

# OWEN SHEEHAN- CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION**

FE1 Examinations: October 2014-October 2015-Criminal Law (63%), Contract Law (55%), Equity Law (62%), Constitutional Law (50%), Tort Law (60%) E.U. Law (51%), Company Law (Result Pending), Property Law (Result Pending)

2013-2014 University of Aberdeen: L.L.M. Masters in International Commerce and Law (with Professional Arbitration Skills): Oil and Gas Law (2.1), International Arbitration (2.1), International Trade and Finance Law (2.1), Trademarks and Brand Development Law (2.1), Mediation and Critical Legal Studies (2.1).

2009-2013 *University College Cork, Ireland: BCL (International)*

2012-2013 BCL (International) 4 (High 2H1) Management Accounting (75%), Company Law (70%), Law of Equity (68%), Jurisprudence (66%), Financial Services Law (62%), Family Law (63.5%).

2011-2012 Erasmus at Charles University Czech Republic (2H1) Commercial Law, Czech Language, Environmental Law, Institutional Economics, Human Rights Law

2010-2011 BCL (International) 2 (2H1) Property Law (65%), Law of Evidence (60%), Law of the E.U. (65%), Welfare Law (63.5%), Environmental Law (63%)

2009-2010 BCL (International) 1 (2H1) Law of Torts (62%), Intro to legal systems (61%), Law of Contracts (65%), Criminal law (52%), Constitutional law (56%)

2003-2009 De La Salle College Co. Waterford

**Leaving Certificate (545 points)** English A1, Geography A1, Business A1, Accounting B1, Irish B2, French B2, Maths (Ordinary) B3.

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### **CAREER**

December 2014-Present: Legal Intern, Hayes Solicitors, Co Dublin

This, my most recent role, involved assisting firstly both partners and solicitors within the Property department of Hayes Solicitors with issues relating to planning and conveyancing. Typical tasks would involve undertaking registry searches, legal research on various planning enquiries, together with the drafting and management of files.

Most recently I have been moved into the Banking and Finance team of Hayes which is a new department in the firm. As part of my role therein, I am involved in assisting the team with an array of financial and securitisation matters and deal regularly with major financial institutions based in Ireland as well as some financial services firms operating outside Ireland. General matters I have undertaken so far include the preparation of security reviews in the area of taking security together with the completion of status reports for financial institutions.

October-December 2014: Intern/Legal Assistant, Baily Homan Smyth Solicitors, Co. Dublin

Primarily involved in the Litigation Department and Debt Recovery of Baily Homan Smyth this role involved preparing briefs for counsel, drafting letters, attending counsel at court, clerking, liaising with clients and attending meetings. The experience itself was invaluable in respect of the exposure I

gained to the broad spectrum of work required as part of a full service litigation and dispute resolution team.

**June-August 2013: Summer Internship, Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, County Cork, Ireland**

Based in the Commercial Department for five weeks, this placement exposed me to work in a wide number of day-to-day testing legal issues, ranging from queries on environmental practice, tendering procedure for contracts and litigation in employment disputes. Of particular resonance was the opportunity to assist on a Unfair Dismissals Hearing in front of the Employment Appeals Tribunal.

**Other Employment**

**May 2011-June 2013: Sales Advisor, Primark, Kilkenny City, Ireland**

During my time working with Primark aside of practical till work and stocking, I learned two key responsibilities which could be broadly brushed as customer care and teamwork. Customer Care skills were demonstrated often by keeping positive and professional under the pressure of balancing customer requirements against the high volume of customers while I had to utilise company knowledge to ensure an attractive display of goods. Teamwork was crucial, the ability to rely on others and in turn have them rely on you is something which was often needed and helped develop a positive working culture.

**Other Voluntary Work**

2013-August 2014: My role as a volunteer for the student association in Aberdeen University involved assisting a visually impaired student in his day to day studies. I assisted the student in question by escorting him to and from class while also typing out notes for him, aiding him in research for his dissertation and any other tasks he needed assistance with.

September 2014-Present: ORBIS Ireland: My role is to serve as a volunteer and raise support and money for the Prevention and Awareness of Blindness worldwide and my involvement here is largely based on my prior experiences in Aberdeen as mentioned above.

**Interests and Personal Achievements**

- Class Rep. L.L.M. International Commercial Law 2013
- Committee Member of UCC International Students Society
- Committee Member of Aberdeen Irish Students Society

*Sports:* I am a member of both Kilmacow Soccer and Hurling Clubs which help maintain and develop my endurance and competitiveness. Most recently I am a member of the Hayes Solicitors Tag-Rugby team.

**Other Skills**

- *Commercial Awareness*

Experienced in identifying and allocating resources (both in time and money) to manage a variety of projects for the International Student Society and Aberdeen Irish Society.

- *Communication Skills and International Languages*

Confident communicating one-to-one, within and to groups from working with fellow students and staff ranging from professional arbitrators to partners and clients in Hayes and with a wide range of people throughout my numerous customer related roles

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**References:**

**Academic Reference**

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