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**Personal summary**

I am a Masters of Common Law graduate and BA Joint Honours History and Classics graduate from University College Dublin. I am currently an FE-1 candidate, with a view to beginning as a trainee solicitor in 2024. I am currently working full-time as a litigation secretary in Benville Robinson LLP while pursuing my FE-1 examinations.

During my Masters, I have demonstrated a propensity and flair for legal research and analysis and shown myself to be a clear and unambiguous communicator.

I have varied areas of interest, but am particularly drawn to Intellectual Property, Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution, and Media and Entertainment Law.

Prior to attending UCD for undergraduate and graduate studies, I attended Dance College Whitstable where I studied Professional Teaching and Performance in Modern Dance, Imperial Classical Ballet, Tap and Commercial Dance. While studying my Masters degree from home in 2020-2021, I resumed professional training part-time, online, and achieved a Diploma in Dance Education with Distinction in September 2021. I teach dance in my spare time and volunteer to give pro-bono audition preparation private lessons for students hoping to study dance full-time.

**Work experience – law**

Litigation Secretary at Benville Robsinson LLP, 2022 – Present

* Dictation typing.
* Assembling booklets for trial.
* Attending Court and contemporaneous note-taking.
* Use of LEAP case management system.

Assistance to Joe Barnes BL, Criminal Law, 2013- Present

* Assisted in organization of files prior to attending trial.
* Legal research, both researching his own ideas, and raising and researching lines of research for supplemental and alternative avenues when preparing for trial.

Legal Intern at Cassidy Law **Solicitors** – October 2013

* Provided assistance through drafting attendance notes for each day of a lengthy trial at the High Court and the appeal to the Supreme Court.
* Attended meetings and Court while shadowing Constance Cassidy SC.

**Work experience – General**

Dance Teacher, September 2017 – Present

Bray School of Dance - Bray, County Wicklow

Retail Sales Assistant, 06/2019 to 10/2019

Pandora - Grafton Street, Dublin 2

Junior Sales Assistant, 05/2018 to 10/2018

Swatch Group - Grafton Street, Dublin 2

Waitress/ General Staff, 06/2014 to 06/2014

Lissadell House and Gardens - Sligo, County Sligo

**EDUCACTIONAL BACKGROUND**

Leaving Certificate, 2016

St. Conleth's College - Dublin 4

Professional Teaching and Performance for Dance, 2017

Dance College Whitstable - Kent

Bachelor of Arts: History and Greek and Roman Civilizations, 2:1 (3.64 GPA), 2020

University College Dublin - Dublin 4

Masters in Common Law: Law, 2:1 (3.63 GPA), 2022

University College Dublin - Dublin 4

**REFERENCES**

Isobel Cassidy MA, solicitor ([isobelcassidy1@gmail.com](mailto:isobelcassidy1@gmail.com))

John A. Coleman, former Agent General for Quebec, and former managing partner of Norton Rose Fulbright (Canada) ([john.anthony.coleman1@gmail.com](mailto:john.anthony.coleman1@gmail.com))

**MASTERS IN COMMON LAW RESULTS**

**YEAR 1: 3.67 GPA (2:1)**

Advanced Property Law I (B+)

Advanced Property Law II (A)

Advanced Contract Law I (B+)

Advanced Contract Law II (B+)

Advanced Criminal Law I (B)

Advanced Criminal Law II (B)

Advanced Constitutional Law I (A-)

Advanced Constitutional Law II (A-)

Advanced Tort Law I (A-)

Advanced Tort Law II (B)

Advanced EU Constitutional Law (A-)

Advanced EU Economic Law (A-)

**YEAR 2: 3.63 GPA (2:1)**

Adv. Administrative Law I (A-)

Adv. Administrative Law II (A)

Adv. Company Law I (A-)

Adv. Company Law II (B+)

Adv. Equity (B-)

Adv. Trusts (B)

Adv. Evidence I (B-)

Adv. Evidence II (A-)

Copyright Law (B)  
Jurisprudence (B)  
Internet Law and Regulation (B)

International Human Rights Law (A)

**UNDERGRADUATE LAW RESULTS**

European Human Rights Law (C+)

Introduction to the Irish Legal System (B+)

Criminal Procedure (B+)

Civil Procedure (A)