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Education

2013 - 2014

2013 - 2017 The Law Society of Ireland (FE-1 Examinations)

European Union Law (58%); Property Law (52%); Contract Law (52%); Company Law (50%); Criminal Law (61%); Equity and Trusts (55%); Law of Torts (50%); and Constitutional Law (63%).

LL.M by Advanced Study – Law and Globalisation (Merit)
Subjects - Intellectual Property Law, Employment Law, Information

Technology Law and Privacy Law

2010 – 2011 Université Paris II – Panthéon-Assas

University of Bristol

Superior Certificate in French and European Law

2008 – 2012 University College Dublin

BCL (European) with French Law

Degree Classification (2:1)

Professional Experience

October 2017 – June 2018

Self-Employed, Wellington, New Zealand

Freelance Paralegal

I offered paralegal support to barristers and legal practitioners in the Wellington area. My work included assisting in an internal government inquiry and contributing to a paper which was presented at a New Zealand Law Society Conference in February 2018.

Significance: I built and maintained a network of potential clients, outlining the ways in which I could add value to their businesses.

October 2017 – June 2018

Independent Police Conduct Authority, Wellington, New Zealand Case Resolution Officer

I was employed by the national police oversight body, assessing and resolving allegations of misconduct against police officers. I was responsible for collating evidence, identifying applicable provisions of law and police policy, and liaising with competing stakeholders to propose workable resolutions to each matter.

Significance: I developed excellent written communication skills as my reports and letters were directly reviewed by a High Court Judge and a member of the New Zealand Law Commission. I underwent emotional intelligence training for dealing with service users in crisis, and held conferences with senior police staff to discuss potential outcomes.

November 2016 – September 2017

I spent 10 months travelling and volunteering in Africa and Asia. For more information, please see 'Volunteer Experience' section.

December 2015 -November 2016

Bond Dickinson LLP, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, United Kingdom

Paralegal – Commercial Property

I assisted on transactions relating to the expansion of the UK Government's free school and academy programmes. I also worked as a primary fee-earner for a number of smaller matters for the Education Funding Agency.

Significance - I learnt organisational skills in managing my own files and developed a good level of attention to detail. I developed project management skills while working on larger matters within a fixed fee scale.

July 2015 -October 2015

I completed the North Sea Cycle Route together with my wife. This is the longest mapped cycled route in the world at 6,500km.

2015

March 2015 - June Simmons & Simmons LLP, Bristol, United Kingdom

Paralegal – Employment/Banking/Litigation/Projects/Real Estate I was a fee-earner providing cross-sectoral assistance in contentious and non-contentious matters, and worked primarily within the employment and litigation departments.

Significance – this was my first experience working as a fee-earner and time recording, which required an efficient work ethic. I displayed my adaptability in supporting several departments at a given time.

October 2014 -March 2015

TLT LLP, Bristol, United Kingdom

Case Handler – Mortgage Litigation

I worked within the Mortgage Litigation and Recoveries Department and was responsible for managing my own caseload of up to 100 contentious matters relating to client secured recoveries work.

Significance - I learned the importance of adequate preparatory work and the necessity of anticipating the multitude of potentialities that can arise during litigation.

August 2013 -October 2014

I worked part-time in a bar while completing my postgraduate studies at the University of Bristol.

March 2013 - July 2013

Baily Homan Smith McVeigh Solicitors, Dublin, Ireland

Legal Intern

This was an unpaid internship within the Commercial Litigation department. I also assisted in various matters relating to commercial property transactions, personal injury claims and specifically in debt recovery actions taken by lending institutions and corporate clients.

Significance – I gained invaluable experience working within a growing commercial law firm.

December 2012 -March 2013

I studied part-time to prepare for my FE-1 examinations, and worked full-time at a bar to fund my studies.

October 2012 -December 2012

DFMG Solicitors, Ballsbridge, Dublin, Ireland

Unpaid Legal Intern – Intellectual Property In my first legal role I assisted in the registration of intellectual property rights at national, EU and international level respectively. I also assisted in infringement proceedings including passing-off, invalidity, opposition and revocation proceedings.

Significance – This role helped me to become more confident working in a professional environment.

Volunteering Experience

December 2016-January 2017

Esubi Children's Project, Kyabirwa, Jinja, Uganda

I assisted at this women's and children's project, developing an online presence and identifying fundraising opportunities. I continue to help this charity remotely, and they have recently opened a primary school and purchased a farm as a sustainable source of income.

January 2017 – February 2017

Bubugo Conservation Trust, Jinja, Uganda

I assisted in data collection for a reforestation project on the banks of Nile. I also gave literacy classes to women and children, and assisted a local women's group in arranging for the sale of handcrafted jewellery at a number of local shops as a means of fundraising for school fees.

April 2017

Kuang Si Butterfly Park, Luang Prabang, Laos I provided tours in English, French and Spanish.

June 2017 – September 2017

Nomad Adventure, Gopeng, Perak, Malaysia

I was responsible for building an educational vegetable gaden, as well as for facilitating adventure trips and managing the bookings system. I was also appointed as volunteer coordinator.

Professional Development Courses

2015 - MBL Commercial Property for Support Staff

2016 - MBL SDLT Review for Commercial Property Lawyers

2016 - MBL Land Transactions Involving Charities - From Acquisition & Management to Disposal

Other Achievements and Interests

Endurance Sports – I have completed 10km, half-marathon and marathon events. I am currently training for an ultra-marathon and an Ironman 70.3 event.

My other sporting interests include cycling, climbing, kayaking, wilderness hiking and playing football. I also enjoy playing music and reading, particularly about environmental science and politics.

Charity work – I have been involved with various fund-raising and volunteering activities with charities including One25 and St Werburgh's City Farm in Bristol, and Changing Lives in Newcastle.

Languages – English (Native), French (advanced), Irish (Intermediate) and Spanish (Intermediate).

References and academic transcripts are available on request.