Laura Stephenson

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**Academic Achievements:**

* **Graduate Level Education: Trinity College Dublin** 2012-2013; 2.1, **LLM** Arbitration and ADR; Insolvency and Rescue; White Collar Crime; Proceeds of Crime;
 Islamic Law; Comparative Civil Rights
 **Thesis**; An Analysis of the Threshold for Intervention into Family Matters in the Pursuit of

 Child Protection- Ireland and Other Legal Standards (25,000 words)

* **Third Level Education**: **University College Dublin** 2008-2012 , 2.1, **B.B.L**

 Grade Point Average 3.51; For full academic details, please request appendix

* **Second Level Education**: **Ardscoil Mhuire**, Ballinasloe, Galway 2002-2008, 495 points

**Employment and Experience:**

[**http://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=225669363&trk=nav\_responsive\_tab\_profile\_pic**](http://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=225669363&trk=nav_responsive_tab_profile_pic)

* **Paralegal** (voluntary)**,** Gearoid Geraghty & Co Solicitors, Ballinasloe, **March 2015- Present.** Previously volunteered at the firm (then Fair & Murtagh), **January 2012**Experience in Conveyance & Probate, Personal Injuries, Family Law, Criminal & Civil Litigation
* **FE 1 Candidate**, Galway, **November 2014- Present**Tort, Contract, Criminal and Company, **March 2015**;

 Equity, Property and Constitutional Law, **October 2015**. European Law – Spring 2016

* **Au Pair,** Brisbane region, **July 2014- November 2014**
* **Fundraiser/Awareness Campaigner,** Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Brisbane, **May-June 2014**
* **Online Mentor/Assistant,** Yes, That’s Easy!, Brisbane, **May 2014**
Online Presenter role for students learning English spoken in various dialects.
* **Law Clerk/Legal Intern,** Boe Williams Anderson, Brisbane, **February 2014-June 2014**
Draft legal documentation, compile briefs/client files, appeared at various Magistrates /Brisbane Court of Appeal, research for trials/legal papers, communication with clients, QPS, ODPP and Court services, attendance at detention centres.
* **UCD Student Legal Service,** Belfield, **September 2011-May 2012**

 Practical legal information. Member of ‘Know Your Rights Week’ information stands**.**

* **UCD Student Ambassador,** Belfield, **January 2010- July 2013**

 Informing students about UCD life through university tours.

* **Dairy Farm Management,** Ballinasloe, **August 2009, August 2010**
* **Texoil**, Galway Road, Ballinasloe, **September 2008-January 2014**

 Customer service, cash/ stock management, I.T experience, supervising/training

 responsibilities, administrative skills, including Microsoft Excel and cash control.

* **Dunne’s Supervalu,** Ballinasloe, **May 2006-September 2007; August 2013-January 2014**

**University Involvement and Interests:**

* **Events: UCD Women’s Studies Graduation** 2012; **High Achievers Awards** 2012; **Irish Times Higher Options Fairs** 2010-2013; **UCD Science Foundation Day Dinner** 2010; **UCD Quinn Business School Programme Launch** 2010; **Graduate Ireland Conference** 09/10
* **Activities and interests:** Live music/concerts, Rugby & GAA sports, Yoga/running/gym attendee, travelling, crime-fiction, Egyptology, animal welfare, volunteer work. (Previous: UCD Maidens Mace 2008 debating, St Vincent de Paul, UCD Student Legal Service).

Continuously attempting new activities eg; skydiving, acting extra, marital arts

**Volunteering Experience:**

* **RSPCA Volunteer,** Brisbane region, **July 2014 - November 2014**
* **Legal Intern Blogger,** Australian Internships, Brisbane, **February 2014 - June 2014**
* **Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind,** Dublin, **June 2013**

Public engagement/charity collection for fundraising for Guide Dogs services.

* **LLM Blog,** UCD, **January 2013**

 Provided an account of the LLM, TCD for UCD students via Professor Oonagh Breen.

* **UCD International Buddy Volunteer Programme** **2011- 2012**
* **UCD St Vincent de Paul 2011- 2012**

**Additional Skills:**

* **Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word** and **Prezi** experience
* **Social Media** experiencevia Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Linked-In, Legal Intern Blogging

**Awards and Achievements:**

* **UCD Quinn Business School** Student Involvement and Participation **April 2012**
* **Leaving Certificate Academic Award 2008 –** Previously a recipient in 2004.

**Referees:**Available upon request.