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EDUCATION

New York University
School of Continuing Education
M.S. in Translation and Interpretation Studies

New York, NY
and Distance Learning
In progress

Institute of International Humanitarian Law (IIHL)
Summer course on International Humanitarian Law

San Remo, Italy and
Geneva, Switzerland
06/2010

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, School of International and Public Affairs
Master on International Affairs
Concentration in Human Rights and Economic and Political Development

New York, NY
05/2009

Relevant Coursework: Conceptual Foundations, Economic Analysis, Introduction to International Development, Statistics and Development Economics, Transitional Justice, Legal Writing and Analysis, Applied Workshop on Conflict Resolution, International Relations of the Environment, Global Food Systems, Complex Emergencies, and Human Rights Law and Development.

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES (ISS)

Diploma Program on Universalising Socio Economic
Securities for the Poor
Relevant Coursework: Risk and vulnerability of the Poor, Chronic Poverty and Epistemological Methods.

The Hague, The Netherlands
04/2007

ECOLE DE MANAGEMENT DE LYON

Mastère Spécialisé Juriste Manager International
Relevant Coursework: International Economics, Project Management, Negotiation and Commercial Arbitration, Contracts management, Business Strategy and Marketing.

Lyon, France
09/2005

STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY

Exchange program with the Faculty of Law
Coursework: International Public Law

Stockholm, Sweden
2002-2003

UNIVERSIDAD FEMENINA DEL SAGRADO CORAZON (UNIFE)

Diploma in Translation and Interpretation
Language Pairs: ENG-SPA, SPA-ENG, ENG-FRE and FRE-ENG

Lima, Perú
2002

PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DEL PERU

Bachelor of Laws
Licenciada en Derecho- Attorney at Law
Admitted to practice Law at the Peruvian Bar Association, Peru

Lima, Peru
1998-2004

EXPERIENCE

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Legal Consultant

Rome, Italy and Lima, Peru
05/2011- 09/2011

- Collect and analyze national regulations at the national, regional and local levels and key documents on agricultural and environmental law, including forestry, water rights, watershed management, crop and livestock production and rural development and legislation on administrative decentralization, including competencies of

regional and local administrations and other legal instruments which could have an impact in the areas of interest of the project.

- Review Peruvian agricultural and environmental legislation with the purpose of implementing international conventions and the Andean Community's instruments on environmental matters at the country level.
- Develop legal recommendations (substantive and institutional) in order to strengthen the national legal framework (national and regional) within the framework of implementation of international instruments and conventions on climate change, and to prevent the risks associated with climate change identified by technical components.

**Office of Legal Affairs
United Nations Mission in Central African Republic
and Chad (MINURCAT)
Associate Legal Officer**

N'Djamena, Chad
01/2011- 04/2011

- Conducted legal research on a diverse range of assigned issues in international law and other area(s) of specialization using multiple research sources; selects relevant material, analyzes information and presents findings for internal review.
- Assisted in the review and settlement of claims and disputes arising out of agreements and contracts with governments, NGOs and other public and private entities.
- Assisted in the review of legal documents, instruments, or other material; identifies important issues, similarities and inconsistencies, etc.
- Assisted in the preparation of drafts of background papers, studies, reports and others.
- Assisted in the preparation of legal opinions/advice on a range of international public and private law issues, including the United Nations Charter, the Agreement on the Status of MINURCAT, Security Council resolutions, General Assembly resolutions and decisions involving, inter alia, issues relating to privileges and immunities, peace and security, treaty law and practice and procedural issues.
- Assessed the relevance or admissibility of evidence gathered by investigators and assists in the review of Board of Inquiry reports.
- Liaised with representatives of the Government of Chad on environmental and waste management issues for obtaining the environmental clearance certificate for each location to be handed over back to the Government or to private landlords.

**United Nations Mine Action Service
UN Mission in Central African Republic and Chad
(MINURCAT)
Mine Action Unit (MAU)
Programme and Resource Mobilization Officer**

