

Kate O'Mahoney

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EDUCATION

FE-1 Examinations

Passed FE-1s – Constitutional Law (60%), Criminal Law (68%), Equity (61%), European Union Law (57%), Real Property (63%), Law of Tort (58%)

Completed, awaiting results – Company Law and Contract Law

University of Limerick

2012 – 2016

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Law Plus

First Class Honours

- Core modules (outside of FE-1s) include; Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Law of Evidence, Intellectual Property Law and Jurisprudence.
- Additionally undertook core politics modules including; African Politics, International Relations, International Conflict Resolution, Irish Governing Systems, Nationalism, Ethnicity and Conflict.
- Awarded A1 (91%) for final year team project, which I was chosen to present.
- Awarded prize by UL Law Society for best final year Alternative Dispute Resolution essay, titled 'Use of Mediation in Medical Negligence Claims'.
- Received UL presidential letters for outstanding QCA results.

Laurel Hill Secondary School FCJ

2006 – 2012

Leaving Certificate – all honours

475 points

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors

Legal Assistant

May 2017 – May 2018

- Worked within a team of five solicitors in the Defence Litigation Department, primarily undertook work on behalf of various insurance companies.
- Assisted solicitors by attending many District, Circuit and High Court sittings.
- Prepared numerous briefs and documents for such sittings, such as Affidavits, Discovery, Notice of Motion, Notice for Particulars, Personal Injury Defence, Subpoenas and Notice of Trial.
- Demonstrated a high ability to multi-task and prioritise workload, continually met deadlines.
- Independently met with clients to discuss and record any queries in their case.
- Prepared files for claims reviews, file reviews, bill of costs.
- Presented at many in-house talks/presentations – most recently to transition year students.
- Undertook research in a number of areas; wrote an article on the statute of limitations for loss of consortium claims, which was chosen for a feature on the HOMS website.

Eversheds Sutherland

June – August 2016

Summer Intern

- Tax intern, briefly worked in pensions.
- Undertook research in a number of areas, with key focus on Capital Acquisitions Tax, Employment Tax, Approved Retirement Funds and Approved Superannuation Schemes.
- Prepared memos on key areas that I formally presented to my team as well as across the firm.
- Drafted letters for clients dealing with personal tax related queries.

- Provided the research and initial drafts for 'Advantages for Ireland post Brexit', an article chosen for a feature on the homepage of the Eversheds' website.
- Led a pro bono team research project on community care in Canada.
- Invited to take minutes on client calls so as to better understand client relationship management.

Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors
Legal Assistant

May 2014 – January 2015
University Placement

- Worked under a team of eight solicitors in the Plaintiff Litigation Department.
- Further undertook work in areas of Conveyancing, Landlord and Tenant Dispute Resolution, Medical Negligence, and Family Law.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Gemma's Fashions
Supervisor

Summers 2009 – 2017

- Promoted from sales assistant to supervisor.
- Main duties: opened and closed the store at peak times of trade, trained new staff members, resolved complaints, cash management, implemented a new storage system.
- Implemented a strategy to purchase stock, maximising profits.

Brown Thomas
Molton Brown
Ted Baker
Tommy Hilfiger

November 2016 – February 2017

January – May 2015

October 2013 – January 2015

Sales Consultant and Brand Ambassador

- Generated sales; expertise in certain areas such as upselling, link selling, traffic stopping (sales), engaged in phone sales, continually met high daily/weekly targets.
- Provided specialist customer service, grew client base.
- Proficient in management of client database system.

SKILLS PROFILE

- **Art History Diploma:** Achieved distinction grade in Baroque and Impressionism art movements from the Limerick School of Art and Design in 2013.
- **IT Skills:** ECDL qualifications in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. Proficient management of Justis, Lexis, Westlaw. Well versed in Tikit's Partner computer systems employed by HOMS, as well as Cisco computer systems employed by Eversheds.
- **Languages:** French – basic. Spanish – basic. Irish – intermediate, currently undertaking a course with Gaelchultúr to improve my Irish skills.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Travelling; recently returned from 3 months travelling and volunteering around Cuba, North and South America.
- Have a passion for art and art history alike. Tutored art history grinds for the Leaving Certificate Examinations between 2013 and 2018.
- Running club member. Recently helped organise 10km in Holmes O'Malley Sexton as part of the 'Great Limerick Run'.
- Mountain bike enthusiast competitively completed many of the Ballyhoura mountain bike trails.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.