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Highly-qualified graduate seeking a new career in the legal profession. A strong recent record in business is evidenced from managing successful bids from inception to award. I have proven writing ability, solid public speaking experience and a full command of four European languages.

SKILLS RELEVANT TO SOLICITOR TRAINEESHIP

Analysis and Information Management

- PhD has involved critical review of large volumes of data and developing sound arguments and interpretations.
- Numeracy and IT skills (Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Smartsheet) honed through recent experience with a Dublin firm of cost and contract consultants.

Administrative and Leadership

- Managed successful bids for large construction consultancy services. This has included successful tenders for county councils, Iarnród Éireann, daa plc, the Office of Public Works, and an international pharmaceutical giant.

Research and Self-Management

- Successful at working autonomously as evidenced by PhD success.
- Teaching and research responsibilities reflect trust of department in capabilities.

Communication

- Experienced in delivery of high-quality written outputs.
- Socially confident through conference presentations to academic and commercial audiences, both national and international.

CAREER

2017 to present

Legal and Contracts Manager

Cost and Contract Consultants, t.a. C3 Projects

Sandyford, D18

I was originally hired to manage research and bids for our dispute resolution and expert witness services. I am currently managing our expert witness submissions on a €3 billion-dollar Canadian class action suit. The company is providing ongoing expert witness services for the clients and the court. My role is to:

- review statements of claims, summarise affidavits and exhibits, and prepare PowerPoint presentations for the legal team in Canada.
- provide research assistance for the main expert witness.
- review, summarise and interpret construction contracts and tender documentation.
- prepare proposals, capability statements and reports for our consultancy services.
- coordinate and compile tender submissions for our construction and consultancy bids.

2015 to 2017 **Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellow**
University College Dublin

Competed for and managed a research project valued at €97,970.

- Gathered, organised, analysed and published research data.
- Designed and delivered lectures for a 3rd-year undergraduate teaching module.
- Research committee member.

2014 to 2015 **Research Fellow**
DePaul University, Chicago

Managed a research project valued at \$25,000.

- Duties included locating and interpreting research data from a large range of information sources, including physical and digital sources in Italy and France.
- Compiled complex research reports, produced conclusions and published results in peer-reviewed journals.
- Translated large quantities of research data from Portuguese to English.

2012 to 2014 **Tutor and Language Assistant**
University College Dublin
Department of French/Centre for European Studies

- Prepared and delivered lectures and tutorials for large and small classes of first-year, second-year and final-year undergraduates.
- Encouraged, supported and provided guidance to students in their academic development.
- Marked and graded students' coursework.
- Prepared and updated Excel spreadsheets for coursework and student results.

EDUCATION

2017 to present	Diploma in Law (Part-time) (Law Society of Ireland) FE1: October 2018 (Constitutional, Company, Property, Criminal) – awaiting results.
2017	Certificate in Project Management (QQI).
2008 – 2012	Ph.D. in History (National University of Ireland, Galway).
2004 – 2008	B.A. Hons. in European Studies (Trinity College Dublin), First Class, Distinction in Spoken French, French Embassy Bronze Medal.

LANGUAGES

French – degree level, fluent.	Italian – very good speaking, writing skills.
Spanish – degree level, fluent.	Portuguese – very good speaking, writing skills.

INTERESTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Passion for legal debate and writing, the main outlet of which is my legal blog (Ikuta Matata), which focuses on new developments in law. Since May, four articles on the blog have attracted over 3,000 views and have been promoted by other platforms such as SCOTUSblog, one of the most prominent legal blogs in the USA.
- Keen interest in travel and improving language skills. I grew up in South Africa and have since lived in Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Germany. I also enjoy sea swimming.
- Published two books with international publishers.