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Education

- 2019 – 2020 **University College London** – LLM in International Commercial Law.
2015 – 2019 **Trinity College Dublin** – B.A. (Hons) in English Studies – GPA 2.1.
2015 – 2018 **Dublin Business School** – Bachelor of Law (LLB) (Hons) – GPA High 2.1.
2013 – 2015 **Institute of Education Dublin** – Achieving 520 points in the leaving certificate exam.
2002 – 2013 **St. Michael's College Dublin.**

Legal Work Experience

- Apr 2020 – Present **SCL Student Bytes-** Senior Editor, Technology Law, Policy & Regulation
- Summer 2020 **Stevens & Bolton-** Summer Vacation Scheme (Postponed due to Covid-19).
Legal Cheek- Summer Vacation Scheme (Virtual).
Bright Network- Summer Vacation Scheme (Virtual)- Commercial Law Specialism.
- January 2020 **Legal Researcher-** Conducted research for Dr Danae Azaria on underwater pipeline policy.
- June- July 2018 **Beauchamps Solicitors:** Summer Internship – My internship with Beauchamps was focused in the areas of Corporate and Commercial Law. I worked under the partner Máire Cunningham. Projects and research I was engaged in revolved around areas including food, agritech and fintech. I received extensive training and real-life experience in further sectors including shareholder relations, private equity and venture capital.

Recent Volunteering

- Sep 2019 – Present **UCL Dementia Legal Advice Clinic-** This role involved providing legal advice to patients suffering from dementia. In this position I honed my communication and research skills, and I was trained in GDPR compliance and Adult Safeguarding Training.
- South Kensington & Chelsea Citizens Advice Bureau-** Here I volunteer every Friday on issues relating to financial aid, legal aid, and housing issues, amongst others.
- Brightside Mentoring-** In this role I help to inspire young people at key transition points in their education, by mentoring year 8 and year 12 pupils at The UCL Academy school. I act as an inspiring role model, in person and online.
- JUSTICE-** Magistrate Court Student Reporter- In this role I attended several magistrate hearings and reported on the cases.

Positions of Responsibility

- 2019- Present **Justis Ambassador:** This involved training in Justis legal technology and search tools. Throughout the year I ran training sessions for students, as well as holding Justis information drop-in sessions.
- Legal Cheek Social Media Editor:** This position involved supervising and editing online social media posts from the legal publication Legal Cheek.
- UK Society for Computers & Law Student Ambassador:** This position involved engaging the UCL community with legal tech issues and advancements. During this, I took part in a one-on-one mentoring program with an expert in the field of legal technology.
- 2017- 2018 **Head Mentor – Student 2 Student Trinity College Dublin:** My work in this role lead to me being awarded the Dean's Award for Volunteering in a Leadership Role, for managing over 40 mentors and supervising over 406 mentees – Presented by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Katherine Zappone.
- 2016- 2017 **Mentor** – Trinity College Dublin, where I mentored 30 students.

Team Projects (2020)

United National Policy Hackathon on Model Provisions for Trade in Times of Crisis and Pandemic in Regional and Other Trade Agreements- Myself and some friends from UCL were invited to submit a report to the UN. Our topic was on 'Guidelines on Remote Hearing for Dispute Settlement for Trade Agreements in Times of Crises', and as a part of this we surveyed practitioners from top law firms in the UK, Ireland and Peru.

Free Legal Aid Clinic (Trinity College Dublin) Summer Research Project- This project considered how may IT be used to facilitate access to legal advice and services. My team authored Ch.7, 'The impact of EU law on legal technology'.

International Legal Research Group 2020 on Internet Censorship (ELSA UK)- For this project, I authored Ch.3 of the international concluding report, which involved synthesising and analysing content from 24 national reports. I also worked on the UK national report as a contributor.

UCL Explore- Business Development Project run in collaboration with UCL.

Tech Allies- Summer Institute Programme, which involved ideating a tech solution with an international student team.

