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| **EDUCATIONTrinity College Dublin** | **2015-2016** |

*Masters in Law (LL.M)*

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| **University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland**  | **2011-2015** |

*Bachelor of Civil Law (Grade 2.1)* \*see appendix for breakdown of results

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| **Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan, Ireland**  | **2005-2011** |

*Junior Certificate & Leaving Certificate* \*see appendix for breakdown of results

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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| **Refugee Information Network** | **November 2015-Present** |

***Legal Researcher***

* RIN is a voluntary organisation designed to accumulate information on the asylum processes of each of the 28 states of the European Union, making it available to refugees on an accessible database.
* Conducted legal research on the asylum seeking application process in Slovenia and prepared a report with my findings.

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| **McDowell Purcell** | **September 2015-September 2015** |

***Legal Intern in the Public Law and Regulatory department.***

* Drafted legal documents including letters to clients and witness interview plans.
* Reviewed witness statements and evidence, ensuring information was accurately recorded.
* Assisted in preparing briefs, filed and created databases.

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| **An Post** | **August 2015-September 2015** |

***Legal Intern***

* Conducted legal research on new legislation and prepared a report for the company solicitor outlining how such legislation may potentially affect the company.
* Attended court when the company was prosecuting for failure to purchase television licences.
* Assisted in preparing briefs for counsel for personal injuries cases.

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| **An Post** | **May 2015-August 2015** |

***Business Support Officer in Investment Services***

* Prepared repayments and reinvestments for customers wishing to reinvest or encash investments in state savings, which An Post operates for the NTMA.
* Manned the call centre which manages customer queries regarding all state savings.
* Corresponded with representatives of deceased customers regarding their savings and investments.

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| **Centre for Talented Youth Ireland, Dublin, Ireland**  | **July 2014-April 2015** |

***Teaching Assistant for law and criminology***

* Provided day to day teaching support and supervision to participants in an academic summer camp, and at weekend classes for academically gifted children.
* Prepared lesson plans and assisted with homework and academic development.
* Supervised evening study and co-ordinated class field trips.
* Delivered debating workshops on law related themes.

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| **Dublin City Sherriff’s Office**  | **May 2014/2015** |

***Vote Counter***

* Sorted ballots and counted votes in the 2014 local and European elections, and 2015 referenda.
* Addressed queries from observers.

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**MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS
 *UCD Literary and Historical Society***

* Convened an international intervarsity debating competition for over 100 competitors. I managed a committee of 30 people and a budget of €3,000 and turned over a €2,000 profit for the society. I secured sponsorship, booked venues, marketed the event to student societies across Europe, liaised with competitions officers to register teams, and secured a world class judging pool.
* Served on a committee of 26 running a highly active society, running up to ten events a week, with approx. 5,500 membership.
* Judged schools and college debating, along with delivering debating workshops.
* Organised talks and award presentations to high profile guests.
* Ran social events, assisted in marketing to the student body, selling tickets and organising venues.

 ***UCD******Visual******Art******Society*** *–* ***Drawsoc***

* Founding member of the society, which has become extremely prominent and active on campus as well as gaining a large membership in its first session.
* Taught weekly art classes in a number of different media.
* Organised successful and well attended art exhibitions and gallery trips.

 ***UCD******Student******Legal******Service***

* Attended workshops in landlord and tenant law, consumer law, employment law and clinical skills.
* Worked at free legal aid clinics on campus dispensing legal information to students.
* Researched legal queries submitted by students and reported back with information and suggestions.

***UCD******Peer Mentor to Incoming First Year Law Students***

* Lead parts of orientation by delivering campus, giving library tours and explaining registration*.*
* Provided academic support where required.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

* Advanced written and spoken Irish.
* Intermediate written and spoken French.

 **ACHIEVEMENTS**

* **Debating**; represented UCD at the European University Debating Championships. Trinity Women's Open finalist 2015, Irish Mace finalist 2013, Imperial Open finalist 2014, Limerick Open semi-finalist, DCU Open semi-finalist, Tallaght IV semi-finalist, James Joyce Maidens finalist, Maidens Mace finalist, UCD Novice IV semi-finalist.
* **Mooting**; DCU Maidens Moot runner up 2013, Cecil Lavery quarter-finalist 2013.
* Grade 8 piano, Royal Irish Academy of Music.
* School captain and senior prefect.

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS**

* Swimming, art, music, debating and mooting.

**REFERENCES**
* Available upon request.

\*Appendix

University Examination Results;

(Overall grade; 2.1)

**Year 1**

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| **Semester** | **Module** | **Grade** |
| 1 | Constitutional Law: Institutional Framework of the Constitution of Ireland | B- |
| 1 | Criminal Procedure | A- |
| 1 | Introduction to Civil Law | D+ |
| 1 | Contract: Formation | B- |
| 1 | General Introduction to Legal Studies | A- |
| 2 | Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights under the Constitution of Ireland | B |
| 2 | Law of Tort | B- |
| 2 | Civil Procedure | A- |
| 2 | Contract: Vitiating Factors and Remedies | B |
| 2 | Law and Legislation | B+ |
| 2 | The Politics of Great Nations | B+ |

 **Year 2**

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| **Semester**  | **Module** | **Grade** |
| 1 | Company Law 1 | D- |
| 1 | EU Constitutional Law | C+ |
| 1 | Property Law 1 | C+ |
| 1 | European Human Rights Law | D+ |
| 1 | Public International Law | C+ |
| 1 | Individuals and the State: Social Contract Theory from Hobbes to Rousseau | B |
| 1 | Criminal Liability | C |
| 2 | European Art 2: Caravaggio to Turner | B |
| 2 | Company Law 2 | C- |
| 2 | EU Economic Law | D+ |
| 2 | Property Law 2 | C- |
| 2 | Criminal Offences and Defenses | B- |

**Year 3**

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| **Semester** | **Module** | **Grade** |
| 1 | Evidence Foundations | B |
| 1 | Matrimonial Law and Reliefs | B- |
| 1 | Criminological Theory | B |
| 1 | Law, Religion and Secularism | B |
| 1 | Philosophies of Freedom | C+ |
| 1 | Feminism and Gender Justice | C+ |
| 2 | Evidence - Practice and Principles | C+ |
| 2 | Jurisprudence | B- |
| 2 | Criminology: Criminal Justice and Penology | A- |
| 2 | Family and Child Law | B+ |
| 2 | International Human Rights Law | B+ |
| 2 | Competition Law in Practice | C+ |

**Year 4**

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| **Semester**  | **Module** | **Grade** |
| 1 | Equity: History, Doctrines, Remedies | C- |
| 1 | Employment Law: the Contract of Employment | B- |
| 1 | Media Law | C |
| 1 | Administrative Law: Grounds of Review | B |
| 1 | Advocacy and Mooting | B+ |
| 1 | Modernism: Art and Utopia | B- |
| 2 | Administrative Law: Remedies | B- |
| 2 | Employment Law: Rights | B- |
| 2 | Intellectual Property Law | B |
| 2 | Jury Trials | C |
| 2 | Law of Trusts | C- |
| 2 | Research Module | C- |

**Leaving Certificate Results;**

CAO Points total;485

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| Subject | Level | Result |
| Art | Higher | A2 |
| English | Higher | B1 |
| Irish | Higher | B1 |
| Biology | Higher | B1 |
| French | Higher | B3 |
| Maths | Higher | C2 |
| Chemistry | Higher | D2 |

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