

Dearbhaile O'Brien

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EDUCATION

The Law Society of Ireland

FE-1 Examinations

Completed October 2013

The London School of Economics and Political Science

Master of Laws (LLM), 2010 – 2011

Examinations: II.1, 67%

Trinity College Dublin

Bachelor of Laws (LLB), 2006 - 2010

Examinations: II.1, 67%

Ursuline College Sligo

Leaving Certificate, 2000 - 2006

Leaving certificate: 600 points. Received Higher Level A1s in French, Spanish, History, Business, English and Irish.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Sheehan Dunphy & Partners, Dublin, Ireland

Legal Executive, June 2016 – to date

Duties:

- Preparing briefs and instructing barristers in District Court matters.
- Assisting with the management of both criminal and civil files and management of all High Court bail applications.
- Drafting legal documents.
- Attending court and client consultations.

Centre for Environmental Rights, Cape Town, South Africa

Researcher, March 2014 – May 2016

Duties:

- Assessing levels of compliance and adherence to disclosure requirements by large companies.
- Researching and writing legal briefs and reports, including *Full Disclosure*, a report which was widely reported on by the media.
- Drafting legal documents, litigation submissions and submissions on proposed legislation.
- Supporting engagement with the investor community, in particular by presenting to investors and fund managers on the potential environmental liabilities of various companies.
- Developing key relationships with large companies, including by participating in meetings aimed at developing opportunities to collaborate and providing input to companies' annual reports prior to publication.

The Courts Service, Dublin, Ireland

Judicial Assistant, High Court, October 2012 – February 2014

Duties:

- Assisting High Court judges with legal research, attending hearings and drafting and proofreading judgments.
- Liaising with court staff and the public on behalf of my supervising judge.

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Free Legal Advice Centres / Public Interest Law Alliance, Dublin, Ireland

Intern, February 2012 – October 2012

Duties:

- Researching and writing reports and presenting findings to both internal and external audiences.
- Providing clients with advice and information via FLAC's telephone information line.
- Writing, editing and publishing PILA's bi-weekly bulletin and preparation of other materials such as information leaflets for public distribution.

Legal Resources Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

Intern, August 2011 – December 2011

Duties:

- Providing legal advice and assistance to clients at the daily legal clinic.
- Representation of a client at a tribunal.
- Preparation of research reports, legal documents, submissions, and file notes.
- Assisting with the case management of my supervising attorney's caseload.
- Management of a project aimed at assessing the effectiveness of domestic violence legislation.
- Attending court to take notes, file documentation and assist attorneys.

Free Representation Unit, London, UK

Volunteer, November 2010 – May 2011

Duties:

- Providing pro-bono legal advice and representation to clients at social security tribunals.
- Undertaking responsibility for all aspects of a case, from preparation of the necessary documents to representation of the client.

Women's Legal Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

Intern, June – September 2010

Duties:

- Preparing research reports and legal briefs, with a particular focus on comparative and international law,
- Attending court to take notes and assist attorneys.
- Organising workshops and meetings.

Scalabrini Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

Intern, June – September 2009

Duties:

- Managing various projects on the employment help desk, including a project that assisted clients to obtain recognition of foreign qualifications in South Africa.
- Assisting clients on the welfare help desk and in IT skills classes.

Sheehan Dunphy & Partners, 130 Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland

Legal Assistant (part-time), February 2009 – April 2009

Duties:

- Filing and administrative work.

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INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded Bishop Hodson Scholarship (First Prize), 2006.
- Awarded Trinity College Dublin Entrance Exhibition 2006.
- Completed mini-pupillages in a variety of barristers' chambers in London during the academic year 2010-2011.
- Volunteer work with university societies and organisations including the St. Vincent de Paul Homework Club and the Trinity College Law Society.
- Bronze and Silver 'Gaisce Awards'.
- Received numerous Certificates and Distinctions in piano and traditional fiddle examinations with the Leinster School of Music and the Royal Irish Academy of Music.
- Represented region in Gaelic football, cross-country athletics and basketball, coached regional underage football teams and participated in theatre and television productions with Mary McDonagh School of Dance.
- Languages: French, Spanish and Irish.
- Excellent I.T. skills.
- Travelled extensively throughout Africa, South-East Asia and Europe, including a recent 7000 kilometre road trip through South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Botswana.

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