**Matthew Murphy**

## Profile

I am a final year student currently reading law at Trinity College Dublin. I have recently passed my third-year exams with an overall 2:1 grade representing 50% of my final grade. I am a hardworking and determined student who has shown a capacity to adapt and utilise skills of critical analysis, persuasion, organisation and communication in various high-pressure environments. I have significant experience of working as part of a team, including in a high-pressure environment in the office of Member of the Irish Parliament Stephen Donnelly’s office and as Senior Editor with the University Times. I am currently looking for an opportunity to harness the aforementioned skills in a career in a commercial law firm.

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## Education

**2015 - Present Bachelor of Laws (LLB)**

**Trinity College Dublin**

Third Year Results - Overall mark 66%

European Human Rights Law 68%

Evidence 68%

Company Law 66%

Environmental Law 64%

Employment Law 64%

Jurisprudence 60%

Second year exams – Overall mark 67%

European Union Law 71%

Private Law Remedies 70%

Administrative Law 67%

Equity 65%

Constitutional Law 2 63%

Land Law 62%

First Year exams –Overall mark 57%

Legislation and Regulation 66%

Constitutional Law 1 62%

Torts 62%

Foundations of Law 58%

Contract Law 49%

Criminal Law 44%

**2009 - 2015**

**St. Peters College Wexford**

*Leaving Certificate Results 530 points*

*Higher Level:* **English (A1), Irish (A2), History (A1), German (B2), Geography (B1),
Economics (B3), Accounting (B3**)

*Ordinary Level:* Maths (B2)

## Key skills

***Leadership***

* As Assistant Sports Editor I helped to manage a team of 25 writers and led investigations into several major sporting stories on campus, including breaking a national exclusive on Trinity’s purchase of the Iveagh Sports Grounds. My leadership skills were recognised by the Editor of the University Times with my appointment as head of the Paper’s coverage of the Students Union Presidential elections.
* I have since graduated to the masthead of the University Times as Opinion Editor of Ireland’s largest student newspaper. Leading a dedicated staff, I am tasked with the responsibility of maintaining the paper’s cutting-edge analysis of major events and continuing the paper’s record of attracting high profile Op-Ed contributors such as Enda Kenny and Kezia Dugdale. In this role I have arranged Op-Eds from major Irish political figures such as President Michael D Higgins and Richard Boyd Barrett. I have also tackled major social issues such #MeToo, with Athene Donald of Cambridge University having recently written an Op-Ed for the paper.

***Communication***

* I spent several months working as a Parliamentary Intern with Stephen Donnelly TD. While interning with Deputy Donnelly I have worked alongside the Fianna Fáil press office in drafting press releases on behalf of the Deputy. This has often involved examine complex statistics and information obtained through parliamentary questions, and communicating that information in a clear and concise manner.

## Employment History

* **Houses of the Oireachtas July 2018 – September 2018:** ParliamentaryIntern with Stephen Donnelly TD, Fianna Fáil Shadow Health Minister
* **A&L Goodbody June – July 2018:** Legal Intern, Banking Department
* **The University Times June 2018 – Present:** Opinion Editor (Masthead Member)
* **The University Times June 2017 – June 2018:** Assistant Sports Editor
* **Hertz Ireland: May 2017 – September 2017:** Customer Service Agent
* **University Times: September 2016 – June 2017:** Senior Staff Writer
* **Adecco Ireland April 2016 – October 2016:** Records Management Operative
* **The Wexford Echo October 2013 – November 2013**: Work Experience

## Additional Information

* Full clean driving licence.
* Microsoft Office Specialist in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook.

## Excellent written and spoken Irish.

* Reasonable written and spoken German.
* Member of the editorial staff of the University Times staff when named the World’s best non-daily newspaper by the Society of Professional Journalists in 2017.

## Interests and Activities

I am a keen sportsperson and have been a lifelong member of my local GAA clubs Faythe Harriers/Sarsfields. I have represented my club at every level and am now a member of our senior football panel, as well as helping to lead our under 21 panel to a county title this year. I have endeavoured to become involved in every level of our club and coached our under 8 and 10 sides from 2012 to 2015. I have also represented Trinity College hurling team, capturing a league title in 2016. My keen interest in sport is reflected by my writing with the University Times, where I currently serve as Opinion Editor.

**Referees**

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