



## Daniel Hanrahan

### ASSOCIATE

Prior to joining Philip Lee, I completed a law degree in NUI Galway and completed an LLM at the University of Edinburgh afterwards. Having a keen interest in European law, I completed a six month blue book traineeship at the European Commission in Brussels following completion of my studies. I worked in a variety of different legal settings in Ireland thereafter which included the Free Legal Advice Centre and the European Consumer Centre, where I studied for and completed all 8 FE1s.

I applied to Philip Lee's internship programme in 2017 as I was drawn to the diverse areas which Philip Lee practices and in particular to the international focus of many of these areas of law, which align with my interest in European law. I was delighted to accept the position on the internship programme where I was fortunate enough to be offered a training contract a few months later.

As a trainee at Philip Lee, I was impressed with the amount of responsibility and hands-on experience given to me from the outset which was something I wanted my traineeship to provide. Philip Lee genuinely values the work that trainees do and provides a broad spectrum of practice areas which really helped me in deciding which area of law I wanted to qualify into. Throughout my traineeship, I completed rotations in employment, banking, energy law and competition law which highlights the diverse areas of law which trainees are exposed to at Philip Lee.

Along with the top-class training which Philip Lee provides interns and trainees, there is a friendly and collegial culture in the firm where all fee earners are approachable. This is important as it can on occasion be daunting to transition from studying law to working in a law firm, but the culture at Philip Lee guarantees that interns and trainees are fully supported in any tasks that they are asked to carry out.

Trainees at Philip Lee are seen as a vital part of the organisation and are accordingly encouraged to involve themselves in new initiatives set up within the firm. Recently, I had the opportunity to join the newly formed pro-bono committee which I am enjoying immensely and there are further opportunities for trainees to become involved in the social committee and the wellness committee.

I would recommend the Philip Lee training programme to any graduate looking to progress their legal careers. The opportunity it provides to develop skills essential for a career in law coupled with its excellent training programme are second to none.

Now that I am finished my traineeship, I look forward to the new opportunities which Philip Lee will open up for me as a newly qualified solicitor and the further development of the skills attained during my time as a trainee.

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