**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education**

UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School (2015-2016)

* I am currently completing an MSc Business Management Masters course in UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School.
* I am wishing to obtain a comprehensive business education and I believe this programme will succeed in providing me with one.
* It is my aim to complement the analytical and investigative skills I have acquired in my undergraduate law degree with the numeric and financial literacy of a business degree.

University College Dublin (2011-2015)

* I recently graduated with a second class honours (2:1) Law degree with an award GPA of 3.35.
* I aim to follow a career in the law once I complete my Master’s degree.

St. Patricks Classical School, Navan (2005-2011)

* I attended St. Patrick’s classical school from 2005 - 2011.
* In sixth year I was elected prefect by my teachers and fellow students.
* My tasks as a prefect included helping to organise big events like the open night and graduation, as well as greeting guests when they came to speak in the school.
* I was honoured to receive top academic awards in the subjects of Irish and History at our prize giving night in my final year at the school.
* Transition year was a year where I broadened my horizons and found myself taking on new and challenging experiences, something I still try and do to this day.
* I took part in two school plays, something I would never have imagined.
* The first play was ‘My Fair Lady’ and I appeared in a number of scenes but not in any major role. The second play was more challenging where I played a lead role in ‘The Factory Girls.’
* Taking part in these plays taught me to step outside my comfort zone and to give anything a try. This has proved an invaluable life lesson ever since.
* In the same year I worked for and received the bronze Gaisce award. This involved taking part in numerous community and charity work projects.
* Leaving Certificate Results: Higher Level – English [A1]; Irish [A2]; History [A2]; Geography [B1]; Biology [B3]; Design and Communication Graphics [B3]. Ordinary Level – Maths [B3]; French [C2]. (515 Points).

**Employment History**

Regulatory Law Intern at McDowell Purcell Solicitors, (July 2015 – September 2015).

* I worked as an intern in the Public and Regulatory unit of McDowell Purcell.
* I assisted the partners and the associates in numerous cases for clients, which included numerous regulatory bodies such as the Medical Council, the Law Society, the Dental Council, and the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. I worked predominantly on cases concerning the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI).
* My tasks while working at the firm included:
* Preparing interview questions, interviewing witnesses and drafting witness statements in preparations for hearings;
* Issuing summons to witnesses;
* Assembling various incident tables and spreadsheets;
* Arranging briefs for counsel;
* Assisting partners at both NMBI and High Court hearings; and
* Researching recent European and Irish court judgements which had a potential impact on the various regulatory bodies. Updates were then regularly posted on the firm’s blog.

Sales assistant at Londis, Navan Road, Trim, County Meath, (July 2007 to May 2015).

* I worked part time in a filling station in Trim for a number of years.
* From 2007 – 2010, I worked at the filling station during the summer months. In the early years, my tasks included washing cars, filling petrol and stacking shelves.
* When I finished my leaving cert in 2011 and started college I started working in the shop more frequently and as a result my responsibilities increased.
* I worked every weekend and also during the holiday periods and summer months for four years.
* My duties in the shop have increased over the years and have been given the responsibility of opening up and closing the shop each weekend and have also been left in charge of the tills. Attention to detail is crucial in this situation, a skill which is essential in any professional career.
* I believe working here has greatly benefited both my organisational and management skills and the constant communication with customers has greatly enhanced my communication and interpersonal skills.
* Working in a business environment for so long has also provided me with a strong degree of commercial awareness.

Construction Labourer at Greenside Corporation, New York, (May 2014 – August 2014).

* I lived and worked in New York for three months during the summer of 2014.
* I worked ten and a half hours a day, six days a week for the majority of my time there.
* I had no previous experience of working on a building site so I started off doing simple jobs such as painting, laying pipes and erecting scaffold.
* I learned quickly and was subsequently given the added responsibility of operating a variety of machinery, pouring concrete, erecting forms and being left in charge of small jobs throughout the site.
* My time working in New York shows that I am willing to step outside my comfort zone, work hard and that I am eager to learn.

Exam supervisor at St Patricks Classical School, Navan, (June 2010).

