***Curriculum Vitae***

James Sweeney

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**Education: 1997-2005:** Holy Family School, Ennis

**2005-2011:** St. Flannan’s College, Ennis

**2011 - 2015:** National University of Ireland Galway

**2013-2014**: Université de Poitiers, France

**Leaving Certificate Results:** Irish; Economics A1 (Honours)

English; History; Business Studies A2 (Honours)

Accounting B1 (Honours)

French B2 (Honours)

Maths A2 (Pass)

**Points Total: 555 Points**

**College:** I am a graduate of Corporate Law with French, in NUI Galway. I spent my third year on Erasmus in the Université de Poitiers, in France. At this moment in time, I have passed three FE-1 exams.

**College Results: 1st Year:** 2:1 (68%) **2nd Year:** 2:1 (66%)

**3rd Year:** Diploma in French Law **4th Year:** 2:1 (69%)

**Overall Degree: 2:1 (68%)**

**Work Experience:**

**Legal Consultant – First Derivatives plc: *May 2016 – Present:*** After an initial period of time spent training in HQ in Newry, I was deployed to Hong Kong where I worked as an ISDA Negotiator with Standard Chartered Bank. After nine months there (October 2016 – June 2017), I was deployed to Citibank in London as an ISDA Negotiator where I remain today. My role in both Hong Kong and London, has involved me acting in a client-facing capacity in the drafting and negotiation of ISDA Agreements and Credit Support Annexes in line with, and in time for, industry margin reform deadlines. I have been given direct responsibility for the negotiation of such contracts, with clients ranging from investment banks, funds and corporates, across a multitude of jurisdictions, while liaising with our internal legal, credit and sales teams. The experience of working alongside several teams, while negotiating with clients, at times with a considerable language and cultural barrier, has been invaluable in strengthening my people skills, my writing skills and my understanding of the complex nature of the negotiation of contracts, not to mention my ability to work in a professional, corporate setting.

**Summer Intern – Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors: *July 2014:*** During my time with RDJ I was responsible for undergoing case research, preparing various case and client documents such as affidavits of discovery, as well as accompanying solicitors to court sittings and property auctions. My internship with RDJ was an invaluable experience as it allowed me the opportunity to observe first hand, and participate in, the workings of a law firm.

**Furniture Mover – Collin’s Bros. Moving Corporation: *June 2013 - August 2013:*** I spent the summer of 2013 in New York on a J1 student visa. While there, I was an employee of Collins’ Bros, a large national and international moving company. My role there was to work in a team ranging from 3-15 people in moving the belongings of household clients and commercial clients of Collin’s Bros. Working with Collins’ Bros. was a challenging, yet rewarding experience as it gave me the experience of working long hours in tough working conditions. An average day would entail being in work for 6.30am, where I would then spend the day moving furniture and boxes, with my working day ending anywhere from 6.30pm-11pm.

**Store Supervisor/Assistant – Ryan’s Centra: *July 2011 – May 2013/ May 2014 – April 2016:*** I worked in Ryan’s Centra in Ennis, part-time during college and full-time during holiday periods. I also worked there post-graduation while I was studying for, and sitting my first three FE-1 exams. In October 2014 I was promoted to a supervisory position, managing a team of 40+ employees. As Ryan’s Centra is a busy and successful convenience store, in a well-populated area, my time working there was challenging, yet enjoyable, while also being truly rewarding in terms of personal development, developing skills such as leadership and communication in my dealings with my staff members and customers.

**Office Assistant – Wallace Reidy Solicitors: *July 2006; July & August 2007/2008***: I worked three weeks, for each of the above summers, in Wallace Reidy Solicitors in Limerick. My duties included making deliveries to other solicitors’ offices and to the Courts in Limerick, while I was also responsible for office duties such as organising files.

**Achievements:**

* NUI Galway scholarship in recognition of exam results in the year 2012-2013.
* 2011 Eire Óg Inis Minor Hurling Captain.
* Member of the 2011 Clare Minor Gaelic Football panel.
* Member of St. Flannan’s College Harty Cup panel 2009-2011.
* Raised €1100 for Pieta House and Age Action, in association with NUI Galway, by skydiving from a height of 10,000ft in March 2013, and raised €2000 for Share a Dream Foundation, by doing a 100km walk over three days, in October 2007 in the Austrian Alps.

**Characteristics/Hobbies:** Upon meeting me, you will see that I am a sociable and outgoing person, with my various stints abroad proving invaluable in allowing me meet new people and experience different cultures. I have substantial inter-personal skills, evident through my work as an ISDA negotiator, as well as previous work experience. I am especially hard-working, be that in terms of my work life, something which has been necessary in finalising negotiations in time for industry deadlines, or in terms of my personal life whether that be on the sporting field or maintaining relationships with friends. Given the opportunity, you will see that I am a flexible, pragmatic worker, willing to, and enjoying, trying my hand at whatever type of work is asked of me. I can assure you that I am an honest, reliable, energetic and diligent worker.

Away from work, I am a major sports fan, playing both hurling and gaelic football, golf and soccer, while I also enjoy watching and attending various other sports such as rugby and F1. My time in Hong Kong, the UK, US and in France has enabled me to travel and see what different parts of the world have to offer, be that from a people, food, sport or culture point of view.

**3rd Level Examination Results**

**1st Year:** Constitutional Law: 71% (1:1) **2nd Year:** European Union Law I: 70% (1:1)

Tort Law: 72% (1:1) European Union Law II: 66% (2:1)

Accounting: 73% (1:1) Microeconomics: 74% (1:1)

French: 71% (1:1) Macroeconomics: 66% (2:1)

Irish Legal Systems: 60% (2:1) Management of Organisational Change 71% (1:1)

Legal Methods & Research: 64% (2:1) Management: 67% (2:1)

Contract Law: 57% (2:2) Company Law I: 60% (2:1)

**Total: 68% (2.1)** Company Law II: 55% (2:2)

Commercial Law: 60% (2:1)

French 64% (2:1)

Year-long Essay: 70% (1:1)

**Total: 66% (2.1)**

**3rd Year:** Diploma in French Law **4th Year:** Labour Law I: 70% (1:1)

Legal and Business Ethics: 72% (1:1)

Moot Court: 70% (1:1)

Accounting: 77% (1:1)

Comparative Competition Law: 68% (2:1)

Labour Law II: 65% (2:1)

Banking Law: 67% (2:1)

French: 68% (2:1)

Employment Relations: 67% (2:1)

Cross-Cultural Management: 64% (2:1)

**Total: 69% (2:1)**

**Degree Total: 68% (2:1)**