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### **Education & Qualifications**

#### **Trinity College Dublin – (L.L.M International and European Business Law) September 2014- June 2015**

1:1 Distinction

Thesis Module "A Critical Analysis of the Remuneration and "Bonus Cap" provisions in CRD IV, the Implications and Consequences for Financial Institutions"-77% Aviation Law in the European Union - 76% European Union Financial Services Law - 67% European Union Banking and Securities Law - 67% Corporate Governance - 68% Corporate White-Collar and Regulatory Crime - 68% International and European Tax Law – 68.

#### **Dublin City University – (B.C.L. – Law and Society) September 2011 – May 2014**

3<sup>rd</sup> Year (2:1) placed 10<sup>th</sup> of 56

Jurisprudence 2- 71%, Law of Evidence- 70%, Dissertation Module - 68%, Jurisprudence- 68% Trusts Law- 66%, Equity Law- 66%, Law of Dispute Resolution- 66%, Law and Social Exclusion- 65%, Administrative Law – 65%, Intellectual Property- 63%,

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Modules

Employment Law -66%, Healthcare Law-64 %, The Law of Contract-65%, Moot Court- 62%, Advanced European Union Law-63%, Advanced Property Law-63%, Company Law 2-61%, Advanced Contract Law- 61%, European Union Law-63%,

1<sup>st</sup> Year Modules

Advanced Criminal Law-62%, Comparative Law-59%, Advanced Torts-55%, Constitutional Law -54%, Public International Law-50%, Constitutional Law-46%, Foundations of Law-45%,

#### **St. Josephs Convent of Mercy, Castlebar. September 2005 - June 2011 Leaving Certificate**

Geography A2, Economics B1, Maths B1, Business Studies B2, Irish B2, Biology B3, English B3,

### **Relevant Legal Experience**

#### **Stephenson Harwood London – Intern (September 2015)**

I was awarded the opportunity to work in Stephenson Harwood LLP London by The School of Law at Trinity College Dublin, as a result of receiving the highest marks in The EU Aviation Module. During my internship I sat in Aviation Finance and Leasing, Commercial Litigation and also spent a week in Quadrant Chambers with Aviation Barristers. This was an amazing experience, and an opportunity to work with fee earners that are world class.

Within Aviation Finance, I had the responsibility and the opportunity to review leases for airlines as well as hedge funds and banking clients, I assisted in drafting lease documentation. I sat in on lease negotiations and experienced the skill that goes into drafting a lease

In Commercial Litigation I worked directly with partner Paul Phillips, I worked on cases involving global airlines and on general commercial matters. I had the responsibility of drafting client advice, attending court sittings and undertook legal research. Furthermore I went to Brussels for two days, to The European Low Fares Airlines AGM, this was an amazing opportunity to network with and observe general counsel from leading airlines. I got to interact with discussion on legal issues facing airlines and experience how the law effects airlines commercially. Finally, I spent a week in Quadrant Chambers with barristers who specialise in large commercial litigation, this was an opportunity to witness advocacy of the highest standard.

#### **Eversheds Dublin – Legal Intern (June – August 2015)**

This Summer I participated in Eversheds three month Summer Internship Program. During my time in Eversheds I worked in the Corporate Department. I experienced a wide array of work and was afforded large amounts of responsibility. I was involved in large scale share transactions and group restructuring projects. Furthermore, I was involved in directly advising clients on the changes under the new Companies Act 2014, converted company's M&A to new form Constitutions and undertook large scale research projects in relation to client queries on the changes brought about by the CA 2014. I believe that this three month internship has allowed me to develop skills that will be invaluable to me in a future trainee position. The level of responsibility I was afforded will allow me to thrive as a trainee in a commercial law firm.

#### **Coffey & Associates Solicitors – Paralegal (September 2014 – April 2015)**

During my Masters studies I worked two and a half days a week in Coffey & Associates Solicitors. This position gave me a great grounding as to the role and responsibilities afforded to trainees. Here my responsibilities included preparing documents for court, attending on barristers in preparation for court, drafting briefs for counsel and various litigation based tasks. As a small general practice this job allowed me a wonderful opportunity to experience a vast array of work and experience. I believe that this experience will allow me to be at ease within a larger commercial litigation department.

