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Education

<i>Bachelor of Laws (LLB)</i> National University of Ireland, Galway	Sept 2016-May 2019 2nd-class honours (68%).
<i>Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD)</i> School of English, National University of Ireland, Galway	Sept 2009-Dec 2013
<i>Postgraduate Diploma in Education</i> National University of Ireland, Galway	Sept 2008-May 2009 1st-class honours.
<i>Bachelor of Arts: English and History.</i> National University of Ireland, Galway	Sept 2005-May 2008 1st-class honours.
<i>Leaving Certificate</i> St Mary's College, St Mary's Road, Galway	2005 590 CAO points.

Professional Examinations

Law Society of Ireland Final Examination Part 1 (FE-1s): 7 of 8 subjects passed to date in 2019/20:

- Equity; Property; Contract; EU; Criminal; Constitutional; Company.

Employment

Legal Practice Roles

Kennedys Virtual Experience Programme (with Forage) Sept 2020

Matheson Virtual Experience Programme (with Forage)

White & Case Virtual Experience Programme (with Forage)

- These internships provided experience of working on typical paralegal/trainee solicitor tasks.
 - Tasks completed included preparation of witness statements, drafting of research memos for partners and clients, development of pitch presentation material to prospective clients, notetaking during negotiation meetings, and redlining an agreement.

Mason Hayes & Curran Commercial Department Summer Intern June 2018

Internship responsibilities and tasks included

- Researching legal points for client advice and client responses to regulatory bodies' submissions.
- Reviewing and collating documents as part of due diligence for M&A transactions.
- Identification and summarization of research material for an EU consumer law reforms presentation to a state body.
- Delivering a presentation with two fellow interns on Brexit and financial services law changes to an audience of selected firm partners.

Research Positions

NUI, Galway Research Assistant: 19th Century Trade Periodicals Project Sept 2016-Dec 2016

- Handled tagging and indexing of project's case studies, created project's online presence, and presented on project's findings with the project's lead at a public talk.

Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellow

Oct 2014-Sept 2016

- School of English, Trinity College Dublin and Trinity Long Room Hub Research Institute researcher. This fellowship secured in open competition funded my research on nineteenth-century publishing.
- My responsibilities and achievements during the postdoctoral fellowship included:
 - Publication of project research via a book with Routledge/Taylor & Francis, five papers in peer-reviewed academic journals/books, and presenting at six international conferences.
 - Project management in co-editing a volume of scholarly essays for Palgrave Macmillan that achieved in excess of 4000 aggregate downloads.
 - Contributing to public engagement programmes with fellow researchers.

Selected Teaching Positions

School of Law, NUI, Galway, Tutor

Sept 2019-April 2020

- Tutor on undergraduate modules: Contract Law and Understanding the Law (Legal Writing).
 - Facilitated student completion of class tasks and handled course queries.

MLI, English Language Teacher

July 2018-August 2018

- Summer English language instructor teaching visiting adolescent Italian and Spanish students.
 - Taught classes in collaboration with school colleagues and visiting adult liaison personnel.

School of English, Trinity College Dublin, Teaching Assistant

Sept 2015-Dec 2016

- Lecturer and tutor on undergraduate/postgraduate modules.
 - Developed courses, lectured in collaboration with colleagues, and coordinated assessment.
 - Planned and taught weekly tutorials and delivered tutee feedback.

Volunteering/Extracurricular Positions

Public Relations Officer, NUI, Galway Free Legal Advice Society.

Sept 2018-May 2019

- Managed society's social media channels, promoted clinics and guest talks, and recruited new members at university society fairs.
- As a committee member, routinely assisted with the running of regular legal advice clinics, held in conjunction with local lawyers, by acting as an initial point of contact for clinic attendees.

Key Strengths and Skills

- Adept at problem solving and critical thinking.
- Proficient in research, identification and evaluation of sources, and presentation of conclusions.
- Strong project management and strategic planning skills.
- Proven capacity for effective teamwork and team leadership.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Experienced public speaker, practised in effective communication with a cross-section of audiences.
- A2 proficiency in French. Currently studying to achieve B1.
- Proficient in completion of IT tasks, including Microsoft Word & Excel, and social media management.

Recent Personal Achievements & Extracurricular Interests

- 2018: Routledge/Taylor & Francis publish the book written during my postdoctoral fellowship.
- Interests include running, Pilates, hiking, and table quizzes.

References

Dr Elizabeth Tilley, Head of Discipline, School of English, NUI, Galway <elizabeth.tilley@nuigalway.ie>

Dr John Danaher, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, NUI, Galway <john.danaher@nuigalway.ie>