

## Denis O'Driscoll

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### Education

**Passed the FE-1 exams:** Criminal Law – 66%, Contract Law – 61%, Equity – 60%, Property – 59%, Company Law – 58%, Tort – 56%, EU Law – 51%, Constitutional Law – 50%.

**National University of Ireland, Galway**

**LLB (2016)** – 2.1 Honours

Criminal Law I – 70%, Evidence II – 70%, Alternative Dispute Resolution – 70%, Equity I – 67%, Land Law I – 67%

**National University of Ireland, Galway**

**Bachelor of Corporate Law (2015)** – 2.1 Honours (placed 6<sup>th</sup> in a class of 67 students)

Second Year: Company Law II – 65%, EU Law I & II – 68% & 68%, Macroeconomics – 68%.

Third Year: Labour Law II – 70%, Legal & Business Ethics – 77%, Employment Relations – 72%, Cross Cultural Management – 71%, Environmental Law I – 70%, Buyer Behaviour Analysis – 73%.

### Research

*“Irish law on the offence of rape is in urgent need of a statutory definition of consent. Discuss.”* (2016)

*“The common law and legislative defence of ‘so far as is reasonably practicable’ can be a powerful defence.”* (2015)

*“Copyright in Computer Software.”* (2014)

### Achievements

- Seconded to the Residential Tenancies Board, a client of Eversheds Sutherland, following a highly productive summer internship in Eversheds.
- Won the Eversheds Sutherland summer internship presentation competition on how to attract/retain top graduate talent.
- Candidate for the Walkers Ireland Gold Medal in Company Law (2014).

### Work Experience

*Residential Tenancies Board – Legal Intern (August 2018 – Present)*

- Employed in the Registration Enforcement section within the RTB.
- Ensuring compliance with s.144 of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004.
- Conducting searches to verify whether landlords have registered their tenancies.
- Processing local authority and member of the public referrals.
- Preparing notices, landlord letters, memos and acknowledgement letters.
- Taking telephone referrals and informing tenants of their legal rights.

*Eversheds Sutherland – Legal Intern (May – August 2017)*

- Worked in a prosperous property department under the supervision and direction of a partner and three solicitors.
- Created online data rooms, attended the closing of a sale and listened to calls with clients in connection with complex deals.
- Exchanged correspondence with bodies such as the Land Registry and other law firms.
- Received training relevant to property law and participated in a workshop on communication skills.
- Assisted the marketing team in preparation for the firm's recruitment endeavours at university career fairs.

*Flynn O'Driscoll – Legal Intern (July 2017 – December 2017)*

- Tasked with reviewing and making amendments to contracts.
- Prepared letters of engagement, renewal of trade mark letters for clients and a standard terms and conditions document.
- Engaged in research to fully advise clients on compliance with the GDPR.
- Advised clients in relation to the application for a trade mark process.
- Attended meetings with clients on matters of huge commercial importance.

*Kemple Gormley Solicitors – Legal Intern (April 2017 – July 2017)*

- Prepared documents for use in court, including indexes for briefs.
- Successfully completed a high volume of dictation work.
- Took calls and learned more about the litigation process.
- Engaged in legal research and filing, and I became more adept at using legal software.

Held multiple customer service positions in demanding environments in Ireland and America.

### **Skills**

- **Communication and teamwork skills:** Greatly enhanced due to being involved in numerous team-based projects in college and at work.
- **Time management and organisational skills:** Improved as a result of working under pressure in progressive law firms. Working in Registration Enforcement entails organising findings regarding tenancies in a user-friendly manner.
- **IT skills:** Proficient at operating Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint and have gained exposure to a range of legal software, such as Legal Evolve and CortBase.

### **Referees**

**Dr. Conor Hanly – Lecturer in Law, National University of Ireland, Galway**  
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