

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### EDUCATION

#### **1. L.L.B. in Law Trinity College Dublin. 2013–Present**

*First Year Result and Subjects: 2:1 (67%) Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 98.*

Legislation & Regulation 72% / Criminal Law 71% / Torts 67% / Irish Legal System 65% / Contract Law 64% / Constitutional Law I 60%

*Second Year Result and Subjects: 2:1 (65%)*

Equity 70% / Administrative Law 66% / Constitutional Law II 64% / Land Law 63% / EU Law 63% / Private Law Remedies 62%

*Foundation Scholarship Exams: 2:1 (68.5%)*

Torts 71% / Constitutional Law II 68% / General Paper 68% / Criminal Law 67%

*Third Year Result and Subjects: 2:1 (67%)*

Medical Law & Ethics 70% / Intellectual Property 64% / Company Law 60%

*Study Abroad Third Year: Studying in Emory University, Atlanta GA, for first semester.*

Mental Health Issues in the Criminal Justice System 70% / Global Public Health Law 70% / Juvenile Law 67% / Evidence 67% / Labour Law 63%

#### **Academic Achievements**

- In 2013/2014, I completed an extra curricular Irish language class as part of Trinity College's Centre for Language and Communication Studies. I received a 1<sup>st</sup> class Hons. The class consisted of group work and individual and group presentations all spoken through Irish.

#### **Other Achievements**

- I was chosen as one of only two students from Trinity's Law School to avail of a place on an exchange programme with Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Emory is in the top 20 ranked universities in the USA.

#### **2. Catholic University School. 2007–2013**

*Leaving Certificate Results: 560/600*

Irish A1 / French A1 / History A1 / Biology B1 / Art B1 / English B2 / Mathematics C2

#### **Academic Achievements**

- Academic Award (2<sup>nd</sup> in class) 2013
- Academic Award (2<sup>nd</sup> in class) 2011
- Academic Award (2<sup>nd</sup> in class) 2010
- Academic Award (2<sup>nd</sup> in class) 2009

#### **Other Achievements**

- Finalist in Young Social Innovators Programme 2011
- Completed ECDL Computer Course 2011
- Editor of Transition Year CUS Newspaper 2011
- Gaisce Award 2011
- Art Award for 'Best Art Student' 2011

### EXTRA CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Emory University Student Radio & Magazine (WMRE) 2015.

- Hosted a radio show in Emory University, once a week, called the 'Irish Influence'.
- We played a variety of music from Ireland and around the world and discussed topical issues ranging from sport to politics.
- Engaged with the Emory and Atlanta community and learned about their culture.
- I had an article published in the Fall 2015 issue of The Zine, WMRE's student run music magazine.

Trinity College S2S Student Mentoring Programme 2014/2015.

- I received a commendation for my work on the S2S Programme.

- Met with a group of 10 students during Freshers' Week to help students get to know one another.
- I hosted a question and answer session & provided a campus tour on their first day.
- I arranged 8 social meet-ups throughout the year and maintained regular contact with the group. I also met with members of my group individually to discuss both academic and personal issues that they wished to talk about. I emailed my group every week notifying them of various college events and providing helpful advice about college life.
- This role greatly developed my communication skills and leadership skills. My organisational skills also developed while acting as a student mentor.

#### Trinity College St. Vincent de Paul.

- I regularly help Trinity College St. Vincent de Paul Society with their soup runs. This consists of interacting and feeding homeless people around Dublin city center. I have also completed the society's Vulnerable Adult Training course.
- During my time in CUS, I was a member of a group helping in the soup kitchen at the Capuchin Day Centre. I also completed a 24-hour fast to raise money for the CUS annual hamper fund appeal.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

