**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education:**

*Third Level-* Currently studying on exchange in University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Home Programme is Law (BCL) in University College Dublin 2014-2018

GPA for Second Year: 3.78 (First Class Honours). Second Year Class Ranking: 1st in class.

GPA for First Year: 3.85 (First Class Honours). First Year Class Ranking: 1st in class.

*Secondary School-* Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Dalkey 2008-2014.

Studied the following subjects for Leaving Certificate Examination 2014:

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| **SUBJECT** | **LEVEL** | **GRADE** |
| Irish | Higher | A1 |
| English | Higher | A1 |
| Maths | Higher | A1 |
| History | Higher | A1 |
| Business | Higher | A1 |
| Chemistry | Higher | A1 |
| Spanish | Higher | A2 |

CAO Points: 625

*Primary School-* St. Mary’s and St. Gerard’s N.S., Enniskerry, 2000-2008.

*Expect to take the Law Society FE-1s in either 2018 or 2019, dependant on post-graduate study*

**Work Experience:**

Currently a member of the **Capital Punishment Clinic at University of Texas School of Law** (January 2017-May 2017). Working with capital defence lawyers on death row inmates’ appeals at direct appeal, state habeas corpus and federal habeas corpus stages. Duties include legal research and writing of memorandums, motions and briefs, visiting and interviewing clients on death row at the Polunsky Unit of Huntsville Prison and interviewing and researching jurors of our clients’ first instance trials.

Volunteered at **Austin City Limits Music Festival** for the Love Hope Strength Foundation (7th-9th October 2016). Filled hundreds of festival goers’ water bottles over the weekend in a friendly manner and engaged in crowd control at my water-filling station. Also explained the work of the charity (getting bone marrow donations for persons with leukaemia) to patrons and encouraged them to get on the donation list.

Two months as a summer intern at **Gallagher Shatter Solicitors** (June and July 2016). Family Law firm. Duties included extensive legal research for managing partner’s lecture at Family Law Conference, detailed attendance note taking at court, settlement talks and client consultations, preparing documents for use in District, Circuit, High Court and Court of Appeal and attending lecture series and judicial conferences to take notes for firm partners unable to attend.

Two months as a summer intern at **Dillon Eustace Solicitors** (July and August 2015). Duties included legal research, general administration work, corresponding with clients and other law firms and assisting partners and solicitors.

Junior Certificate Mathematics Grinds Tutor (January-June 2015). Prepared and gave one-on-one lessons to a higher level student who improved her grade from Mock Examination to Junior Certificate.

Worked as an Exam Attendant for the 2013 Junior Certificate Examinations. Duties included setting up exam centre, assisting superintendent and signing candidates in and out of exam centre.

Volunteered in **Ballywaltrim Library** as part of the Gaisce Bronze Award in 2012. Duties included organising book shelves, decorating the library and dealing with customers.

**Academic Achievements:**

Awarded the UCD Law Degree Programme Stage 2 and Stage 3 Scholarships based on my first and second year results

Awarded an Ad Astra Academic Scholarship to UCD on the basis of my Leaving Certificate Results

1st place in Academia in 5th Year 2013 and 6th Year 2014, Loreto Abbey Dalkey Secondary School

Recognised as receiving the 3rd highest results in the Business Studies Junior Certificate Examination 2011 by Dublin City University Business School

**Interests and Other Achievements:**

Editorial Board Member of the UCD Law Review 2016. Responsibilities involve reviewing article submissions by students and academics, selecting appropriate articles for publication and editing

Sub-Editor for the UCD Student Legal Service Publication 2016-‘Public Interest Law’

Contributor to the Features section of the College Tribune 2015

Peer Mentor for incoming First Year law students 2015-2016. Involves guiding First Year law students around campus, assisting with settling into college and advising on academic tasks and assignments

Head Girl of Loreto Abbey Dalkey Secondary School 2013-2014. Responsibilities included representing my school and year at internal and external events, chairing the Student Council and liaising with school management on student issues

Chairperson of Loreto Abbey Dalkey Justice and Peace Group 2013. Chaired meetings every week and organised awareness and fundraising campaigns for Fairtrade and Homelessness charities

Gold Medal Wicklow Track and Field Championship 2013 (800m and 100m)

Participant Lust for Life 10k Run 2016 and Women’s Mini Marathon (10k) 2015. Currently training for the Longhorn Run (10k) in Austin, Texas April 2017.

**References:**

1. *Ciara Matthews,* Managing Partner at Gallagher Shatter Solicitors

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1. *Robert Dunne*, Principal at Loreto Abbey Secondary School

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1. *Paul Ward*, Senior Lecturer and Ad Astra Academic Mentor at UCD Sutherland School of Law

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