**Heather Derham**

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**EDUCATION**

2015 **Essentials of Legal Practice,** Law Society of Ireland

**English Land Law Certificate,** Law Society of Ireland

2014 **New York Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination,** State of New York, United States of America

2010 – 2011 **Barrister-at-law Degree** in The Honorable Society of King’s Inns, Dublin. Called in 2011

2008 – 2009 **L.L.B Degree** in National University of Ireland, Galway – Graduated with a **2:1**

2002 – 2008 **Bachelor of Corporate Law** – Graduated with a **2:1**

(Initially studied for a Bachelor of Commerce Degree – NUI Galway, Completed two years of the course then transferred to Corporate Law Degree)

2001 - 2002 Yeats College, Galway

Leaving Certificate: 7 B – Grade Honors

**EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS SUMMARY**

**Experience:**

• August 2011

**Accelerated Comparative Trial Advocacy Course,** John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, USA (Reference: Lance Northcutt)

• July 2008

**Diploma in Introduction to US Law**, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri, USA (Reference: Dr Michele Shoresman)

**Skills:**

* Computer literate user of Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, as well as Legal Research Sites and the Internet.
* French and Irish.
* Highly developed communication skills with ability to relate well to people at all levels.
* Dedicated.
* Methodical, determined and decisive.
* Adaptable.
* Organised, able to manage time and prioritise tasks.
* Honest and reliable.
* Excellent team player in addition to being highly self motivated.
* Full Clean Driving License.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**January 2015 to Present Time, Trainee Solicitor**

Bell and Carroll Solicitors, 21 Middle Street, Galway

**October 2011 to January 2015, Barrister at Law**

Western and Dublin Circuit.

* Qualified Barrister working on a self employed basis on a variety of complex Legal matters.
* Liaising with clients on a daily basis.
* Liaising and advising solicitors and clients.
* Attending in the District, Circuit and High Court and making applications in the same.
* Drafting legal proceedings and affidavits and examining disclosure and exhibits.
* Researching and drafting submissions and appeals for cases
* I am proficient in Various I.T. systems and legal databases including Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint, Lexis Nexis.

**October 2009 / July 2010, Dr. Roger Derham, Consultant Gynaecologist & Forensic Examiner, Bon Secours Hospital, Galway**

Office Administrator

**Responsibilities:**

* Clinic and Surgery Bookings
* Book Keeping and Accounts
* Office coordination
* Patient interaction and correspondence

**January 2004 / September 2009, Centra O’Conner’s, Salthill, Galway**

Senior Retail Assistant and Stock Room Organiser and Deli Assistant

**Responsibilities:**

* Office responsibilities
* Coordinator of staff duties on shop floor
* Training and development of junior staff
* Cashier

**INTERESTS**

 **Sport:**

* Member of NUI Galway rowing team for a number of years
* Member of local Gym
* Enjoy Skiing, Walking, and swimming

**Arts:**

I enjoy;

* Reading
* Films and TV
* Discovering new cultures
* Fashion Trends and Music.

**Travel:**

Lived in England and Australia. Have travelled extensively throughout Europe and America.

**REFERENCES:**

Mr Harry Bell or Mrs Maeve Carroll, available on request

Dean Mary Faulkner, King’s Inns, available on request

Mr. Michael O’Connor, Centra, available on request