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**Education**

* **University College Dublin** (2013-Present)

**Law (B.C.L)**

**4th Year Exams 2.1 3rd Year Exams 2.1**

Banking Law: B- Employment Law: Contract of Employment: B

Equity: B Evidence: Foundations: C-

Revenue Law: C Media Law: B

Criminology:Criminal Justice and Penology: B Matrimonial Law and Reliefs: B+

Commercial Law: B- International Human Rights Law: B+

UCD Choral Scholars 5: A+ UCD Choral Scholars 3: A

Evidence: Practice and Principles: B

Employment Law: Employment Rights: B-

Intellectual Property: B+

Planning Law: B-

Advanced International Law – The Law of the Sea: C

UCD Choral Scholars 4: A

**2nd Year Exams 2.1 1st Year Exams**  **2.1**

Company Law 1: B Constitutional Law: Institutional Framework of the Constitution: B

EU Constitutional Law: B+ Negligence and Related Matters: B

Property Law 1: B-Criminal Procedure: B+

Criminal Liability: D+ Contract: Formation: B

European Human Rights Law: B- General Introduction to Legal Studies: B+

Company Law 2: A- Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights: B-EU Economic Law: B Nominate Torts: B-

Property Law 2: B- Civil Procedure: B

Criminal Offences and Defences: B+ Contract: Vitiating Factors and Remedies: A-

Family and Child Law: B Law and Legislation: B+

UCD Choral Scholars 7: A- UCD Choral Scholars 1: B

UCD Choral Scholars 8: A- UCD Choral Scholars 2: B+

* **Secondary School; Coláiste Eoin** (2007-2013)

Leaving Certificate - 505 points

**Experience**

**Maples and Calder** (August 2016) Summer Intern

I completed a two-week internship with Maples and Calder as an intern in the firm’s litigation department. During my time there, I undertook research projects for trainees and partners alike. Through these activities I developed my own ability to read, comprehend and consolidate legislation and enhanced my research abilities, whilst also gaining a valuable insight into the typical working day of a solicitor in a corporate law firm. Experiences such as making several trips to the Central Office of the High Court where I filed motions on behalf of the firm, and sitting in on training workshops for the firm’s trainees and partners where I received information pertinent to modules I would take on my return to UCD in September were extremely beneficial. I enjoyed seeing just how much of a team effort a piece of work can be, from partner or associate to trainee and paralegals and legal secretaries; everyone had a part to play in the completion of a project.

My time at Maples and Calder gave me a greater understanding of the kind of work a solicitor will undertake in a commercial law firm from day to day.

**John Sisk and Son** (January 2016-Present) Assistant Engineer

I am involved in the setting out and survey duties on site, where there is a minute margin of error involved in the tasks I am given. The responsibility placed on me has grown, having recently taken over the duties of document controller in the office on site.

I have gained the ability to communicate clearly and effectively by relaying instructions from the engineer to sub contractors throughout the site.

The role of a document controller requires me to be responsible for the administrative upkeep of the project’s drawing register, concrete cube registers and inspection test certificates. These responsibilities require the ability to comb through large volumes of documents and search for discrepancies, whilst also liaising by phone or e-mail between quantity surveyors and architects alike.

I have gained the experience of communicating in a professional manner with these third parties and am now, often the first point of contact for queries relating to the concrete cube register on site.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

**GAA**

* I play hurling for my local GAA club, Ballinteer St Johns. This involves a commitment to training twice a week. We focus on a strong team spirit to achieve our goals. Through this we have won a junior grade championship and two league promotions. I have gained a genuine experience of teamwork from this, leading to an authentic commitment and drive, producing results for all who were part for example of winning a junior grade championship.
* I have coached junior teams throughout the club

**Achievements**

**UCD Choral Scholarship**

I have been awarded a scholarship to the UCD Choral Scholars for a fourth consecutive year. This has been an extremely challenging and fulfilling aspect of my college experience. Being part of Ireland’s leading collegiate vocal ensemble has afforded me the opportunity to record an album with a professional record label, embark on a two-week tour of the United States of America and perform at countless engagements; including a live broadcast on RTÉ’s “The Late Late Show” and taking part in the live broadcast of ‘Centenary’ from the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre on Easter Monday 2016, as part of RTÉ’s culmination of 1916 centenary celebrations.

Being part of a group of this size allows for accountability of the detailed aspects of the repertoire we perform, and the duty to be prepared to the highest standard of performance at all times.

It is an environment where one must be able to take direction, however a certain amount of initiative is also a key part to becoming a successful scholar.

I believe that I have demonstrated these traits, and in recognition of this, have been awarded the senior scholarship over the past two years.

**Referees**

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