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EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law Champaign

Doctor of Science of Law, Health law, expected May 2023.

Thesis: Dynamic Health Justice Partnerships

Master of Laws concentration in Health, Magna cum Laude, May 2018.

Law Development Centre, Kampala, UG

Post Graduate Diploma, December 2019.

Uganda Christian University(UCU)

Bachelor of Law Degree Mukono, summa cum laude, July 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate College University of Illinois

September 2020-Present

Legal Consultant to Uganda Parliamentary Wellness Department

- Developed an Uganda national strategy to promote healthy living and combat chronic diseases and conditions
- Researched issues related to preventive health and promotion of healthy lifestyles in Sub-Saharan Africa.

International Vice Provost University of Illinois

May 2019 - Present

Graduate Assistant

- Coordinating letter writing as reflexive method activities, including assisting with exchanges between participants in the U.S. and South Africa
- Organizing and participating in monthly research team conference calls
- Coordinating research logistics of co-authorship among participants and contributing as a co-author as well-for journal articles, conference presentations, and an edited volume (book manuscript)

Center for Human Rights Development, Kampala, UG

October 2015-May 2018

Legal Officer

- Facilitated the negotiation for the right to sexual reproductive health in Uganda with different stakeholders.
- Researched implementation of the right to sexual reproductive health that was relied on to influence policymakers to reform the laws affecting the right.
- Drafted and debated the private member's Tobacco Control Bill that is now an Act of parliament

- Researched and drafted the litigation documents in a supreme court case on maternal health
- Advocated for reinstatement of Sexuality Education in Uganda and debated the guidelines to guide the training on sexuality Education
- Conducted field trips to educate girls and women on the reproductive health right
- Ligated several cases on the right to health in Uganda.

LigoMarc Advocates, Kampala, UG

April to June 2016

Legal Assistant

- Researched topics in intellectual property, litigation, insolvency of companies, and labor law.
- Drafted legal opinions for clients, involved in mediation, debt collection, and conducted company searches.
- Supported the work of 10 advocates from who I received instructions
- Interviewed clients and summarised their claims.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- University of Illinois College of Law, Racial Justice Practicum ,2021

Research Assistant

- Law Biomedical Class, Research on health law issues in America, August 2018-December 2019

LLM representative on the librarian council

- Researched on innovating ways of making research more straightforward in a foreign country, August 2017

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Law Development Centre, Kampala, 2016

A judge on the negotiation Panel

- Adjudicated a commercial dispute

Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity

June 2013- Feb 2014

Student Coordinator

- Attended Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity board meetings and represented the law students to the fraternity.

Students Guild Tribunal Uganda Christian University

2013-2014

Secretary/ Deputy Chief Justice/Writer

- Resolved disputes and was responsible for 8,000 students over two campuses
- Initiated the first Uganda Christian University Law Report and drafted Students Guild Tribunal Rules

PUBLICATIONS AND ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Benefits Depot; Bringing Government to people to Improve People's Lives, Journal of Law in Society, 2021(with Robin Fretwell Wilson and Becca Valek)

Visitation Rights in Marriage and Divorce in America: Issues, Trends, and Controversies, Two volume Encyclopedia, ed. Jaimee L. Hartenstein, ABC-CLIO, forthcoming(with Robin Fretwell Wilson)

Presented part of a Policy and Public Health panel at the Wayne State University and Levin Center Symposium 2021

Presented at the International Society of Family Law UN CEDAW North American Regional Conference 2018 about Child Marriages in Uganda

HONORS AND AWARDS

Phi Kappa Phi 2021

CALI Workers Compensation Class 2019

CALI Negotiation and Strategies Class 2018

Best female student Uganda Christian University law class of 2015

Award for qualifying for the Jean Pictet Moot Competition, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA 2015

Prize for semi-finalist in the International Humanitarian Law Regional Mock trial

Competition, organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (2013),

Uganda Christian University Dean's List, recognition for four years merit performance

Award for outstanding student Honours College, (2013)

Winning Team Award for the International Humanitarian Law National mock trial rounds (2013)

Winning Team Award Uganda Christian Intra-University Mock trials (2013)