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I am a highly-qualified graduate seeking to build a career in the legal profession. I have a full command of four European languages. I can also demonstrate a strong recent record in office administration and I have proven writing and public speaking skills.

EDUCATION

2017 to present	Diploma in Law (Part-time) (Law Society of Ireland) FE1: October 2018 – Constitutional (66), Company (64), Property (64), Criminal (65).
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.

SKILLS RELEVANT TO SOLICITOR TRAINEESHIP

Administrative and Leadership

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

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.

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 currently manage 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.

LANGUAGES

French – degree level, fluent.

Italian – advanced speaking, writing skills.

Spanish – degree level, fluent.

Portuguese – advanced speaking, writing skills.

INTERESTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

- I obtained the Diplôme du Programme Internationale (Mention bien) from the prestigious Institut d'Études Politiques (Paris) during Erasmus year. Further, I received the highest mark in French as an undergraduate in Trinity College and the French Embassy Bronze Medal.
- I have a passion for legal debate and writing. Since 2018, four articles I wrote on a law blog have attracted over 3,400 views and have been promoted by other platforms such as SCOTUSblog, one of the most prominent legal blogs in the USA.
- I have a 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.
- Published two books with international publishers.