#### **Judicial Research Assistant in the Superior Courts of Ireland (June – August 2014)**

I was nominated for this position in the Superior Courts of Ireland by the School of Law at Dublin City University and was one of only twelve Irish students to gain this opportunity. I was assigned to Mr Justice McKechnie, during this internship I learned an enormous amount and my knowledge of the procedural workings of the law has increased tremendously. My responsibilities mainly centred around drafting Judgments for Mr Justice McKechnie and in depth legal research. My main responsibilities were to attend Supreme Court cases, I would then have to consider and discuss legal arguments raised by counsel and the possible outcomes. Justice McKechnie would then ask me for my view on the legal arguments raised. This was an amazing opportunity that allowed me to express my interpretations of the law in real legal situations. This is something that has developed my legal thinking and research skills greatly.

#### **Helena Boylan & Co. Solicitors – Legal Intern (May-August 2013)**

During the summer of 2012 I was employed by Helena Boylan & Co. Solicitors. This was my first practical experience of the law and I found it challenging and extremely interesting. This initial experience allowed me to realise the vast interesting experience that are available in law. During this period my duties included interacting with clients, writing and completing briefs for counsel, attending courts.

### **Other Work Experience**

#### **The Cleaning Corporation Ltd. (May 2010 –Present)**

I have worked for The Cleaning Corporation consistently for many years. The Cleaning Corporation is a cleaning business that deals with both residential and large commercial clients. My job here has included various tasks and duties but mainly my responsibilities have been based around customer service. The Cleaning Corporation is known for impeccable service and high standards. I consistently provided excellent service at all times. I was responsible for ensuring commercial client satisfaction and review. This role has allowed me to learn and practice the importance of keeping clients satisfied and making sure that they receive the optimum level of service and meeting targets.

### **Achievements**

#### **The McCann Fitzgerald Advocate Business Law Competition**

My partner and I successfully made it to the semi-finals of the McCann Fitzgerald Business and Law competition law year. We were narrowly defeated by the eventual winners. This experience has taught me vast amounts about the law, particularly corporate law, and how firms deal with company law issues as well as general business issues on a day to day basis.

#### **Volunteering in Ghana- Global Brigades**

In January of last year, I travelled to Ghana as a volunteer with Global Brigades. We spent ten days building rainwater harvesters which will provide clean water to a rural community. As a team we raised almost €30,000, and I personally raised almost €3,000. The work myself and the rest of the group put in, allowed us to make an immeasurable difference to the lives of the people of this rural community. I believe this to be one of my most significant achievements to date. This was extremely challenging due to language barriers and my

lack of experience in construction but I believe I engaged well with all involved and was able on occasion, to unite and lead the group.

### **Volunteering Western Care Association**

Western Care Association exists to empower people with a wide range of disabilities. I am involved in organising a black tie ball for over 300 guests; I have been assisting in arranging the guest speaker, Miriam O'Callaghan for this year's ball. This is position of great responsibility and has allowed me to develop my organisational skills. The vital funds raised at this event go towards sustaining essential treatments provided by Western Care.

### **DCU Free Legal Advice Centre**

Being Involved in DCU FLAC as a member and as treasurer last year, gave me a great opportunity to work in a team on an ongoing basis. DCU FLAC is an extremely young society. This therefore meant that we had to work extremely hard in order to make it as successful as possible. As a new member to the committee and with my role as treasurer at the forefront of my mind I engaged the committee with fresh, feasible and innovative ideas. I believe that being able to excel in communicating with the committee is a skill that I have learned that I could use in a work environment.

### **Interests & Hobbies**

**Sport** GAA, I have recently returned to football after some time away I am enjoying the challenge and team spirit that football instils. I also enjoy extreme sports including skiing, kayaking and surfing.

I run on a daily basis and competed in the "Hell and Back" challenge last year, I am currently training for "Tough Mudder". I find this a great way to push myself physically and mentally.

### **Cooking and baking**

**Travelling** I have visited many European and American cities with both family and friends. I spent part of last summer travelling around the USA; I visited New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara during the trip. The previous Summer I interrailed across Europe with five friends, taking in nine countries in four weeks.

### **References**

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