* During the state exams in 2010 I worked as an exam supervisor at my former school.
* I had the added responsibility of being placed in charge of the book rental return scheme we had in the school.

Sport Journalist at the Meath Weekender Newspaper, (April 2009 – May 2010).

* I worked as a sports journalist as part of a transition year work experience project.
* The job enhanced both my reading, writing and investigative skills and taught me the art of paraphrasing which is critical in any professional environment.
* My tasks at the newspaper included going to matches and writing reports, writing previews, and searching through the archives and putting together previous ‘head to head’ reports.
* I also had an article published in the Royal County 2010 Yearbook.

**Interests and Achievements**

Sport

* I am an avid sportsperson and sport has been a huge part of my life for many years.
* I am currently very active in all aspects of Gaelic football, as a player, manager and supporter.
* In my first year in UCD I was injured and unable to play, so in an effort to get involved I managed the Ladies intermediate team and helped organise a number of important fundraisers, most notably the annual GAA ball.
* I have played on the UCD Sigerson Cup team for the past two years and combined my playing duties with my administrative duties, serving on the committee for the past four years.
* I have represented my county (Meath) at all underage levels in Gaelic Football including minor and under 21, and I represented the Meath senior football panel in 2013 and 2014.
* I am actively involved in my home club Simonstown Gaels and currently play on the senior team.
* In 2012, I played midfield for the Simonstown under 21 team which won the club's first ever Division One Championship.
* I have Simonstown for over fifteen years at all levels and helped coach the Under 14 Ladies Féile winning team of 2010. I did this as part of my GAA foundation level coaching course which I received during transition year.
* I had the honour of winning a Leinster SFC ‘A’ title with my school in 2010 and captained the team in 2011. I was awarded the Senior Football Player of the Year in the school for the 2010/2011 season.
* I currently manage the RCSI Ladies Gaelic Football Team. This has been my most challenging position to date, because GAA is not a predominant sport in that college. We are not only training the team, but we are trying to create a culture within the college where it is an honour for people from both Ireland, and different backgrounds to represent their college team.
* As a result of my participation in sport as a player, manager and supporter, I believe it has enhanced my communication and people skills whilst also developing my motivational and leadership qualities.

Reading

* I am an avid reader, and I count my kindle as one of my most prized possessions.
* I enjoy reading both fiction and non-fiction.
* Recently I have read a wide range of books, ranging from history books, to autobiographies, to legal thrillers.
* I try and keep up to date with new developments in the legal world. A niche area that I like to keep up to date with is Sports Law. I do this by accessing academic journals and articles written by leading academics and lawyers in their field. Contemporary material topics include match fixing and gambling in sport, and concussion (particularly in rugby). In my final year as a law student I completed a dissertation on ‘The Sporting and Legal Implications of Match Fixing’, focusing particularly on the relationship between gambling and match fixing.
* I believe it is very important to keep up to date with current affairs so I regularly read newspapers and try to keep up with developments in the political, economic, entertainment and sporting worlds.

Travel

* I try and travel as often as possible and as much as I can afford.
* Thus far, I have visited approximately twenty countries across Europe and North America, and I aim to visit the remaining continents over the coming years.
* During my summer working in New York, I visited all the major cities and states along the north east coast of America. These included Boston, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Baltimore and other states including Connecticut and Vermont. I then made my way north to Toronto to visit family, after first witnessing the breath-taking Niagra Falls.
* This summer I organised a three week holiday across mainland Europe, where I visited seven countries, starting off in Amsterdam and finishing up in Vienna.
* I believe that people who travel display independence, motivation and ambition. I think they demonstrate a real willingness to learn from other cultures and to try and adopt certain things they have learned along the way back into their own lives when they return home.
* Travelling forces you to use skills that are practical in a professional working environment. These include organisational skills when planning your route, and budgeting skills when deciding on how to finance your trip.
* When travelling, you must be prepared to adapt quickly and be ready for any eventuality. Missed trains and language barriers are quite common, and it teaches us that we also have to be ready for uncertainties in the legal world and be ready to adapt to them appropriately. This may include a shock court ruling, or a new piece of legislation that will have a profound impact on the way the firm works or functions.