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Education

2015-2016	LLM (IP and E-Law)	University College Cork	
2011-2015	BCL (International)	University College Cork	2H1

LLM Modules

Electronic Commerce Law
Mental Capacity Law
Juvenile Justice
International Criminal Law

Intellectual Property Law
Cybercrime
International Children's Rights

Additional Modules

Commercial Law
Administrative Law
Moot Court
Banking Law

Medical Law
Employment Law
Law of Evidence
Family Law

Year 3 (Masters Level)

Spent one year at the **University of Oslo**, studying at Masters Level and focusing specifically on Intellectual Property and Privacy Law.

Modules studied included Electronic Communications Law, Internet Governance, Privacy and Data Protection Law

Research Projects/Assignments

- **Legal Skills and Analysis:** As part of a six-member team, I researched a submission for a fictional client's case, and presented the argument orally before the examiners. My role in the team was to research the various legal issues surrounding abortion in Ireland, which necessitated substantial use of online legal databases such as Justis, Westlaw and LexisNexis in addition to library resources. Prepared a report detailing my personal experience of engaging with a team to complete the project, describing the challenges faced by a team dynamic, and how I and the other members worked together to overcome these issues in a fair and diplomatic manner.
- **Moot Court:** Two teams of four presented opposing arguments on behalf of the respondent and the applicant. Arguments were researched orally and presented orally in a cohesive manner, and each student was questioned by the judge individually in order to assess their understanding of the relevant issues.

2006-2011	Leaving Certificate (545 points)	St. Ita's College, Abbeyfeale
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Work Experience

2016

O'Donovan Baker Solicitors, Cork

- Spent six weeks working as a legal intern in a medium-sized city centre law firm, which specialised in debt collection and conveyancing
- My responsibilities included drafting Summons to Attend, Ex Parte Dockets, Affidavits of Service and other legal documentation, managing accounts information in Excel, and general office administration such as answering telephones and filing.

2015

Court Service, Cork

- Spent three months on work placement with the Cork District Court
- Gained a good working knowledge of the CCTS computer system, including inputting data from Charge Sheets and Court Summons, maintaining court results, and printing daily court lists and minute books.
- Acquired an excellent understanding of the day-to-day realities of the Court system through extensive hours observing the judicial procedure, and obtained a valuable perspective on the application of theoretical legal knowledge gained through my University subjects to practical common scenarios.
- Obtained a highly-beneficial outlook on the importance of taking my time when approaching various forms of legal information and data, in order to minimise errors and ensure accuracy.
- Gained an excellent level of experience working as part of a team, in particular when double-checking court results and searching for past documents relating to a current case, in addition to an enhanced confidence to ask questions and seek assistance when uncertain regarding a particular issue.

Relevant Voluntary Experience

2015-2016

Member of the I.T. Law Clinic at U.C.C.

- One of a group of LLM students who provide free legal advice to startup companies regarding issues such as copyright protection and data privacy law for software and mobile applications.
- Involved undertaking substantial group research and collaborating with University faculty members in addressing emerging issues with little legislative or case law precedent, such as the copyright protection of graphical user interfaces (GUIs) and whether certain mobile applications can qualify for protection under database law.

2011

Member of the U.C.C. Free Legal Advice Centre

- An active member of the U.C.C. FLAC society. Attended a number of training seminars including Landlord-Tenant law and Employment law, attended A.G.M's, and ran a free advice clinic for students supervised by a practicing solicitor.
- Membership of the FLAC society provided me with an excellent introduction in dealing with clients seeking advice regarding legal issues on a face-to-face basis, and allowed me to apply my legal knowledge to real-world situations.

I.T. Skills

Excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and E-Mail and fully ECDL certified. Proficient at resolving technical issues and maintain particular knowledge of online legal databases such as Westlaw and LexisNexis.

Skills Profile

- **Highly proficient communication and interpersonal skills**, developed through both university and work experience.
- **Time management skills** gained through projects, coursework and prioritising tasks to meet deadlines.
- **Effective language skills**, including some Russian developed through an online summer course and a conversational level of German.

Interests and Achievements

- Completed Grades 1-8 of the Royal Irish Academy of Music
- Permanent TSB High Achiever Award for Violin
- Previously a First Violin in Tralee Orchestra
- Member of the U.C.C. Comedy Society and the U.C.C. Law Society
- Played under-14s and under-16s hurling and basketball for my local parish
- Regularly organise 7-a-side soccer games amongst colleagues in U.C.C.
- Highly-interested in travelling, and as a holder of dual-citizenship of both Ireland and the United States I have lived in New Haven, Connecticut for seven months, in addition to having spent time in Moscow, London and Amsterdam.

References

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