

## Flexible Study

**I come from a little village in Co Galway West of Ireland. I came to England in 1998 when I was twenty. I had completed a business study course in Ireland before coming over and in September 1998 joined a London Solicitors firm, dealing with mostly Conveyancing, as a Legal Secretary.**

My sister Breda had seen the job advertised in the paper and said it was just down the road from where I was living. I sent in my CV and got the job. I will always be grateful to her for that.

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“ My employer at the time, Mr Corbett saw the potential in me and suggested I do the CLC course which he was prepared to fund. ”

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In 2007 I started my journey on the CLC distance learning programme to become a Licensed Conveyancer.

I was working full time throughout my studies, and as the CLC course was so flexible, I decided just to study one unit a year. In 2010 my employer retired and the firm closed down. I continued my studies financing it myself this time round but I was determined to finish what I started.

I managed to find a new job and being in the Conveyancing field certainly helped with my studies not forgetting the support of my employer and those close to me who supported me throughout the good times and the more challenging times.

When it came to approaching my studies, I found setting time aside most weekends to do my

assignments worked best for me so I could focus on my job during the

week. When I came up to sitting an exam I was lucky to have a supportive employer who allowed me to take annual leave in the weeks building up to the exam. I would really utilise my time off work by getting up the same time as if I was going to work and sticking to my study plan all week. I was very disciplined with myself when it came to my studies in order to achieve my long term goal.

At times it wasn't always easy, but what study is! The further I got I just kept pushing a little more and I finally qualified in 2015.

My practical experience was enhanced by working in a conveyancing environment, where I was able to practice what I had learnt on the CLC distance learning course starting from the bottom and working my way up through different roles in the firm. Each transaction I worked on gave me great sense of achievement because I was helping someone with what could be one of the most stressful times of their lives, buying or selling a property, and ensuring it runs as smoothly as possible for them.

Receiving my final exam results, I couldn't wait to tell my former employer, Mr Corbett, as he was the person who introduced me to conveyancing and saw the potential in me from the start. We had remained in contact, so I phoned him and said "I qualified!" and I thanked him for giving me a chance and for having faith in the potential he saw in me. His comment was



“You did all the hard work and you deserve it”.

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“ All of the hard work makes it worth it when you receive positive feedback from your clients – it certainly gives me a warm feeling inside and I am sure it always will! ”

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I will always remain thankful to him for encouraging and supporting me in to studying the CLC course and for my family and friends' support throughout the years whilst studying and training to become CLC Property Lawyer.

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