Abeché, Chad
10/2009- 12/2010

- Drafted and reviewed the weekly and monthly substantive reports submitted from sub offices and the sections of the Regional Office and verify that information presented is sufficient and accurate.
- Conceived and draft a victims assistance and mine risk education strategy for Eastern Chad, for the 2010-2011 period, based in the Ottawa Convention, the Geneva Conventions and the two additional protocols.
- Prepared the 2010 Portfolio of Mine Action projects for Chad to be presented to UNMAS New York, with the collaboration of the Chadian National Demining Center (CND) and Chadian national authorities.
- Mobilised resources within the Voluntary Trust Fund and from external sources for 2010-2011, for projects focused in Mine Risk Education and Victims Assistance particularly in IDP and Refugee Camps located in the border with Sudan and the Central African Republic.
- Ensured proper project and financial management of funds obtained through the VTF, the AB and from donors from international community. Financial management included fund transaction and project closure with the correspondent refund of any remaining balance.
- Created and implemented a resource mobilization and marketing strategy as a mean to attract donors from the public and the private sector to obtain funds for the Mine Risk Education and Victim Assistance projects in Eastern Chad.
- Prepared and implemented public information and public awareness campaigns on the danger of mines and ERW in French and Arabic, for local population in Eastern Chad.
- Liaison with other MINURCAT's substantive sections and with international non governmental organizations as a mean to create a coordination body not only in mine action but a steering committee for humanitarian actors in Chad and Central African Republic.
- Drafted concept notes and research pieces on Mine Action for being published at the UNMAS Mine Action News website and occasionally in Landmine Monitor.
- Developed the content of the MINURCAT Mine Action Unit (MAU) for the mission's intranet and Internet sites

**United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)
Programme Officer**

Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
07/2009- 09/2009

- Drafted daily, weekly and most substantive monthly reports submitted by regional offices and verify that information presented is sufficient and accurate.
- Prepared monthly, quarterly biyearly and yearly reports according to be submitted to UNMAS in New York and the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Coordinated with commercial sub-contractors with regard to issues related to operational reporting.
- Liaised with the MONUC (UN Peacekeeping Mission) and other partner agencies such as UNICEF, ICRC, FAO, UNDP and UNFPA, in order to obtain updated information on funding and projects as well as to produce joint project proposals on mine action.
- Acted as focal point for all mine action's partner agencies and contractors related to the program, and obtained and maintained the information about those agencies.
- Attended monthly coordination meetings with the international and national partners who perform demining operations in the ground.
- Established and maintained relations with donors and actively participated in resource mobilization activities.
- Gathered and consolidated operational information from the regional offices located in Kisangani, Goma and Lubumbashi, including matters related to Mine Risk Education and Victim Assistance.

**Instituto Observatorio Social/Centro de
Estudos das Negociações Internacionais
Corporate Social Responsibility Consultant**

New York, NY and Pará, Brazil
11/2008- 05/2009

**Project awarded with the "Leous Parry Award for Progressive Sustainability 2009"
Funded by "The Earth Institute", Columbia University**

- Served on a team of consultants to carry out a cost-benefit analysis of best corporate social responsibility and environmental practices in the aluminum value chain in mining companies in northern Brazil.
- Performed field research through interviews with federal government officials, mining companies' representatives and community members.
- Delivered an analytical report of stakeholder engagement in the Para region and the political and social implications of a social dialogue among them.
- Evaluated the labour, social and environmental impacts of the aluminum value chain in Barcarena, Belem, Sao Luis and Vila dos Cabanos.

**United Nations Office on Projects and Services (UNOPS)-
Mine Action Unit
Mine Action Intern**

New York, United States
09/2008- to 05/2009

- Collaborated with the Senior Technical Advisor on drafting the IMAS for Land release, to be approved by the UNMAS (United Nations Mine Actions Standards).
- Assisted the Senior Technical Advisor on preparing his meetings and conferences on mine action in countries of Africa and Southeast Asia.
- Assisted the Mine Action Unit staff on internal auditing activities and human resources recruitment processes.

**BELUN
Gender and Good Governance Consultant**

Dili, East Timor
5/2008- 08/2008

- Created a "Training of Trainers" toolkit on gender so the organization's staff would be able to train their partners at local and community based organizations (CBOs) on the other 12 districts of East Timor. The objective of the toolkit was to help the organizations, integrate the gender perspective into their structures and activities.
- Conducted a model workshop in order to show the benefits of the toolkit, especially regarding sensitive issues in the Timorese society.
- Prepared an a stakeholder analysis of BELUN in Dili and its partners in 5 districts of East Timor, with the findings t of a survey the organization applied three months before.

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Legal Officer, Office of Legal Affairs**

Lima, Peru
09/2006- 08/2007

- Evaluated and assessed resolutions' projects regarding water and land tenure rights for agricultural and other purposes, before enacting them.
- Wrote reports and legal opinions on topics of the sector's competence, such as water management and food provision and natural resources in compliance with national legislation and diverse necessities along the country

- Consolidated reports issued by the General Administration Office and the Office of Agrarian Promotion, in regard of law projects proposed by members of the national Congress.
- Conducted legal analysis to determine the coherence between national food security policies and legislation enacted by the Parliament on the matter.
- Analyzed and commented reports, projects and programs from a human rights perspective and advice on the integration of human rights and principles of good governance in food security work.

