**Niall Shiels**

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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**EDUCATION**

Sept 2017-present **LLM (Hons.) in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution. Queen Mary University, London, Centre of Commercial Studies at the University of London Institute in Paris. (Distinction expected)**

Sept 2014- present **LLB (Hons.) 2:1 University of Liverpool**

*Skills gained*

* Improved in my ability to identify and retrieve up-to-date information, using paper and electronic sources such as Westlaw and LexisNexis.
* I have developed my creative thinking capabilities. For instance, in studying law, one deals with a lot of scenario based problem solving questions, and one must find a unique solution to an examination problem.
* Constant research and assimilation of large volumes of information whilst focusing on the key elements of data has enabled me to develop excellent skills of information management.

Sept 2006- June 2013 **Belfast Royal Academy**

**A levels** English Literature: A Government and Politics: A History: A

**GCSEs** **10 GCSEs** (A-B grades)

**LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Sep 2011 & Sep 2014- **Tughans Solicitors Belfast** (each term lasted one week)

October 2013 - ‘**Shadowed’ Steven Law of the NI Bar** (one week)

April 2016 - **‘Shadowed’ Timothy Richie of the NI Bar** (one week)

September 2016 - **‘Shadowed’ Monye Anyadike-Danes QC; Member of 2 Temple Gardens, London and a member of the NI Bar** (one week)

October 2016 - Partook in a **Mini Pupillage at Coram Chambers, London** (one week)

August 2017 ‘**Shadowed’ Siobhan Donnelly; Board Director of the International Institute of Risk Management and founder of SRT Donnelly & Associates** (one week)

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### October 2017 - Shadowed Marie Audourd, Conseillère Afrique avec Présidence de la République (lasted one week)

July 2011 - **Teacher in Mulanje, Malwai** (two weeks)

*Skills gained*

* Developed my self-reliance skills, as I was immersed into situations with which I was unfamiliar e.g. teaching KS3 Mathematics and English Language. I had to be ready to accept responsibility, be assertive and adaptable.

**EMPLOYMENT**

July-August 2014 & July-August 2015 **Member of the floor staff at Total Produce Belfast**

*Skills gained*

* Enhanced my interpersonal skills and my ability to work in a team. This was due to playing an active part in a group which had a range of different ages.
* Aided my business/commercial awareness.

June-Sept 2016 – June-Sept 2017 **Waiter for Castle Catering at Belfast Castle and Malone House**

Sept 2017 – Present **English language teacher to the Poussard Family**

*Skills gained*

* My communication skills and initiative were improved as I was entrusted with the responsibility of improving a young girl and boys English skills. I had to constantly find enjoyable ways to teach the English language.

**POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Sept 2013-June 2014 - **Senior school 3rd XV Rugby Captain and Senior school cricket 2nd XI Vice-captain at Belfast Royal Academy**

Sept 2015-March 2016 - **Assistant Football Coach at Templepatrick Primary School**

Sept 2013 - June 2014 - **Elected by my peers to be a Senior Prefect. One of twenty boys to receive this accolade, out of a year of 200**

Sept 2015- June 2017 - **Children’s Rights Officer and Social Secretary of the Liverpool University Amnesty International Society**

*Skills gained*

* As Children’s Rights Officer, I gained the ability to meet deadlines by co-ordinating the campaign to publicise a report on the breaches on Human Rights amongst children, particularly Syrian refugees.
* Lobbied the UK Government to reverse its proposal not to allow 3000 unattended refugees into the UK

**INTERESTS**

* **Football**: I am a key member of the ULIP football team which plays Friday and Sunday.
* **Legal Sector**: Member of the Young Arbitration Forum, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, International Council for Commercial Arbitration and European Law Students Association.

**REFEREES**

* References available upon request.