Rionach Duffy

• Trinity College Dublin LL.B. Graduand •

Experienced Legal Intern, with a keen interest in the transformation of innovative and disruptive technology and its impact on the commercial and financial legal sector, seeking a traineeship opportunity to become a fully qualified solicitor.

**EDUCATION**

Trinity College Dublin

Law (LL.B.) 2017-2021

Second Class Honours (68%)

Notre Dame Postgraduate Law School

Foreign Exchange Student 2019-2020

**Legal Experience**

Compton Solicitors – Legal Intern 2021-2022

Compton Solicitors are a leading law firm in the Retail, Leisure, Hospitality and Licensed Trade sector.

**Commercial Property**

* Drafted and reviewed commercial leases, agreement for leases and side letters, both clean and tracked versions.
* Raised and replied to prelease enquiries.
* Demonstrated proficiency with folio and map analysis.
* Attended and participated in closing proceedings, fulfilling completion lists and returning lease documents.
* Prepared briefs and memos for surveyors and architects.

**Commercial**

* Filed documents for a corporate reorganisation such as board and shareholder resolutions, share for share agreements and asset transfer agreements.

**Civil Litigation**

* Drafted documentation for lodgements in judicial review and right of way claim proceedings.
* Filed and lodged legal documents in court such as affidavits and Application for Leave.
* Attended meetings with clients, where I took attendance and prepared briefs for counsel.
* Assisted in negotiations and compiled settlement orders in response.

**Licensing**

* Organised applications for first registration and annual renewals for a publican, restaurant, or music and dance licence.
* Lodged documents in court like a stamped Notice of Application, Declaration of Service or original newspaper advertisement.
* Compiled papers and deeds for the transfer and assignment of a licence.

**Clerical**

* Conducted legal research, creating articles and a [full publication](http://comptonsolicitors.ie/assets/Reopening-and-Operating-Your-Hospitality-Business-A-Practical-Guide-August-2021-Edition.pdf) on how to reopen your hospitality business following COVID-19.
* Supervised and managed the dealings, undertakings, complaints, deeds, and central register.
* Scanned, copied, and drafted legal correspondence.
* Ensured strict adherence to due diligence requirements such as AML, conflict checks and s 150 letters.

Washington Ireland Program – Class Participant 2021

The Washington Ireland Program inspires and develops promising leaders through a program of personal development, policy debate and community service.

* Conducted an analysis into blockchain technology and the development of its future regulation.
* Delivered presentations to the General Counsel of Wicklow Capital Inc, an Investment Banking company based in Chicago, who has proceeded to take the Blockchain project to his colleagues for further development.
* Evaluated the housing crisis facing both Ireland and Northern Ireland and responded with a solution in a detailed policy paper.
* Pitched my group’s policy paper to elected officials, which was met with positive feedback.
* Initiated a speaker session with Adrian Jones, managing director of the Merchant Banking Division in Goldman Sachs New York. I acted as the question moderator, streamlining the presentation by supervising the schedule and screening for relevant audience questions.
* Participated in debates and discussions on key policy and political themes.
* Liaised with people who had alternative views, backgrounds, and political perspectives, developing constructive and mutually supported relationships, while understanding, and learning from others.

Pinsent Masons LLP – Banking and Restructuring Legal Intern 2021

Pinsent Masons are a multinational, market leading law firm which specialises in the energy, infrastructure, financial services, real estate and advanced manufacturing and technology sectors.

* Involved in wide ranging commercial transactions primarily acting on behalf of financial institutions.
* Drafted and managed conditions precedent checklists.
* Drafted satisfaction letters for lenders.
* Reviewed and analysed debentures.
* Filled out MR01 forms, understanding the nature of a charge and other terminology such as negative pledge, trustee statement and certification of deed.
* Engaged in extensive legal research on the various areas of banking law such as debt respite.
* Summarised and digested financial legislation.

ELED Legal Consulting – Legal Intern 2020

A corporate legal practice specialising in commercial law, restructures, mergers & acquisitions both nationally and internationally.

* Reviewed, redrafted, and negotiated a variety of commercial agreements including mutual and one-way Non-Disclosure Agreements.
* Prepared advice memos on the principle of Non-Disclosure Agreements and its importance for intellectual property rights protection. Reviewed basic Intellectual Property Rights Agreements including heads of terms, research and collaboration agreements.
* Examined website terms and conditions, privacy policies and standard terms and conditions of sale.

**INTERESTS**

* Keen environmentalist, whereby I have launched my own second-hand clothing store on Depop, in attempt to reduce my fast fashion consumption. I also manage my zero-waste baking business and regularly organise beach clean-ups.
* Being a musical theatre fanatic, I am a member of Trinity Musical Theatre Society and Notre Dame Film and Television Department whereby I have performed in many musicals.
* Long standing history of volunteering, in the past I have coordinated busking events for the Simon Community and initiated sexual consent workshops in Trinity Hall of Residency, in hopes of raising awareness to the ‘rape culture’ across college campuses.