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**Education**

**Law (BCL)**

*University College Dublin*

2011 – 2015

I graduated from UCD with First Class Honours, also coming first in my class. I received the Stage III Bronze Medal for Academic Achievement for the third highest GPA across all programmes. Subsequently, I was accepted onto LLM programmes in both UCD and Queens University Belfast.

I was offered the Healy Masters Scholarship from UCD, awarded to the student with the highest academic results of all applicants. I was offered a North-South Scholarship for my studies at Queens. This is provided to a graduate of a university in either jurisdiction who intends to continue their studies in the other. This programme is highly competitive, with four scholarships awarded across Masters and PhD programmes in all disciplines. I took the decision to defer my LLM studies to complete my FE1s, while working full-time.

**Work Experience**

**Academic Coordinator**

[*Centre for Talented Youth, Ireland*](http://www.linkedin.com/search?search=&company=Centre+for+Talented+Youth%2C+Ireland&sortCriteria=R&keepFacets=true&trk=prof-exp-company-name)

October 2015 – Present

In this position I oversee the academic programmes run by the Centre, with responsibility for Saturday and summer classes, and the Centre for Academic Achievement. This is a broad role and I will be involved with staff and students in all areas from initial recruitment to the day-to-day running of the academic programmes themselves. I am completing my FE1s while working in this position.

**Lecturer/Instructor**

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October 2013 – Present

I have been solely-responsible for the provision of eight-week courses in Criminology and Law to groups of academically gifted 8-13 year olds. This involves designing class plans, preparing materials for each class, engaging students and dealing with any academic, behavioural or emotional issues that arise during class time. I also took responsibility for a secondary-school group during summer 2014 in both Law and Criminology.

I have previously worked as an office, teaching and residential assistant for the Centre. I have also worked as a Class Coordinator for the Centre which is an administrative role in charge of all teaching assistants with responsibility for the pastoral care of all students on our weekend programmes.

In September 2014, I was appointed as a Lecturer for the Centre’s Early University Entrance Programme, in connection with the School of Law & Government at DCU. I am responsible for the delivery of third-level modules in Irish Politics, Introduction to Law and Constitutional Law.

**Intern**

[*Irish*](http://www.linkedin.com/search?search=&company=Centre+for+Talented+Youth%2C+Ireland&sortCriteria=R&keepFacets=true&trk=prof-exp-company-name) *Penal Reform Trust*

June 2014

During this one month internship, secured through the UCD Clinical Legal Education programme, I was involved with a number of different research projects, including a history of the organisation and the pre-research for a Europe-wide project on pre-trial detention. I was involved with media briefings also, and attended a number of prison-based events and other conferences on IPRT’s behalf.

[**Legal Assistant**](http://www.linkedin.com/search?search=&title=Legal+Assistant&sortCriteria=R&keepFacets=true&currentTitle=CP&trk=prof-exp-title)

[*O'Riordan and Co. Solicitors*](http://www.linkedin.com/search?search=&company=O%27Riordan+and+Co%2E+Solicitors&sortCriteria=R&keepFacets=true&trk=prof-exp-company-name)

May 2012 – June 2013

I was responsible for general office duties such as answering of phones, scheduling appointments, filing, boxing of files and dictatyping. My legal work involved research for active cases, preparation of legal documents, attendance of Barristers in Court, attendance at consultations and assisting witnesses for trial. The work was on a part-time temporary basis over the above period.

**Voluntary**

**Student Mentor**

*Future Voices Ireland*

January 2013 - present

I work as a Group Leader with this project which aims to allow for debate and education in the law, with a particular focus on constitutional and human rights issues. We work with a group of students from 3rd-5th year from inner city Dublin who are considering careers in the law but who may not be in a position to utilise available services to better understand the work involved.

**Volunteer Cara**

*Barretstown Children’s Camp*

August 2011 – Present

This is a periodic volunteer position as a group facilitator on Barretstown’s residential camp dealing with children from 6 months up to 18 years along with their families. This involves living on site for a short period, organising and supervising activities and looking after their well-being while on camp.

**Editor-in-Chief**

[*University College Dublin Law Review*](http://www.linkedin.com/search?search=&company=University+College+Dublin+Law+Review&sortCriteria=R&keepFacets=true&trk=prof-exp-company-name)

November 2013 – November 2014

I was responsible for the 14th Volume of the *Review* and lead a 16-person Board in all aspects of publication of same. I worked with the *Review* since November 2011 as an Editorial Assistant, and acted as the Convenor and Chair of the inaugural UCD Law Review Round Table in 2013.

[**News Editor**](http://www.linkedin.com/search?search=&title=News+Editor&sortCriteria=R&keepFacets=true&currentTitle=CP&trk=prof-exp-title)

[The *University Observer*](http://www.linkedin.com/company/379536?trk=prof-exp-company-name)

February 2013 – January 2014

I was responsible for brainstorming and researching story ideas, coordinating editorial meetings, planning interviews and liaising with contributors. I had to edit and proofread all articles to be published online and in print. Before taking up this position, I was the Chief News Reporter and also a Features writer.

[**Secretary**](http://www.linkedin.com/search?search=&title=Secretary&sortCriteria=R&keepFacets=true&currentTitle=CP&trk=prof-exp-title)

[UCD Student Legal Service](http://www.linkedin.com/search?search=&company=UCD+Student+Legal+Service&sortCriteria=R&keepFacets=true&trk=prof-exp-company-name)

April 2012 – March 2013

I was responsible for all correspondence of the Service; setting up meetings, taking minutes, liaising with volunteers and assisting in the planning and execution of events. I also acted as a Moot Court Convenor for the UCD Law Society during the 2013/14 academic year.