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**DATE OF BIRTH**: 29‑01‑2000 | **NationalitY**: Irish

***ProfilE***

Dynamic and results oriented B.C.L., L.L.M. graduate equipped with linguistic competences and comprehensive legal expertise spanning EU law, litigation, and credit union law. Particularly interested in EU competition law, fundamental rights protection, and the interface of national and EU law, alongside the political dimensions shaping these areas. Adaptable collaborator with a commitment to excellence allied to a drive to succeed, poised to contribute positively to any professional endeavour. Critical Legal Thinking

* Strong Academic Writer
* Organisation
* Trilingual
* Interpersonal
* Effective Communicator
* Microsoft
* Adaptability

***professionAL EXPERIENCE***

**Court of justice of the EU**

*Juriste Stagiaire au Tribunal | Kirchberg, Luxembourg | Full-Time | March 2024 – July 2024*

* Under the mentorship of Mme. la juge Kingston, worked on both substantive and procedural matters pertaining primarily to EU competition law, state aid, and intellectual property.
* Tasks included legislative interpretation, jurisprudential analyses (EU and ECHR regimes), legal research, assisting court proceedings, attending Cabinet meetings in French.
* Worked on cases T-1077/23 ByteDance/Commission, T-141/23 Merlin and Others/Commission, T-1060/23 and T-1061/23 Delta Sport/EUIPO, T-336/20 Hypo Vorarlberg Bank/CRU et T-499/20 Banco Cooperativo Español/CRU.
* Trained in the use of EUR-Lex, EUReka, GenDoc, among other search engines and databases.
* Collaborated closely with Mme la juge Kingston in the preparation of two academic articles; one focusing on the notion of constitutional identity and the other dealing with climate change litigation.

**european studies review (ESR)**

*Editor | Brussels | Part-Time | February 2023 – August 2024*

* Tasked with overseeing the peer review process for articles submitted to the ESR bi-monthly journal and blog posts, ensuring the selection of topical and well-written academic pieces and the timely communication of feedback to authors.
* Edited articles for content, grammar, style, and organisation, working closely with authors to maintain the journal's standards of excellence in scholarship and readability.

**MICHAEL POWELL SOLICITORS LLP**

*Legal Assistant | Cork | Full-Time | October 2023 – February 2023*

* Responsible for a variety of clerical and legal tasks within the Litigation and Credit Union departments.
* In the Credit Union department, worked on Acquisitions and Mergers/Transfers of Engagement, drafted legal and HR due diligence reports for various Steering Committees, Project Managers, and the Central Bank of Ireland.
* In the Litigation department, handled live matters in District, Circuit, and High Court proceedings, working closely with Barristers and attending to clients.
* This role required strong interpersonal skills, professionalism, organisational abilities, and attention to detail.

**O'Flynn Exhams LLP**

*Legal Intern (Litigation) | Cork | Internship | July 2022 - August 2022*

* Developed strong legal writing skills, drafting legal documents including affidavits and legal memos.
* Corresponded directly with clients and prepared due diligence for meetings.
* Heavily involved in case preparation, working directly with company partners across various departments.

***education***

LLM European Law

Universiteit Leiden

*Leiden, Netherlands | September 2022 – August 2023*

* Graduated with an 8.0 GPA from Leiden University, earning the title of ‘Master of Laws’.
* Programme has a dual emphasis on academic and practical experience.
* Studied EU general principles and institutional law, EU fundamental rights protection, ECHR law, Europe’s Areas of Freedom, Security and Justice, Internal Market and Competition Law. Also engaged in moot court proceedings, working in a team of five to draft written submission under a strict time-limit and orally plead our case before professors.

Bachelor Law and French

University College Cork (UCC)

*Cork, Ireland | September 2018 – May 2022*

* Graduated with First-Class Honours (1.1) in Law and French, achieving an academic ranking of 2nd the class of 2021/2022.
* Studied a wide range of subjects, both law and language, including, for example, constitutional law, criminal law, equity and trusts, advanced use of French language, linguistics, and French politics and society.
* Engaged with several extra-curricular activities: was an active member of the UCC Law Society and played football with the UCC AUL and intervarsity teams, winning both the Murphy’s Stout League One title and the Duggan Cup in my final year.

**ERASMUS** Law and French

Université de Rennes I

*Rennes, France | September 2020 – January 2021*

* Studied droit constitutionnel, histoire des idées anciennes politiques, histoire des institutions publics and droit des personnes. Gained comprehensive knowledge of a civil law system.
* Achieved C1-level proficiency (CEFR) in French language.
* Developed strong analytical and critical thinking skills by participating in class discussions, engaging with legal texts and cases in French, and writing legal analyses in the French language.
* Developed argumentative and oratory skills in exams and presentations.

***PUBLICATIONS***

* (De)stabilitocratic Steps in Serbia’s Search for Judicial Self-Governance: successful emulation of the ‘euro’ model? (2024) forthcoming, *Serbian Yearbook of International Law*.
* The Right to a Lawyer in Pre-Trial Proceedings: a Janus-faced system of protection in Europe? (2023) *European Studies Review Journal* 14, pp. 36-41.
* The Right to a Healthy Environment: elaborate paper tiger or impetus for environmental improvement? (2022) *European Studies Review Journal* 10, pp. 27-35.

***Courses and training***

* Specialists’ Course in International Refugee Law (2nd edition), 14 March - 9 June 2023. Course organised conjointly by the University of Belgrade, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, and the UNHCR, the latter which awarded selected candidates a scholarship.

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***Languages (CEFR)***

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| English :    Mother Tongue |  | French :    Effective Operational Proficiency(C1) |
| Irish :    Independent User (B2) |