##### The Office of the Parliamentary Legal Adviser, Houses of the Oireachtas, Leinster House, Dublin – September 2016.

- During my placement, I got an overview of the type of legal work undertaken in the OPLA. I completed numerous research assignments ranging from issues of Parliamentary Law, Evidence, and Judicial Review.
- I met with the various heads of department within the organisation to gain an insight into the work of various offices, e.g. the Oireachtas Library, Journal Office, Questions Office, Debates Office and Bills Office.
- I undertook watching briefs of the Dáil debate on the European Commission's Apple Ruling and various Committee meetings including the meetings of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform and the Joint Committee on Justice and Equality.
- I prepared draft legal opinions on cases that were ongoing in the OPLA.
- I completed a consolidation of legislation.
- I attended various court offices and observed an ex parte vacation sitting of the High Court.
- I developed a range of skills during my placement in the OPLA. I improved my ability to take in a large amount of complex legal information and communicate the relevant parts in a concise manner. I also improved my commercial awareness, as the nature of the OPLA requires a strong knowledge of current affairs. My leadership and teamwork skills were also enhanced as I undertook several assignments with another intern.

##### Donal Reilly & Collins Solicitors, Manor St. Dublin – July 2016.

- My internship in Donal Reilly & Collins focused on several areas, including Property Law, Family Law, Administrative Law and Company Law.
- I attended the Circuit Court and High Court to report on cases that the firm was involved in. I also delivered documents to the Central Office, Probate Office, Stamping Office and Circuit Court Office.
- I researched aspects of both criminal and civil evidence, including the use of hearsay in affidavits. I then presented this research to the partners.
- I compiled documents for the use in cases in the Family Law Courts. I also attended the Family Law Courts and met the firm's barrister with the relevant documents for the case.
- I recorded minutes of meetings with clients and barristers and I composed letters to barristers.
- My internship in Donal Reilly & Collins gave me the opportunity to experience a general legal practice. I developed a number of skills such as communication and research skills and I learned new skills such as how to adapt at a moment's notice due to the nature of a busy law firm. I was given a great amount of responsibility, which improved my attention to detail and my ability to work as part of a team.

##### FP Logue Solicitors, Smithfield Dublin - June 2016.

- My internship in FP Logue focused on Intellectual Property and Data Protection.
- I took minutes of various meetings with clients and barristers and drafted attendance notes of those meetings.
- I prepared a report on the "duty of public bodies to apply EU law directly where there is a conflict with national law". I also researched and prepared a presentation for the partners on the potential impact of Brexit on UK and Irish patent and trademark attorney offices.
- I attended the *Schrems* hearing in the High Court and composed a report on the proceedings. I then prepared a blog post on the *Schrems* case titled, "Data Protection- The Sheriff Comes to Town", and I had it published on the FP Logue website.
- This internship developed my research skills and my ability to manage numerous tasks. My communication skills also significantly developed because I had constant interaction and contact with the firm's partners and also clients. Interning in FP Logue gave me an insight into the work that a specialised IP firm do. I also learned the importance of having commercial acumen in a legal environment.

##### Coast 2 Coast Soccer California, USA, June - August 2015.

- Worked as a Camp Director in five separate camps in California. As Camp Director, I was responsible for the smooth running of camp which involved ensuring my fellow coaches were correctly performing their duties; engaging with parents every day and solving any issues that arose.
- Gave weekly speeches to parents and campers.
- Delegated tasks to the other coaches.
- Coached campers of every age group in the foundational skills of soccer.
- Reported back to the Director of Coaching multiple times each week.
- This work was beneficial to me as it helped develop my communication skills and ability to manage multiple needs and tasks. Also, my delegation skills improved and I learned to coach in different ways.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Sports**

I have a keen interest in sport. Some of my involvements and achievements include the following:

- Involvements:*
- TCD Mega-League Team 2013–Present
  - TCD Athletics Club 2013–Present
  - Rush Golf Club 2005–Present
  - CUS Soccer U18 Mini League Team (Captain) 2012
  - Rush Athletic Football Club 2000–2013
  - CUS Tennis Team 2008–2013
  - Gormanston Swimming Club 2000–2006
- Achievements:*
- Junior Player of the Year in Rush Golf Club 2011
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Leinster U16, Division 2 Tennis Tournament 2009
  - DPTL Division 1 U14 Winner 2008
  - Rush National School Football Player of the Year 2006 - 2007
  - Yellow Belt in Martial Arts 2011

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