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EDUCATION:

2014-15: Law Society of Ireland- FE1s. Property, Tort, Contract, Equity and Criminal law.

2013: Bachelor of Laws – LL.B Degree. Second Class Honours First Division, National University of Ireland, Galway.

My final examination results were as follows:

Land Law I (66%); Land Law II (62%); English Land Law (68%); Equity I (66%); Equity II (63%); Family Law (65%); Insurance Law (70%); Banking Law (65%); and Information Technology Law (76%). I have a particular interest in criminal matters and litigation and wish to specialise in this area of work in the future.

2012: Bachelor of Arts, B.A Degree. Second Class Honours First Division, National University of Ireland, Galway.

2012: Dioplóma sna Dána, Gaeilge. Second Class Honours First Division, National University of Ireland, Galway.

2009: Leaving Certificate Examinations, Colaiste Cholmcille, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. 410 points.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Period: September 2014- Present.

Position: Trainee Solicitor

Firm: Gerrard L. Mc Gowan Solicitors, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

- Interviewing clients and witnesses and taking draft statements.
- Assisting to prepare a clients case documents and attending Court appointments.
- Initiating and conducting litigation proceedings.
- Undertaking conveyancing transactions from start to finish.
- Undertaking legal research.
- Liaising with other professionals, including both junior and senior counsel.
- Recording and monitoring information on case management system 'CORTBase'.
- Answering the phone, filing documents and other administrative duties.

Period: September 2013- September 2014.

Position: Paralegal.
Firm: Reid & Sweeney Solicitors, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.

- Observed the daily work of the Principal and work-shadowed his partner who specialised in corporate law and property.
- Proofread leasehold contracts and pleadings.
- Dealt with legal queries from clients by telephone.
- Ensured that incoming, outgoing correspondence and telephone / personal attendance notes were appropriately filed.
- Drafted routine correspondence, legal contracts, deeds and pleadings.
- Prepared briefs for Counsel to draft proceedings and for trial.
- Prepared booklets of pleadings and medical reports.
- Attended Counsel at consultations and drafted attendance notes.
- Attended District Court, High Court, Circuit Court and Central Criminal Court proceedings and did watching briefs in a range of criminal and civil cases.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Period: September 2010 to May 2013

Position: Volunteer and secretary at the NUI Galway free legal advice clinic.

- Contributed as a volunteer and secretary at the NUI Galway Free legal Advice Clinic. Our group showed tremendous teamwork as we came together on Tuesday evenings to help members of the public with any legal queries.
- During this time, I helped persuade two qualified barristers to help on a voluntary basis and I then established a rota of law students to support the barristers during the clinics. This experience with a qualified barrister and real clients was instrumental in intensifying my desire to work in this field as well as developing my interpersonal skills and ability to work in a team environment.
- I advised walk in clients regarding matters such as debt issues, housing issues and public order offences and referred them on to relevant agencies or panel firms in Galway.

Other work experience

Period: July & August 2008- 2013

Position: Head lifeguard for Donegal and Sligo County Councils.

- Managed a dedicated team which led to the safe running of the beach and was responsible for the issuing of fines for breach of County Council bye-laws.
- Promoted to Head Lifeguard after demonstrating strong leadership qualities and rapport with my team and the general public. I took responsibility for the running of particular beaches on behalf of Sligo County Council and Donegal County Council. Through my leadership and my team's resilient work ethic, each year went off without a hitch and any major incidents which might have arisen were avoided

- Responsible for providing an efficient work station and ensuring a safe work atmosphere for all staff and the public to which I had to interact with daily.
- Being involved in a busy and potentially dangerous work environment provided me with many invaluable experiences and skills for a career in law: the importance of time keeping in an environment full of unexpected situations, working under pressure, and the capability of giving out orders but just as importantly being capable of taking them as it was our constant team effort that made our job such a success.

Period: June 2013
Position: Radio Documentary Researcher
Employer: Raidió Teilifís Éireann

- Displayed my versatility and adaptability when helping with the researching and then interviewing of ex NYPD officer Frank Serpico in New York. Serpico was famously portrayed in the academy award winning movie ‘Serpico’ by Al Pacino. Strong interpersonal skills were needed as interviews such as this are a rarity for the famously reclusive officer.

AWARDS/ ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2013:** I obtained the highest grade of 79% in my presentation lecture in Information Technology Law at NUI Galway. Further to this, I completed an essay entitled “Civil disobedience in the age of information technology” which dealt with new age ‘hactivism’ and the difficulties it’s faced integrating itself as a form of civil disobedience in present society.
- 2012:** Member of the senior Irish Surf Lifesaving Squad which competed in Adelaide, Australia.
- 2011:** Appointed as coach of the Donegal Junior Surf Lifesaving Team by Irish Water Safety.
- 2008:** Member of the junior Irish Surf Lifesaving Squad which competed in Alicante, Spain.

OTHER HOBBIES/ INTERESTS

IT: I have excellent computer skills – Achieved ECDL. Proficient in Microsoft office i.e., word, outlook, excel and PowerPoint. Typing speed of 65 wpm. I also have ran a blog on IT Law covering subjects such as the illegality of Facebook during elections in certain jurisdictions and the use of Apple’s ‘Siri’.

Languages: English-Native tongue. Irish-Professional working proficiency. French-Limited working proficiency.

Gaelic Football: Member of my local senior team ‘Aodh Ruadh’.

Athletics: Completed a 10 mile run in Bundoran, Co. Donegal last March and a half-marathon in Galway last September.

Swimming: A lifeguard and swim instructor for the past 7 years, having passed all my lifeguard and occupational first aid exams, I am also trained in the use of a defibrillator.

REFEREES:

Available upon request.