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**Academic qualifications**

**2011- 2014: Bachelor of Civil Law**

* 2.1 Honours
* National University of Ireland, Galway

**2003- 2010: A- Levels**

* History (A), English Literature (B), Business Studies (B), French (A- AS Level)
* Saint Malachy's College, Belfast

**Professional Experience**

**August 2015- August 2017: Paralegal**

**Investment Funds Department, Maples and Calder, Dublin, Ireland**

I gained invaluable experience working in Maples and Calder, a leading multinational commercial law firm. My role consisted of the following:

* Working in a team environment, assisting associates and partners in advising on the establishment, authorisation, operation and maintenance of Irish regulated funds including UCITS and AIFs;
* Assisting in the provision of advice to service providers to such funds including administrators, depositaries, AIFMs, investment managers, advisers and counterparties;
* Organising and filing submissions with the Central Bank;
* Managing document lists, attending weekly calls and providing written updates on a weekly basis to clients;
* Communicating effectively with clients to provide exceptional service;
* Providing an in house seminar to the Funds department on the Central Bank ORION system;
* Performing each task efficiently with exceptional attention to detail; and
* Providing consistently excellent work within set deadlines.

**July 2014- July 2015: Paralegal**

**Terrace Chambers, Wellington, New Zealand**

I worked directly with Felix Geiringer, a barrister formerly of Clifford Chance and Doughty Street Chambers. I was part of the legal team that represented Nicky Hager, a journalist who published NSA files on behalf of Edward Snowden, in the successful judicial review of a search warrant application against the Police and Government of New Zealand. My role consisted of the following:

* Researching case law and drafting legal submissions;
* Analysing complex legal issues in judicial review and Company Law, distilling each issue accurately and succinctly;
* Reviewing and organising documentary and factual evidence;
* Effectively communicating with my colleagues to ensure I met each deadline provided in a timely and efficient manner; and
* Consistently providing an excellent standard of work, in drafting submissions and in my review of documents.

**September 2013- June 2014: Legal Intern**

**Simon McAleese Solicitors, Dublin, Ireland**

I worked as a legal intern in one of Ireland's leading defamation and media law practices. My role consisted of the following:

* Attending the High Court and Supreme Court with colleagues and barristers for interlocutory hearings, discovery applications and full trials;
* Preparing briefs for counsel and books for trial; and
* Reviewing discovery documents.

**June 2011- September 2013: Paralegal**

**Mac Elhatton Solicitors, Belfast, Northern Ireland**

I developed a practical knowledge of criminal law, work shadowing within the office and the courts whilst also performing administrative work. My role consisted of the following;

* Attending court with counsel and clients;
* Attending tribunals with counsel and clients;
* Drafting documents and letters tailored to the clients’ individual needs; and
* Drafting legal aid applications.

**June 2009- September 2009: Intern- Data Analytics**

**Targus Info, Washington D.C, United States of America**

I worked at TargusInfo under the late George Moore, CEO, renowned Irish American entrepreneur and former American Economic adviser to the Irish Government. My role consisted of the following:

* Working on an enhanced, professional version of Google maps;
* Interacting and communicating with clients;
* TargusInfo provided innovative technology to Facebook, Google and Twitter, tracking the search history of their users and providing advertisements based on that information.

**Personal achievements**

**Sport**

* Senior gaelic football player of the year, Saint Malachy's College, presented by Martin O'Neill.
* Belfast Cup and the Northern Ireland Cup Winner, captain and senior football player of the year.
* I have captained my school, my club, my county and my university in Gaelic football.
* Antrim Minor Championship winner, St Enda’s G.A.C. 2010.

Academic

* Academic excellence award and “Endeavour Award” in recognition of academic excellence, social and sporting contribution to the school 2010.
* 1st in a mock trial competition in NUI Galway involving legal graduates 2012.

**Interests & activities**

**Sport**

* I regularly play and enjoy watching Gaelic Football, soccer, rugby, boxing and golf.

**Music**

* I play piano, violin and guitar regularly and frequently compose music.

**Travel**

* Over the years I have travelled extensively, living in Washington D.C and Wellington whilst travelling throughout Europe, Australia and South America.

**Voluntary Work**

* Established our club’s first underage girls football team, organsing matches and weekly training sessions.
* Chaired the charity committee in my school, organising sports days and bag packing events at local supermarkets in aid of cancer research.

**References**

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