**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**Professional Summary:**

A graduate of Law and French at the University of Limerick, currently working as an Apprentice Solicitor at an established legal practice in Naas Co. Kildare. I am currently sitting the Fe1 examinations with a view to commencing the Law Society Professional Practice Course in September 2020.

**Legal Work Experience:**

September 2017- Present Stephen Walsh & Co. Solicitors, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Stephen Walsh & Co. Solicitors is a law firm providing legal services in the areas of civil litigation and dispute resolution, property law and conveyancing, family law, personal injury law and commercial law.

Civil Litigation:

* Involved in Circuit Court and High Court proceedings in relation to matters of judicial review, immigration, medical negligence, defamation and civil assault cases.
* Achieved a large settlement in High Court defamation case against two of Ireland’s leading newspapers.
* Worked on a successful judicial review case concering the implementation of GDPR.
* Attended at initial consultations with clients and prepared briefs for counsel for matters to be heard at District, Circuit and High Courts.
* Engaged in discovery litigation.
* Preparing briefs, affidavits, pleadings and documentation for court.
* Drafting letters to solicitors, counsel and clients and third parties.

Personal Injury:

* Managing the firm’s personal injury files independently and progressing files on my own initiative.
* I handle every aspect of those files from start to finish under the guidance of a senior Solicitor – assessing liability, advising the client, arranging consultations and taking client instructions, drafting pleadings, reviewing discovery, instructing medical and other expert witnesses, briefing counsel and attending counsel.
* Dealing with the Personal Injuries Assessment Board, insurance companies and medical professionals.
* Reviewing medical records and preparing chronologies and particulars of claims.
* Taking instruction from clients and providing updates in relation to their cases.
* Researching issues and case law in personal injury law.

Criminal Litigation:

* Currently responsible for progressing a Supreme Court Appeal that will decide on the criminal liability of middle management in a large business organisation. It is in the context of section 9 of the Waste Management Act 1999.
* I have hands on experience in dealing with European Arrest Warrant appeal cases.
* Liasing with counsel, clients and the Legal Aid Board in relation to criminal matters in the District Court and Circuit Court.

Other:

* Dealing with post completion conveyancing matters such as registering property transfer with the Land Registry and scheduling of title deeds and documents.
* Issuing debt recovery proceedings in the District Court and Circuit Court.
* Preparing Judicial Separation and Divorce petitions.
* Day to day file management and progression in cases of family law, debt recovery.
* Write blog posts on different aspects of the law on the firm’s website.

**Education**

March 2018- October 2019 Final Examinations Part 1, The Law Society of Ireland.

Property Law - 58

Company Law - 50

Contract Law – 56.

Criminal Law – 68.

Constitutional Law – 60.

Law of Equity and Trusts – 55.

 2017 University of Limerick

Law and French LLB. - 2.2 Honours.

Subjects Included:

Advanced Lawyering Criminal Law

Law of Equity and Trusts Contract Law

Law of the European Union Property Law

Law of Evidence Administrative Law

 French Language & Society French for Business

Information and Content Development

Law of Torts

The Global Politics of the European Union.

2011 Scoil Chriost Ri, Portlaoise Co. Laois.

Leaving Certificate – 455 points.

**Interests**

* My interests are running and going to the gym. I participate in amateur running events throughout the year.
* Enjoy learning new languages and travelling to new countries. I have good French reading and writing skills.
* I play tag rugby with the Irish Tag Association at Naas Sports Centre.
* I have participated in the Four Peaks Four Provinces Challenge with KPMG, as part of the team raising funds for the Irish charity Aware.

**Referees:**

Ms. Kate Egan BL

The Law Library

Four Courts,

Dublin 7

Ms. Kitty Perle BL

The Law Library

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Dublin 7.