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PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DEL PERU Lima, Peru
Adjunct Professor of Introduction to Law and 08/2006- 07/2007
Agricultural Law

- Lectured approximately 40 students per class and twice a week.
- Examined the students with short quizzes once a week, besides the midterm and final exams.
- Conducted the recitation once a week for the Introduction to Law course.

MINERA YANACOCCHA S.R.L. Cajamarca, Peru
Legal Officer, Community Relations Unit 02/2006- -07/2006

- Organized and supervised of roundtables held between the stakeholders affected by the mining operation and the mining company. Eventually, the presence of a local government representative was required.
- Assessed and monitored several development projects upon proposal of the stakeholders, such as improvement of their grass roots and the implementation of guinea pigs farms. The project was gender oriented and designed and implemented with women organizations.
- Represented the Community Relations Unit at the newly formed Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility committee whose main task was to evaluate the company's practices and relations with the community and draft proposals for their improvement.

BANQUE CIC, CREDIT, INDUSTRIEL ET COMMERCIALE Lyon, France
Intern at the International Development Unit 03/2005- 10/2005

- Performed risk analysis of international bank guarantees and securities, for cross-border transactions in Maghreb, West Africa and Latin America.
- Evaluated return of investment (ROI) for all guarantees that have been granted, taking into consideration the economic stability and the political situation of the countries where the clients were established.

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC) Lima, Peru
Legal Assistant for the Organized Crime Expert 03/2004-09/2004

- Research on Human Trafficking and Smuggling originating in Peru and Dominican Republic.
- Drafted a law project on Transnational Human Trafficking, which after debate in the Congress was inserted as two new articles in the domestic Penal Code.
- Implemented a Financial Crime Unit for the National Police with donors' contribution.

MUNIZ, FORSYTH, RAMIREZ, PEREZ-TAIMAN & LUNA- VICTORIA LLP Lima, Peru
Legal Assistant at the Taxation and International Trade section 04/2002- 03/2004

- Advised private corporations on issues regarding income and value added tax, at a national and community level.
- Managed a portfolio of clients and followed up on their administrative law cases before the National Taxation Authority.
- Prepared responses to consultations formulated by our main clients concerning off-shore transactions and importing/exporting of goods and services.
- Represented the Law Firm in meetings with the National Taxation Administration and other governmental authorities.

OTHER STUDIES

- United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)**
- International Negotiations: Practical Skills and Techniques.
 - Climate Change Diplomacy.
 - International Environmental Negotiations.
 - Law of the Treaties.

United Nations Office on Projects and Services (UNOPS)

- United Nations Induction Training
- Prevention of Harassment
- IPSAS course
- Building our professional capacity to address HIV/AIDS

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Humanitarian Rapid Response Exercise Programme Officer

Kramfors, Sweden
June 2010

Emergency Response Exercise organized by UNMAS, UNHCR, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency and OCHA. The purpose of the exercise was to build skills on UNMAS staff for a rapid deployment of assets and personnel within the framework of a humanitarian emergency worldwide.

VOLUNTEER WORK

AIDE AUX ENFANTS DE HUE Business Management volunteer

Hue, Vietnam
10/2005- 02/2006

- Managed the finances of the bakery and drafted a monthly report for the founders of the association.
- Monitored the attendance of the students and follow up with the after school and during the weekends.
- Assisted with job search and integration of the graduated students into the local and national job market.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION Volunteer at the Victims and Reparations Unit

Lima, Peru
06/2001- 12/2001

- Collected, processed and drafted testimonies from victims of the political violence in Peru, from year 1980 to year 2000. Most of the victims were originally from the Highlands of Peru (Ayacucho, Apurimac, Cusco and Huancavelica)

RESEARCH WORK

- "The ratification of the UNIDROIT Convention on International Financial Leasing as a mean for financing small and micro sized companies in Latin America." UNIDROIT, Rome, Italy (2003)
- The issuing of international banking guarantees by local banks in Northern Africa and Middle East" Lyon Graduate Management School (2005)
- " Universalizing Water rights for agriculture: Towards the tradability of water rights"- Centre for Development Studies, Trivananthapuram, Kerala- India (2007)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office, Word, Power Point, Excel, Project, Access, Dream weaver, Lotus Notes, Microsoft Outlook, People Soft/ ATLAS, STATA, Quickbooks and HTML.

CERTIFICATION

PRINCE II Foundation
PRINCE II Practitioner level.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian and German. Intermediate level of Arabic. Basic level in listening, writing and speaking Tetum.

REFERENCES

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