James Downey

**EDUCATION**

Postgraduate Diploma in Law - **1.1 (73%)**  **2014-2015**

**Dublin Institute of Technology**

Company Law- 1.1 (87%)

Core Legal Skills- 1.1 (84%)

Law of Torts- 1.1 (72%)

Criminal Law- 2.1 (67%)

Property Law- 2.1 (65%)

Equity- 2.1 (62%)

B.A. (Mod.) in Ancient Greek & Philosophy- **2.1** (**68%)** **2010-2014**

Trinity College Dublin

**Junior Freshman 2011**

Greek Language I- 2.1 (68%)

Greek Language II- 2.1 (66%)

History of Philosophy- 2.1 (65%)

Sources & Evidence- 2.1 (64%)

Central Problems in Philosophy- 2.1 (61%)

**Overall: 2.1** **(64%)**

**Senior Freshman 2012**

Greek History- 1.1 (70%)

Herodotus- 2.1 (65%)

Philosophy of Science/Logic- 2.1 (65%)

Homer- 2.1 (63%)

Greek Language- 2.2 (57%)

History of Philosophy- 2.2 (58%)

**Overall: 2.1 (63%)**

**Junior Sophister 2013**

Plato- 1.1 (71%)

Political Philosophy- 2.1 (69%)

Topics in Ancient Philosophy- 2.1 (69%)

Moral Philosophy- 2.1 (68%)

Histories and Humanities Elective- 2.1 (63%)

Greek Unseen Translation- 2.1 (60%)

**Overall: 2.1 (66%)**

**Senior Sophister 2014**

Thesis- 1.1 (73%)

Aristophanes- 2.1 (69%)

Hellenistic Kings & Cities- 2.1 (68%)

Greek Historians- 2.1 (68%)

**Overall: 1.1 (70%)**

Leaving Certificate- **505 points** **2010**

Gonzaga College SJ

**EXPERIENCE**

Eversheds **Aug. 2015-present**

**Tax Intern**

* Currently completing a three month long internship in Eversheds’ tax department.
* Presenting written research on complex tax issues in areas such as employment, pensions, share transfers, excise duties and capital acquisitions tax for large Irish and international clients.
* Assisting with the drafting of letters of advice, deeds of tax covenant and articles for publication in the Irish Tax Review.
* Corresponding with the Revenue Commissioners on various issues such as expressions of doubt in relation to stamp duty submissions and registration of foreign charities.
* Filing stamp duty returns in relation to share transfers and property transactions.

A&L Goodbody **Jul. 2015**

**Summer Intern – Pensions Group**

* Conducted legal research into various areas of pensions law for large Irish and international clients including issues in connection with trusteeship, internal dispute resolution and tax efficiency.
* Liaised with M&A department by assisting with the amendment of a pension warranty in relation to a share purchase agreement.
* Assisted partners, associates and solicitors with the preparation of files for legal counsel, drafting of legal advice and provided general administrative support.
* Gave a presentation in front of partners on the legal implications of illegal streaming in sport which was awarded 1st prize. Wrote a case note on the *Omega Pharma* case which was awarded a runners-up prize.

Invesco Limited **Dec. 2014-Jun 2015**

**Legal Executive**

* Worked part-time with the in-house legal team of leading pension and employee benefits consulting firm.
* Conducted legal research into areas of pension and trust law. Produced a report on trustees’ power under the Finance (No.2) Act 2011 to reduce member benefits in respect of the pension levy in defined benefit pension schemes.
* Drafted, reviewed and proof-read deeds and members’ explanatory booklets for various types of pension schemes.
* Administered client files and managed correspondence.

Dixon Quinlan Solicitors **Aug. 2014-Sep. 2014** **Legal Intern**

* Assisted with researching, preparing and drafting court documents in several planning, conveyancing and probate cases.
* Assisted solicitors with clients and took notes in the District and Circuit Court.
* Served court summonses on behalf of the firm.

Dublin University Classical Society **Apr. 2013-May 2014**

**Treasurer**

* Responsible for all financial aspects of the Society including managing the Society bank account, obtaining sponsorship and securing grants.

National Maternity Hospital **Sep. 2010-Apr.2015**

Porter

* Primary duties included transferring patients and medical equipment, managing reception desk and security.
* Required to deal with the unexpected and perform under pressure, even having to assist with a delivery on an emergency occasion.
* Required to carry out functions in accordance with strict HSE protocols.

Gonzaga College SJ **Apr. 2012-May 2014**

**Cricket Coach**

* Managed and coached school cricket team for two seasons. Obtained a Coaching Certificate from the English Cricket Board.

**Interests & Hobbies**

Sport

* Active member of Grange Golf Club (**2003-present**), Co. Sligo Golf Club (**2008-present**), Dublin University Cricket Club (**2010-2015)** andBen Dunne Gym Sandyford (**2012-present)**. I regularly compete in charity running races.

Film

* Keen film-watcher and film-maker, having directed and produced a number of short films. I was the cinematographer of a short film which received Official Selection at the Galway Film Fleadh and was awarded “Highly Commended for Cinematography & Original Score” at Ireland's Young Filmmaker Awards.

College Societies

* TCD: The Phil, The Hist, DU Filmmakers, DU Archaeological Society, TCD Law Society, DU Rifle Club and Trinity VDP.
* DIT: DIT Law Society.

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