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**Education**

* 2016 Trinity College Dublin
* **Masters in Law (LLM)** 2.1 (Upper Division)
* Subjects studied include: International Trade Law, Advanced Lawyering Techniques
* 2015 University College Dublin

- **Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL Law with History - International)** 2.1 (Grade 1) (GPA 3.5).

- Subjects studied include: Company Law, Contract Law, EU Law

* 2013/2014 University of Western Australia
* International Study Abroad student
* Subjects studied include: ADR, Marketing/Management Law

* 2004-2010 Skerries Community College
* Leaving Certificate 2010, Points 510/600
* Hons: History (A2), Business (A1), English (C1), Accounting (B2), Biology (B1), Art (B1), Ord: Maths (A1), Irish (B3), French (B2).

**Employment History**

* **Michael J Staines Solicitors,** October 2016 – Jan 2017
* Legal Intern
* Responsibilities included preparing briefs for court, attending District Court, Circuit Court and Central Criminal Court trials, attending High Court Bail Applications, corresponding with clients, lodging documents and filing.
* Working alongside barristers in court has developed preparation and organisational skills
* Corresponding with clients and other solicitors has developed strong communication skills
* **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions**, September 2016
* Legal Intern, Prosecution Policy and Research Unit
* Responsibilities in this role involved researching past cases, extracting relevant information and writing up reports for internal use highlighting significant findings.
* Developed practical legal skills dealing with criminal cases.
* Developed analytical skills through legal research and report writing.

**Volunteering**

* **Irish Innocence Project**, Oct 2015 – June 2016:
* Worked as a case-worker with the Irish Innocence Project.
* Developed legal skills by reviewing cases, writing up reports, meeting with prisoners as well as attending meetings on behalf of the project with outside parties including the Department of Justice.
* **TCD FLAC**, Oct 2015 – June 2016:
* Worked on a research project with the Trinity College Dublin branch of FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres) that produced a guide to the European Social Charter for charities and NGOs.
* Working on this project developed legal research and writing skills as well as teamwork skills.
* **UCD Volunteers Overseas**, Oct 2014 – Aug 2015:
* This programme involved fundraising for, and taking part in a project in Tanzania during June/July 2015.
* Working as part of a team, set up computer labs at three schools.
* Developed professional skills through designing and implementing a computer skills education course for the local teachers, as well as holding English lessons and summer camps for the local school children.

**Skills**

* **Research:** As a student of both law and history I have developed research skills that rely on attention to detail, an ability to ask necessary questions, explore ideas and come to critical conclusions.
* **Team work:** I have been actively involved with many successful sporting teams. I have developed the ability to work with others in pursuit of common goals. My experiences playing sport have also developed skills such as preparation, decision-making, focus, organisation, self-discipline, self-motivation and respect.
* **Leadership:** I have gone on to captain sports teams that I have been involved with. This highlights an ability to motivate others, to communicate and to set an example.

**Interests and Achievements:**

* **Sport:** I am a motivated person and currently play senior football with my local GAA club, Skerries Harps. Notable achievements include winning Dublin Senior Football Division 2 2016 and the Dublin Intermediate Championship 2011. On a personal level, I have had the privilege of captaining the club minor team to a Dublin Minor Championship, as well as captaining the club at under21 level. At university level, I captained a UCD Fresher’s GAA team during my first year.
* **Travel:** I am eager for new challenges and experiences. Throughout my university experience I have travelled to places such as Brazil, South-East Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Tanzania and Malawi. My travel experience has taught me the importance of adaptability and communication skills across different cultures. Undertaking a year of study abroad at the University of Western Australia during the course of my undergraduate degree has helped me to refine my organisational and interpersonal skills while gaining an understanding of the operation of law in an international environment.