Law Without Walls (LWOW) UCL Student Representative (2019-2020): I was one of 8 UCL students chosen to represent UCL in this global intervarsity legal programme. LWOW is an award-winning course pioneered by the University of Miami School of Law and taught in conjunction with leading law schools across the globe including UCL Laws, Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, Fordham Law School, Peking University (STL), the University of St Gallen and the University of Sydney. I attended weekly virtual lectures until April, and throughout the year I developed an international team project to develop a business model tackling pro bono accessibility.

Committee & Editorial Roles

- National Director for ELSA UK- Director for Newsletters & Director for Alumni Relations
- UCL Student Pro Bono Committee- LLM Engagement & Outreach Officer (2019-2020)
- UCL European Law Student Association (ELSA)- Director for Marketing (2019-2020)
- UCL Sustainability Council Committee Member- First Student Council on Sustainability.
- UCL Global Citizenship Programme - Power to the Planet
- UCL Green Auditor- Independently Audited department compliance with university sustainability initiatives.
- UCL Transforming the Experience of Students Through Assessment (TESTA)(UCL) Focus Group
- DBS Law Society President & Founder (2016-2017)
- DBS Law Class Representative in 2nd and 3rd Year (2016-2018)

- SCL Student Bytes- Senior Editor, Technology Law, Policy & Regulation (April 2020-Present)
- UCL Centre for Access to Justice Blog- Contributing Writer (2019-2020)
- Trinity MISC Magazine, Chief Copy Editor (2017-2018)
- Trinity News, Copy Editor (2018)
- Trinity TN2 Newspaper, Copy Editor (2018)

Public Speaking, Conference Research Presentations, & Events

Organised & Chaired- SCL Student Bytes & UK Society for Computers & Law- Event: "Alternative Paths to Tech Law an In-House Perspective", (Panelists- Despina Chatzimanoli: Senior Legal Expert, European Banking Authority, Lorraine Chimbga: Contract Intelligence Executive, ThoughtRiver, Andrew Crystal: Corporate Counsel EMEA, Amazon Web Services, Chris James: Tech & DP Associate General Counsel, HSBC).

- University of Limerick-** All-Ireland Conference of Undergraduate Research 2020 (Poster Presentation).
- UCL-** Calling Time on Sexual Misconduct in Higher Education Conference (50min Presentation Session).
- UCL/LSE/Imperial College London-** Academic Practice and Technology Conference 2020: Panel Presentation
- Association of Law Teachers-** Annual Conference 2020: Stirling University School of Law (Poster Presentation)
- British Conference of Undergraduate Research-** (BCUR) 2020 (Poster Presentation).
- Edge Hill University-** Social Media for Learning in Higher Education Conference 2019, Poster Presentation
- Lancaster University-** Law School International Conference on 'Law & Justice' (2019): (Presentation).
- York University-** Annual Learning & Teaching Conference 2020: Inclusive & Engaged Learning (Poster Presentation)
- University of Limerick-** All-Ireland Conference of Undergraduate Research 2019 (Poster Presentation).
- DBS-** Panel Discussion: QQI Bachelor of Laws (Hons) Programme Review: Student Presentation
- TCD-** National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning: 2018 National Seminar Series: Learning from Student Success: Barriers and Facilitators, 'What does success mean to you as a student?' (Poster Presentation).

