–Present** **Legal Assistant** **Townley Kingston Solicitors**

- Assist Solicitors with Banking and Mortgage Arrears Litigation cases
- Drafting documents including Grounding Affidavits, Affidavits of Service, Civil Bills and LBAs
- Allocation of incoming and outgoing correspondence, archiving, diary and file management
- Preparing briefs for Counsel and Debt Collection documentation
- Manage Legal Aid files to ensure that matters are dealt with professionally and with a personal service
- Liaising with frontline Clients by telephone and email
- Communicate with Counsel and other firms on behalf of the office
- Design and manage content on the firm's website (Black Knight Solutions)
- Update office procedures in line with best practice

**Feb 2013–May 2015** **Legal Assistant** **Martin A. Kennedy & Co. Solicitors**

- Proven ability to understand legal terminology and procedure
- Recorded and scheduled documents stored in the office, such as EPAs, Wills and Deeds
- Drafted court documentation and lodged court and probate papers
- Prepared Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney (EPAs) and attendances
- Researched and completed applications to the Personal Injury Assessment Board, Employment Appeals Tribunal and Irish Naturalisation & Immigration Service

**Sept 2012–Sept 2013** **Legal Intern** **Byrne & Co. Solicitors**

- Attended court and conducted briefing sessions on cases with Clients and Counsel
- Attended settlement negotiations
- Duties as above

**May–June 2012** **Legal Intern** **Shannons Solicitors**

- Assisted Solicitors by researching law related to particular projects
- Managed case files and prepared attendance notes on consultations and hearings
- Duties as above

## Commercial Experience

### **Aug–Sept 2012**

#### **Legal Intern**

#### **Primark (Penneys)**

- Managed Public / Employer Liability, Security and Intellectual Property claims
- Corresponded with store management, insurers, legal advisors and assessors
- Collated information relating to claims and investigated Health & Safety practices
- Made representations to management on strategies to reduce claims

### **June–July 2012**

#### **Legal Intern**

#### **Dalkia Ireland (Veolia Ireland)**

- Researched and revised the company's Data Protection and Internet Usage policies
- Demonstrated the ability to work well as part of a team and independently
- Reviewed and advised on liability arising from a contract prior to the commencement of contract renewal negotiations

## State Claims Agency

### **Feb–Apr 2013**

#### **Placement Role**

#### **State Claims Agency**

- Worked with the Litigation, Risk Assessment and Employer / Public Liability Departments
- Assisted Counsel in a leading prison safety case in the High Court (*Creighton v Ireland*)
- Demonstrated an ability to prioritise tasks in order to prepare and submit completed work
- Completed a report on direct / indirect costs of a claim to employers, the State and the public health system

## **Key Skills**

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### Organisation Skills

- Managed files and developed systems that record the location of files and documents
- Facilitated Inaugural DCU Law Ball 2012, dinner, entertainment and transport for guests
- Organised the Inaugural DCU Law Society Media, Crime and the Law Seminar 2013, featuring RTÉ's Claire Byrne, Dearbhail McDonald, Legal Editor of the *Irish Independent* and Dr. Yvonne Daly

### Teamwork

- Founding member & Secretary of DCU Law Society
- Intersociety Convener with the DCU Moot Court Committee (2011)
- Team member for the first wholly 'student-run' Novice Moot Court Competition in Ireland
- Employment research project in conjunction with DCU and Northside Community Law & Mediation Centre

### Communication

- Winner of Business Network International's Best Speaker Award (Estuary Chapter)
- Best Memorial at NUI Maynooth Silken Thomas Intersociety Moot Court Competition 2012
- Prizewinner for two consecutive years at the National Moot Court Competition (2011 & 2012)
- Addressed international representatives in the chamber of Fingal County Council in 2011
- Delivered the opening address to 300 delegates at Youthcamp 2011 in Denmark

### Computer Skills

- Proficient in Case Management Systems (Expd8, LawBase, CORTBase, Evolve) and Microsoft Office

## **Awards & Achievements**

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- Class Representative for BCL at DCU (2011–2012)
- Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN) delegate (2009–2011), FCNN Steering Committee member (2011–2013)
- Management Committee member for Youthcamp 2011 held in Ballerup, Copenhagen, Denmark (2011)
- Organised fundraising events for Heart Children Ireland and 'Aware'
- Letter on 'A Need to Legislate for Surrogacy' published in the letters page of the *Irish Times*
- Selected to attend an address by former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

## **Interests**

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- Fingal Vintage Society: Collector and restorer of vintage agricultural machinery (two tractors)
- Travel: Lived in New Hampshire, USA (2002–2003); worked in France (2010) and Denmark (2011)
- Music: Traditional fiddle and tin-whistle player
- Sports: running, swimming, canoeing and golf
- Voluntary work: Garda-Vetted Youth Leader, Swords Youth Service and Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

## **References**

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- References available on request