**Curriculum Vitae**

**Personal Details**

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**Education**

* 2007-2013: Scoil Chriost Ri, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
* 2013-2017: University College Dublin. Graduated with a **2.1 BCL** degree (Law with Social Justice).
* 2017-2018: Queens University Belfast. Graduated with a **Distinction in the LLM** degree (Human Rights and Criminal Justice). Awarded an ‘outstanding’ for dissertation assignment.

**Legal Work Experience**

1. **May 2018: Michael J. Staines and Company Solicitors, Dublin**

*I worked as a legal intern in Michael J. Staines and Co. Solicitors. My key responsibilities included:*

* Transferring all case files older than 2015 into the firm’s new, digital archival system and removing the hardcopy files from the firm’s physical archival records.
* Destroying the physical files of any case on the digital system.
* Placing all files of recently completed cases within the physical archival system accordingly.
* Preparing case files on any ongoing matters for the solicitor’s convenience.
* Note-taking during barrister/client consultations and solicitor/client consultations.
* Accompanying the solicitors on prison visits.

1. **January – May 2018: O’Muirigh Solicitors, Belfast**

*I worked on a part-time basis with O’Muirigh Solicitors. Duties were largely research based including:*

* Examining reports from the Historical Enquiries Team (HET).
* Research in Belfast Central Library newspaper archives with a view to identifying witnesses to historical cases.
* Reporting on research findings to the relevant solicitors.
* Preparing case files
* Note-taking during solicitor/client consultations.

1. **August 2016: J.P. Fitzpatrick & Company Solicitors**

*I gained legal experience working with a J. P. Fitzpatrick & Co. Solicitors in both office and courtroom environments. Duties included:*

* Locating and ensuring all relevant files were available for court cases in progress.
* Having copies of all legal statutes appropriate for the day’s cases.
* Organizing Ms. Fitzpatrick’s client meetings before court cases began.
* Locating Ms. Fitzpatrick’s list order for the day's cases.
* Cross referencing legal aid payment receipts with relevant cases in district and circuit

Courts and devising a new filing system.

* Delivering and collecting paperwork.
* Managing case files of clients.

**Non-Legal Work Experience**

**1) June 2017 - September 2017 and September 2018 - July 2019**

**Intersport Elverys Portlaoise**

*I was a sports associate and senior cashier for the sports and fitness chain Intersport Elverys. My key responsibilities included:*

* Sales
* Customer service and advice re products and equipment.
* Bi-weekly stock and price control.
* Trained to carry out a detailed analysis of a customer’s foot type.

**2) June 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018:**

**Scoil Chriost Rí, Secondary School, Portlaoise**

*I have acted as a supervisor, reader and scribe in State exams for students in Special examination Centers in Scoil Chriost Ri.*

**Referees**

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| Ms. Aoife Corridan  Michael J. Staines & Co. Solicitors,  Lincoln House,  Lincoln Lane,  Smithfield,  Dublin, D07 Y75P  Tel: 01 8731366 | Mr. Padraig O’Muirigh, Solicitor,  O’Muirigh Solicitors,  24-26 Springfield Rd.,  Belfast,  Co. Antrim, BT12 7AG  Tel: +44 2890230222 |
| Ms. Aoife Williams, Manager,  Intersport Elverys,  Unit 3 Kyle Centre,  Portlaoise,  Co Laois,  Tel: 057 8666851 | Ms Helen O’Donnell, Principal,  Scoil Chriost Ri,  Borris Rd.,  Portlaoise,  Co. Laois, R32 TK70  Tel: 057 8668002 |

**Appendix 1: Academic Results**

* **Post Graduate Degree: LLM**

Academic Year 2017/2018

Degree: Distinction (first class honours)

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| **Subject** | **Grade** |
| Key Debates in Arts, History and Social Science | B |
| Criminal Justice Processes | A+ |
| Crime, Justice and Society | B |
| Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice | B |
| International Human Rights Law | B |
| Approaches to Legal Research | B |
| Theories and Methods of Human Rights | C |
| Dissertation | A+ |

* **Undergraduate Degree: BCL**

Academic Year 2016/2017

GPA: 3.52

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| **Subject** | **Grade** |
| Equity: History, Doctrines, Remedies | B |
| Overview of Law Relating to Creation and Administration of Trusts | B- |
| Evidence - Foundations | B |
| Evidence - Practice and Principles | B- |
| Employment Law: the Contract of Employment | B+ |
| Employment Law: Employment Rights | B- |
| Criminology: Criminal Justice and Penology | A |
| Administrative Law: Remedies for Unlawful Administrative Action | A- |
| Racism/Anti-Racism | A- |
| Law & Social Justice Seminar 4 | B+ |
| Masculinities | B+ |
| Travellers, Ethnicity and Rights | B |

Academic Year 2015/2016

GPA: 3.47

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| **Subject** | **Grade** |
| Administrative Law: Grounds of Review | A- |
| International Human Rights Law | B |
| Crime, Social Services & the Justice System | B+ |
| Social Policy and the Environment | B- |
| Childhood Inequality in a Global Context | B |
| Law & Social Justice Seminar 3 | B |
| Semester Abroad | 30.00 credits |

Academic Year 2014/2015

GPA:3.37

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| **Subject** | **Grade** |
| Company Law I | B |
| Company Law II | B- |
| EU Constitutional Law | B- |
| EU Economic Law | B- |
| Property Law I | B |
| Property Law II | B+ |
| Criminal Liability | B- |
| Criminal Offences and Defences | A- |
| Feminism & Gender Justice | C- |
| Law & Social Justice Seminar 2 | A- |
| Social Justice Movements: Global and Local | B+ |
| Political, Social and Economic Theories of Justice | B |

Academic Year 2013/2014

GPA: 3.43

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| **Subject** | **Grade** |
| Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights under the Constitution of Ireland | C+ |
| Constitutional Law: Institutional Framework of the Constitution of Ireland | B+ |
| Negligence and Related Matters | A- |
| Nominate Torts | B- |
| Contract: Formation | B+ |
| Contract: Vitiating Factors and Remedies | B+ |
| Global Justice: Towards an Egalitarian Global Order | B+ |
| Law & Social Justice Seminar 1 | B |
| Human Rights & Social Justice | B |
| Inequality, Human Rights and Social Justice in Irish Society | B+ |
| Into the Recent Past | C- |
| Rome to Renaissance | A- |

* **Leaving Certificate, 2013**

Points: 520

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| **Subject** | **Level** | **Grade** |
| English | Higher Level | B3 |
| Irish | Higher Level | B3 |
| French | Higher Level | C1 |
| Maths | Higher Level | B3 |
| Geography | Higher Level | A2 |
| Business | Higher Level | A1 |
| Biology | Higher Level | B2 |