My Publications

- 2020 **Student Bytes**- 'From Fake News to Travel Bans: How Social Media is More Important Than we Think' ([Link](#))
Cork Online Law Review- 'Volodina v Russia: Can domestic abuse amount to torture?' ([Link](#))
GCN- 'Texas lesbian judge ordered to remove Pride flag from courtroom' ([Link](#))
GCN- 'History informs that the Trump trans healthcare ruling will have fatal consequences' ([Link](#))
Lawyers Without Borders- 'For richer or for poorer' – Could your marriage disentitle you to an inheritance?' ([Link](#))
Justis- 'Why the visual aspect of JustisOne makes it essential for law students' ([Link](#))
UCL News- 'Seven Questions with Conor Courtney' ([Link](#))
- 2019 **Justis**- 'A Brief Overview of the Spectrum of Crimes Applicable to Social Media'. ([Link](#))
Society for Computers and Law Magazine- "'OK Boomer": Watch out for a Cyberbreach'. ([Link](#))
Legal Cheek- 'The 2020 Chambers Most List goes live' (Contributor)
UCL Centre for Access to Justice- 'What the UK can learn from Ireland's 'Direct Provision' Controversy' ([Link](#))
GCN- 'Important International Happenings Concerning Trans Rights'. ([Link](#))
- 2018 **The Journal Newspaper**- 'Hooded Men: Can the use of torture by a State be justified?'. ([Link](#))
DBS eSource: 'A discussion of the proposals for reform of the legal profession, by the Competition Authority, and the degree to which they have been implemented to date'. ([Link](#))
DBS eSource: 'Reforms to the law of co-ownership by the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009'. ([Link](#))
DBS eSource: 'Ways in which the Companies Act 2014 specifically targets the needs of small companies'. ([Link](#))
- 2017 **American Arbitration Association (AAA), Dispute Resolution Journal**- 'Conor Courtney, Class Action As ADR, And The Need For Its Adoption Into Irish Law'. ([Link](#))

Honours & Awards

UCL Volunteering Awards Wildcard Winner • CI Arb book review Grand Prizewinner 2020 • Future Legal Mind Awards 2020 (National Accident Helpline) (Runner Up) • EPA Digital Media Awards 2020: Student of the Year Award (Finalist) • Law Student of the Year, Irish Law Awards (Finalist) 2019 • Trinity Employability Award (2019) • PWC 'Design Thinking: Why Experience Matters' Workshop, Presentation Award (2019) • A&L Goodbody 'Bold Ideas' Law Student Innovation Award Shortlisted (2019) • Selected for a month-long poetry workshop with Irish poet Mary O'Malley (2019) • Dean's Leadership Award for Volunteering (2018) • Dean's List Trinity College Dublin (2018) • TCD Head Mentor Special Commendation Award for Student Mentoring (2018) • Dean's List for Volunteering Award for Charity Work TCD (2017)

Commendations

UCL Sustainability Awards 2020- Student Award for Outstanding Commitment to Sustainability (Finalist) • Justis International Writing Competition 2019 Notable Entrant • Undergraduate Awards Commended Entrant (2018) • Student Mentoring TCD Special Commendation (2017) • Shortlisted for the Rory Brady Essay Prize for Excellence in International Conflict Management (2017) • Invited to Perform Original Poetry at Ranelagh Arts Festival (2016) • Invited to read original poetry being published in Nothing Substantial magazine, which is being sold to raise money for the charity Rape Crisis Network Ireland (2019)

Licenses & Certifications

UCL Law Teacher's Certificate Programme (2019) • Law Society of Ireland – Certificate in Arts, Entertainment & Media Law GPA 100% (2019) • Irish Computer Society Certification in Data Protection and GDPR (2018) • Digital Business Academy Certified completion of 84 Business centred courses (I was featured as one of their success stories - <https://www.startupskills.technation.io>) • ECDL (Proficiency in Microsoft Office Applications) • Typing Course with Pitman Training Dublin • Westlaw Certification (Basic) • Westlaw Certification (Advanced) • Justis Certificate of Proficiency in JustisOne • Lexis Library Advanced Research Certification Test & Competency • Full Clean Driver's License • Skiing- Technical grade level 10 • Horse-riding

Memberships & Associations

Association of Data Protection Officers- Certified Data Protection Officer (Practitioner Level) • Chartered Institute of Arbitrators- Associate • Griffith Alumni Network- Alumni Member • Student to Student (Charity)- Former Mentor/Head Mentor Volunteer • DBS Law Society- Founder and Former Chairperson • Society for Computers and Law- Member • ELSA UCL- Member

Languages

English (Native) • Irish (Native) • French (Intermediate) • Japanese (Beginner)