

SORACHA HENDERSON

EDUCATION

London School of Economics September 2021 – August 2022

Masters in Law, specialising in Taxation (awaiting results)

BPP Holborn 2019 – 2021

Bar Professional Training Course (VC): Fully sponsored part time student alongside full time employment

Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge 2015 – 2018

Bachelor of Arts, Law (67.5%): Human Rights Law, Equity, European Union Law, Family Law, Labour Law, Criminology Sentencing and the Penal System, Jurisprudence, International Law, Land Law, Contract Law, Tort Law, Criminal Law, Civil Law I, Constitutional Law

Presentation Secondary School Thurles, Tipperary 2009 – 2015

Leaving Certificate (575 points): English, Irish, Mathematics, French, Biology, Accounting, Applied Mathematics, Chemistry

Junior Certificate (11 As): English, Irish, Mathematics, French, Science, History, Geography, Music, Religion, Civic Social Political Education, Business Studies

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Pump Court Tax Chambers, London *Mini-pupillage* April 2022

Selected to shadow junior counsel Quinlan Windle in both advisory and contentious work. Attended meetings with solicitors, clients and QC's. Discussed ongoing cases and nature of work at the tax bar.

London School of Economics *Research Assistant* December 2021 – June 2022

Assisted Dr Michael Blackwell with empirical research for a project commissioned by PwC examining HMRC's strategic use of the Tax Tribunal appellate process to amend the interpretation and application of tax legislation.

Honourable Society of Gray's Inn *Student Member* 2019 – ongoing

Completed all qualifying sessions in preparation for call to the bar.

Chancery Court Tax Chambers, London *Paralegal* August 2018 – April 2021

Paralegal in a boutique tax chambers in London. Responsibilities initially included daily management of cases, drafting research notes, keeping minutes of meetings, liaising with the tribunal, solicitors and accountants and progressed to completing first drafts of opinions, grounds of appeal, applications to the tribunal. Point of contact on over 60 active matters. Received full funding for my bar studies, which I completed on a part time basis alongside my work. Awarded Team Member of the Year for 2021.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, London *Vacation Scheme* 2017

Selected to take part in a Vacation Scheme at the firm. Sat in both White-collar Crime and Taxation where responsibilities included taking minutes, creating bundles, legal research and reviewing contracts. Availed of the pro-bono opportunities immensely attending tribunal, interviewing potential clients, and contributing slides for a presentation for UN Women.

Herbert Smith Freehills, London *Insight Day* 2016

Chosen to attend a workshop with Herbert Smith Freehills. Particularly enjoyed the negotiation exercise, in which we were instructed to negotiate on behalf of a fictional client in relation to a fictional scenario.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

All Hands and Hearts *Volunteer* 2016

I volunteered in Nuwakot, Nepal for two months where I co-ordinated with local builders and volunteers to help rebuild schools and houses following the 2015 earthquake.

ONLY, Dublin *Sales Assistant* 2014 – 2015

Served customers, operated the till, took stock. During my full-time work with the company, acknowledged for having the top sales month. Maintained work alongside school.

Alan Kelly Constituency Office *Internship* 2013

I was the initial point of contact in a TD's office for public enquiries both on phone and in person. Responsibilities included office duties such as taking minutes and filing. Observed the interaction between a politician and his constituents and discussed how that informed his stance on various issues.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Learning Together *Researcher*

Participate in an initiative between the University of Cambridge's Institute of Criminology and HMP Warren Hill, culminating in the creation of a resource for circulation throughout prisons in England and Wales.

University of Cambridge Women's Basketball Club *Treasurer*

Responsible for an annual budget and keeping detailed accounts. Managed spending of a committee. Successfully applied for University funding and various grants. Upgraded bank account for the society to reduce fees. Held fundraising events to supplement income from grants.

Caius Boat Club *Social Secretary*

Organised events attended by over 200 people ranging from alumni to sponsors. Ensured all events were profitable for the club. Recruited a record breaking 50 novice rowers through social sample events. Ensured cohesive team unit for competition in University events and beyond.

Cambridge Pink Week *College Representative*

Organised multiple events to raise awareness and over £35,000 for various breast cancer charities.

Cambridge RAG *Raids Officer*

Liaised with charities and council to organise weekly bucket collections of over 20 people. Recruited students to participate and provided them with the training. Spent weekends and vacations participating in collections, resulting in a 25% increase in donations. Broke the society record for the largest amount collected in one day.

AWARDS

Team Member of the Year <i>Chancery Court Tax Chambers</i>	2021
Joan & Leonard Gluckstein Memorial Award <i>Gonville and Caius College</i>	2017
National Winner <i>Ceist School Individual Debating</i>	2013, 2014, 2015
Munster Winner <i>Concern Debating Team Captain</i>	2014 & 2015
Best short video <i>National Media Awards</i>	2013
Outstanding Achievement Awards <i>Irish Examination Board</i>	2012

LANGUAGES/OTHER

Mooting Experience

Sir William McNair Moot 2016

Languages

English – Native; Irish – Proficient; French – Basic

Skills

Completed charity climb of Mount Kilimanjaro. Certified by Astute in Anti Money Laundering and Know Your Client regulations. European Computer Driving Licence qualification. Member of Caius Boat Club W1, achieved both blades and headship. Member of Cambridge University "Blues" Basketball team. Played Basketball internationally throughout Europe and the USA. Completed Grade VI in piano and Grade V in violin. Medal Recipient in Grade X Speech and Drama. Full Licenced Driver.