**CAREER**

**February 2018 – Present: Permanent Delegation of Ireland to the OECD and UNESCO – Temporary Attaché (working through English and French)**

* Attendance at meetings and conferences, making of interventions to convey Ireland’s positions and actively working to build consensus in external relations of the OECD, development cooperation and International Energy Agency.
* Further development of interpersonal competencies in a diplomatic capacity through attendance at receptions, informal information sharing meetings and liaising with Secretariat of both UNESCO and the OECD;
* Preparation of briefing documents for Ambassador and visiting ministers;
* Writing regular reports to deadlines for other members of Delegation and Dublin headquarters focusing on areas of Irish interest;
* Liaising with the UNESCO National Commission of Ireland and Culture Ireland to coordinate Irish cooperation with other delegations on cultural projects;
* Research on UNESCO budget and how Irish annual contribution is used;
* Drafting of tweets and taking of photographs for the Delegation Twitter account to increase the visibility of the Delegation’s work to the Irish public and to engage with citizens;
* Involvement in event planning including ministerial visits, diplomatic receptions and lobbying events, including initial proposals, co-ordination, and implementation.

**October 2017 – February 2018: DG Presidency, European Parliament, Robert Schumann Trainee**

* Compiled reports of future relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union in relation to trade, citizens’ rights and UK-Ireland border;
* Drafted briefing documents for meetings of senior members of unit with important figures in Brexit negotiations including lobby groups and members of the shadow cabinet;
* Followed developments in European Parliament and committees; UK Houses of Parliament and committees; joint press conferences and writing reports on political group positions, evidence given by UK cabinet members and legislative developments;
* Drafted responses to correspondence received from citizens and domestic politicians in regard to the effect of Brexit on citizen rights and economic relations.

**January 2015 – September 2017: Gary Daly and Company Solicitors, Paralegal**

* Achieved a high level of competency in drafting, including affidavits, letters, licensing applications and legal notices;
* Managed own files in the areas of family law, insolvency and debt collection;
* Established new interpersonal competencies including advising clients, taking client instructions, instructing counsel, maintaining good working relationships with members of the Courts Service, and negotiating and organising meetings with other legal firms;
* Became adept at handling and proof reading a wide range of legal documentation, including personal and commercial information, in a professional and confidential manner;
* Researched procedural areas of law that fell outside the general practice of the firm;
* Became comfortable at making applications before court.

**EDUCATION**

**2013-2014: Europa-Institut of Saarland University, LL.M. Master of Laws**

*One-year degree in European and international law, during which I further increased and broadened my:*

* Knowledge of EU law from its inception during the drafting process to its implementation at EU and national level;
* Experience in advocacy – both individually and as part of a team while participating in the “CJEU Moot Court' in the CJEU in Luxembourg through German;
* Experience in the practical application of theoretical knowledge of the EU statutory drafting process while participating in 'EUROSIM 2014';
* Research and writing skills through the completion of coursework and seminar papers;
* Command of the German language both socially and in an academic context.

**2009 – 2013: University College Dublin, BCL Bachelor of Civil Law (European) (Hons)**

*Four-year degree in law, with an Erasmus year at the Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, which enabled me to develop my:*

* Ability to analyse critically a variety of legal scenarios in a wide range of areas, both within the Irish and the Italian legal systems;
* Ability to communicate clearly and effectively – in writing and verbally, in English and in Italian – both in essays and with groups of fellow students in tutorials;
* Excellent research skills using traditional and online resources.

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**IT:** Advanced user of Microsoft Office suite, skilled user of the following legal databases: LexisNexis, Juris, FirstLaw, Bailii, Eur-Lex. Familiar with intranet of European Parliament and Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Good knowledge of General Data Protection Regulation and previous Irish data protection acts.

**Languages:** Fluent Irish, full professional competency in French, Italian and German, intermediate Spanish

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

Avid reader with a keen interest in legal and political theory, literary criticism, philosophy, and history.

Enjoy both listening to music and performing (violin, guitar, bass guitar, drums. Former member of UCD Philharmonic Choir).

Keen interest in sports, both as a spectator and a participant. Regularly run, swim and cycle.

**REFEREES**

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