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Paul Breslin

**Education**

2014: **Law Society of Ireland**

 Successfully passed all eight of the Law Society of Ireland FE-1 Examinations.

2012 – 2013: **Dublin Institute of Technology**Graduated from Dublin Institute of Technology with a 2.1 Hons Postgraduate Diploma in Law.

2008 – 2012: **University College Dublin**Graduated from University College Dublin with a 2.1 Hons BA (International) Degree in Classical Studies and English Literature, having spent the third year of my degree at San Jose State University, California, U.S.A.

2002 – 2008: **Belvedere College S.J.**

 Completed Leaving Certificate in 2008.
Honours Subjects: English, Classical Studies, French, Biology and Business Studies - all passed.
Pass Subjects: Irish and Mathematics - both passed.

**Employment**

Sept 2015

- Present: **Trainee Solicitor**, Gartlan Furey Solicitors.

20 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2.

Experience:

* Working with the firm’s solicitors on a range of legal issues.
* Liaising with various law firms as part of a file recall exercise.
* Attending the Probate Office, the Land Registry and Registry of Deeds on behalf of the firm.
* Performing clerking duties.

March 2015

 -Sept 2015: **Project Assistant**, McCann FitzGerald Solicitors.

 Riverside One, Sir John Rogerson’s Quay, Dublin 2.

 Experience:

* Working with the firm’s Real Estate Department on ‘Project Poseidon’.
* Liaising with various Irish law firms as part of a file recall exercise.
* Performing quality assurance analysis on documents uploaded to the firm’s online data site.
* Scheduling legal documents.

June 2015

- July 2015: **Vacation Scheme Student**, Clyde & Co.

St. Botolph Building, 138 Houndsditch, London EC3A 7AR, United Kingdom.

Experience:

* Working as part of the firm’s Employment Law Department.
* Regularly updating solicitors on work undertaken.
* Attending department meetings and training sessions.
* Balancing departmental work with Vacation Scheme assessment exercises.

Jan. 2015 - **Legal Executive**, Ryan & Ryan Solicitors.

March 2015: 5 St. Brigid’s Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

Experience:

* Taking written attendance at client meetings.
* Conducting and reviewing property searches in the Registry of Deeds and the Land Registry.
* Updating clients and solicitors on the progress of cases.
* Carrying out legal research on a wide range of issues.

June 2013 **Intern**, A&L Goodbody.

* July 2013: IFSC, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1.

 Experience:

* Working as part of the firm’s Employment Law team.
* Conducting legal research into employment law matters.
* Taking written attendance at client meetings.
* Preparing legal briefs and documents for use in Court.

**Strengths**

Team building:

* Comfortable working independently or as part of a team.
* Can motivate colleagues tactfully, if and when needed.

Problem solving:

* Possess strong analytical skills.
* Appreciate the necessity of research when approaching new issues.
* I have an inquisitive mind which is essential when trying to solve problems at any level.

Communication:

* Experienced in delivering presentations in a concise and logical manner.
* I enjoy participating in group discussions.

**Achievements**

**International Student Spokesperson**

During my year attending San Jose State University, I was elected Spokesperson of the International House Student Council.

**San Jose State University Cross Country Team**

I was an active member of the San Jose State University Division 1 Cross Country team during my year of study abroad.

**Crusaders Athletics Club**

I was a member of the 400 metre Crusaders Athletics team that won the Irish National Track and Field Championships in 2012.

**UCD & Trinity College Colours Meet**

I am the 400 metre record holder (April 2010 – present) for the UCD & Trinity College Colours Meet.

**Royal Lifesaving Society & Irish Water Safety**

During my time at Belvedere College S.J., I qualified as a lifeguard, obtaining the Bronze Medallion, Award of Merit and Distinction awards. Additionally, I have achieved Irish Water Safety Pool and Beach Lifeguard Certificates status and have operated as a Lifeguard on several public beaches in the Dublin area.

**Interests**

**Sports**

I regularly compete in athletics. I was captain of the Belvedere College S.J. Cross Country Team and am currently an active member of Crusaders Athletics Club. I also enjoy swimming and cycling.

**Public Speaking**

I have a keen interest in debating and public speaking.

**Charity Work**

I have participated in several charitable events during my time at both school and university. While at Belvedere College S.J., I participated in a sponsored walk from Dublin to Galway, a sponsored cycle along the Santiago de Compastela pilgrimage route in Spain and assisted in the construction of an orphanage in Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa.

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