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PROFILE

A graduate of history and law, I am currently completing a Master's degree in law in Ireland's top-ranked law school. Upon completion of my Master's degree, I hope to build on my professional experience in commercial litigation and begin a career in commercial law.

EDUCATION

B.A. (History), Trinity College Dublin, Oct. 2009- Oct. 2013

Attained an upper II.1 and graduated 7th in my year. Of particular note was my undergraduate dissertation, which was an independently conducted, extended research project completed on a previously unresearched topic. It involved an analysis of hundreds of primary sources and 82 secondary sources, for which I achieved a high II.1.

PgDL (Law), University of Law (Moorgate, London), Jan. 2014-Sept. 2014

Completed the accelerated version of an intensive law conversion course aimed at providing non-law graduates with the professional body requirements of the academic stage of training for solicitors and barristers. I took modules in tort law, contract law, criminal law, public and administrative law, property law, equity and trusts law, and E.U. law, as well as completing a number of independent research projects. I was awarded a high commendation.

LL.M (Law, General), University College Dublin, Sept. 2015- Sept. 2016

Currently completing an LL.M degree in Ireland's top-ranked law school. My modules have covered digital investigations and online regulation, media regulation, international law, regulatory governance and international commercial arbitration. As part of this programme, I have also completed a dissertation in the field of international criminal law. I will be graduating this December with first class honours and a GPA of 4.0.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Legal Assistant, ESB-Networks Ltd. (Sept. 2014 – Jun. 2015):

Employed as part of a graduate placement in the in-house commercial litigation team of ESB-Networks during their defence of ESB in the Commercial High Court against University College Cork in an €18.5 million subrogated insurance claim. This was a high profile action, the judgement of which gained national media attention. My responsibilities included:

- Collaborating with the litigation team in order to ensure the smooth running of this 8-month trial.
- Managed my own workload of assigned tasks and any ad-hoc matters that arose in court or the office.
- Analysed court transcripts for the preparation of submissions and witness folders.
- Responsible for the general administration of our team, which included updating our online databases with trial folders and other resources.
- Preparing trial books for the direct and cross-examination of witnesses.
- Attending expert witness preparation meetings with counsel.

Legal Intern, Eversheds (August 2016 - Present):

As a member of the mortgage enforcement team I have gained experience as part of the volume litigation team overseeing 3000 live cases. Here, I have been responsible for progressing matters we have in the Circuit Court on a given week which entails seeking instructions from our client and preparing the requisite materials needed to instruct our agents around the country. This position has given me experience in drafting proceedings and replying affidavits to be sent to the client for review. I have also learned to adapt to the pressures of high volume litigation which requires a delicate balance between attention to detail and efficiency.

Sea Scout Leader:

Throughout my time in University, I was the senior leader of what was at the time Ireland's largest Sea Scout troop. Here, I was directly responsible for the 60 youth members of the troop as well as coordinating a team of junior leaders.

My responsibilities also included:

- Planning and delivering a year-long programme of weekly meetings, activities and international trips.
- Setting training and skills-based development targets for the members and leaders.
- Taking charge of the troop administration, including managing the annual budget.

Law in the News:

This was an extracurricular activity undertaken during my studies at the University of Law in London, which involved researching a legal topic of my choosing with the goal of producing written content for a publication within the University. Here, I further developed my research and proofreading skills and was able to gain an understanding of recent developments in the field of data protection law.

University College Dublin Student Legal Service:

In addition to my involvement in the legal information clinics run by the society, I was also an editor of a publication which we produced. As a member of the editorial board, my responsibility was to edit, proofread and make constructive content suggestions to the authors of the individual articles. The publication was aimed primarily at a non-law readership, which helped me develop my ability to explain legal topics to an audience without a legal background.

REFERENCES

Dr Richard Collins, r.collins@ucd.ie:

Lecturer and Master's thesis supervisor.

Ms Louise Davis, louise.davis@esb.ie:

Commercial litigation solicitor and formerly my line manager in ESB-Networks.