

Curriculum Vitae

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Skills & Qualities

I am a hard-working, honest, reliable, organised and highly motivated person, with good communication skills and a demonstrated academic ability.

Hobbies/Interests

- Law – Active in various law student organisations
- Volunteering – Have fulfilled numerous voluntary roles in a variety of organisations
- History – Recipient of award for historical writing
- Politics – Assistant Returning Officer at Maynooth Students' Union and active in a youth political society
- Travelling

Education

Third Level Education:

2018 - 2019: Master of Laws (LLM – European Law) – University of Edinburgh
(Tercentenary Award for Excellence – Academic Scholarship)

2013 - 2017: Bachelor of Laws (LLB) – National University of Ireland, Maynooth
(First Class Honours)

Secondary Education:

2008 - 2013: St Mary's College, Ballisodare, Co. Sligo.

Legal Work Experience

2017 -

September 2018: Legal Assistant
O'Connor Johnson Solicitors, Ballymote, Co. Sligo

- Corresponding with clients and various professionals
- Drafting legal documents and carrying-out legal research
- Sorting and scheduling title documents and medical records
- Lodging documents in court and with authorities such as the PRAI, EUIPO, etc.
- Ad hoc administrative duties and relief reception cover

2016:

Legal Intern
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Dublin

- Consolidating and organising legal library collections
- Formulating and updating legal research databases
- Legal research tasks

2014:

Legal Intern
Callan Tansey Solicitors, Sligo

- Compiling and filing medical records for trial
- Drafting attendance notes
- Researching and observing court proceedings

Other Work Experience

2014 - 2017:

Crew Member
McDonald's Restaurant, Sligo

- Assisting customers, operating cash registers and counting floats
- Time and date labelling of stock
- Recording of waste and preparation of food

2010 - 2013:

Sales Assistant
Waterglades Garden Centre, Sligo

- Serving customers
- Preparation and presentation of plants
- Administrative duties

Achievements

- Awarded University of Edinburgh School of Law Tercentenary Award for Excellence (Academic Scholarship) – 2018
- Recipient of University Extra-Curricular Activities Award from Maynooth University on graduation – 2017
- Selected as Head of ELSA International Delegation to the World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva – 2016
- Selected as participant in ELSA Dresden Law School on Intellectual Property Law
- Participated in three separate international legal research projects – run by ELSA in conjunction with the Council of Europe, International Labour Organization and K&L Gates on migration law, labour law and comparative corporate law, respectively
- Semi-finalist in National Mace Novice Debating Competition 2015
- Finalist in Maynooth Maidens Debating Competition 2014
- Highest result in Maynooth University Politics First Year Class 2014
- St Mary's College Attendance Awards 2009-2013
- Selected as school mentor for 1st year students 2011-2012, St. Mary's College
- Winner of Callan Tansey Essay Competition 2012
- Leinster School of Music - Speech and Drama Grade 10

Referees

Mr Donncha O'Connor

Principal

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Other Roles

2017 - 2018:

Secretary General

European Law Students' Association – Ireland

- Managing the national group's administrative affairs
- Fulfilling many of the other national board roles where board members were absent

2016-2018:

Member of ELSA International Proofreading Team

European Law Students' Association

- Reviewing a range of internal documents and external publications of ELSA International for spelling, grammar, syntax, general presentation and compliance with style guidelines

2016-2017:

Vice President for Seminars and Conferences

European Law Students' Association – Ireland

- Sitting on the National Board of ELSA Ireland and coordinating a range of activities across the five Irish local ELSA groups
- Overseeing the organisation of the ELSA Ireland Law School on Corporate and Finance Law (50 international participants)

2016-2017:

Head of Organising Committee

ELSA Maynooth International Negotiation Competition 2017

- Coordinating the activities of a large organising committee for an event drawing participants from the US, India and around Europe

2014 - 2017:

Student Adviser

Free Legal Advice Centre, Maynooth University

- Advising local clients in the legal advice clinics

2015-2016:

Secretary General

European Law Students' Association – Maynooth

- Responsible for the society's internal management (administration, communications, regulatory compliance and human resources)
- Previously Vice President for Seminars and Conferences

2015 - 2016:

Secretary

Maynooth Law Society

- Managing the society's administrative affairs and correspondences
- Organising society meetings and events

2015 - 2016:

Assistant Returning Officer

Maynooth Students' Union

- Overseeing voting at polling booths and counting votes in elections

2015 - 2016:

Internal Competitions Officer

Maynooth Literary and Debating Society

- Convening the society's flagship Maiden Speakers Competition