

# Kelly Mackey

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## Profile

Law graduate with award-winning research abilities and experience in legal and international working environments; particularly knowledgeable in corporate governance, employment law and planning and environmental law.

## Skills

Legal research | Analytical  
Communication | Interpersonal  
Adaptable | Organisational  
New media | Desktop publishing  
Word, Excel & Powerpoint  
Full, clean driving licence  
Spanish (CEF: B1) | French (A2) |  
German (A2)

## Legal experience

**Courts Service** | Dublin, Ireland

**Judicial Researcher** | August 2012 - March 2014

- Prepared memoranda and handbooks and proofread judgments on general legal issues; extensively in the areas of company law, planning and environmental law, competition law, insolvency law, tax law and criminal justice.
- Authored in-depth analysis of drug supply offences which defined coherent sentencing guidance for the judiciary and legal practitioners under the supervision of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- Provided tours of the Four Courts and Criminal Courts of Justice complexes to visiting dignitaries.

**Migrant Rights Centre Ireland** | Dublin, Ireland

**Employment Law Caseworker** | January - August 2010

- Assisted clients with employment and equality disputes to file their disputes with the Labour Relations Commission, Equality Tribunal, Labour Court and Employment Appeals Tribunal and drafted submissions for same.
- Accompanied clients to appointments with health and social protection agencies and in appearances before the District Court.

**Murphys Solicitor** | Dublin, Ireland

**Legal Secretary** | Sept 2008 - Dec 2009

- Managed the switchboard, post, DX and schedules for the practice.
- Met and greeted clients who visited the office.
- Prepared correspondence for clients and briefs for barristers on matters involving commercial law, conveyancing, probate, family law, criminal law, personal injuries and medical negligence.

## Other relevant experience

**Amnesty International Ireland** | Dublin, Ireland

**Campaigns Officer** | March 2014 - April 2015

- Delivered advocacy strategy including lobbying of opinion formers and producing submissions to State departments and international treaty monitoring bodies.
- Analysed proposed legislation and drafted responses to them on based upon Amnesty International policy and international law.
- Drafted submissions to Oireachtas Committees and international treaty bodies, briefing papers, speeches and press statements, social media and website content, and updates to funders.
- Provided legal updates to staff in Ireland and globally; trained staff and members, and served as organisation's representative at external events, and provided workshops at international fora.

**International Organization for Migration** | Dublin, Ireland

**Communication Consultant** | January - August 2012

- Co-ordinated a pilot web project, 'Stories of Return', that conveyed the experiences of beneficiaries of the organisation's Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme following return to their countries-of-origin. This included the collation of data from field offices in 95 countries, drafting content based on the testimonies provided and recruiting external partners to deliver the project.

## Achievements

Leiden Journal of International Law  
Thesis Prize, 2011

Semi-finalist, International Criminal  
Court Trial Competition, 2011

Special Mention, Law Society of  
Ireland's 'Trainee Solicitor Human  
Rights Essay Prize', 2008

Free Legal Advice Centre's 'Thomas  
Addis Emmet Fellowship in  
Comparative Human Rights and  
Public Interest Law', 2008

First in Criminal Law Class, Dublin  
Institute of Technology, 2008

## Publications

"Analysis of Sentencing for  
Possession or Importation of  
Controlled Drugs for Sale or Supply"  
Irish Sentencing Information System  
May 2014

"Counsel Matters at the  
International Criminal Court"  
International Bar Association  
November 2012

**Union of Students in Ireland** | Dublin, Ireland

**Vice President for Welfare & Equality** | July 2006 - June 2007

- Elected to represent 250,000 students attending more than 40 institutions of higher education across the entire island of Ireland.
- Developed policy on matters of affordable accommodation, mental health services, and sexual health services.
- Campaigned nationally on non-academic matters such as housing, grants and social welfare supports, and health, and produced pre-budget submissions and submissions for law reform on minimum standards of rented accommodation.
- Represented USI before the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and Science, and on national committees and subcommittees such as the Irish Higher Education Quality Network (IHEQN) and Higher Education Authority (HEA).

## Voluntary experience

**International Planned Parenthood Federation** | 2011 - Present

Regional Vice President since June 2014. Provide budgetary and programmatic oversight to the European and Central Asian regional office and its membership in 40 countries. Produce advocacy briefings for members and facilitated recent revision of the organisation's founding documents.

**Irish Family Planning Association** | 2009 - 2015

Contribute to the development of the organisation's strategic plan, including developing strategic litigation, and ensure board and organisational compliance with recently revised Companies Act 2014 and the Charities Act 2009.

## Education

**LL.M. in Public International Law** | First Class Honours  
Leiden University, Netherlands | 2010 - 2011

**Diploma in International Migration Law** | First Class Honours  
University of Vienna, Austria | 2011

**Postgraduate Diploma in Law** | Second Class Honours, Grade 1  
Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland | 2007 - 2008

**B.A. (Hons) in Graphic Design** | Second Class Honours, Grade 1  
IADT, Dún Laoghaire, Ireland | 2001 - 2005

## Interests

- Enjoy keeping up with current affairs, learning new languages, and exploring the world one new destination at a time.
- Compete in 10km runs, stand-up paddleboard and cycle avidly. Leinster and Ireland rugby enthusiast.
- Involved in fundraising for different charities such as Free Legal Advice Centres, Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Rose Project and Amnesty International.
- Hobbyist photographer, frequent gallery visitor, and live music fan.