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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY

LL.M., May 2013

Activities: Criminal Justice Action Network, LL.M. Board Representative

Brunel University School of Law, Uxbridge, United Kingdom

PhD, July 2012

PhD thesis: "The Ascertainment of the Truth in International Criminal Justice"

Leiden University, School of Law, Leiden, Netherlands

Masters of Law, specialization: criminal law and procedure, August 1999 (with honors)

Master's thesis: "Legal and Political Issues Involved in the Pinochet Case" (written at King's College, London)

Activities:

- Researcher employed by the Law School to conduct research in comparative criminal law and procedure, and human rights and contributed to publications and conference papers.
- Conducted research on criminal culpability of State entities at Cambridge University.
- In cooperation with Columbia Law School, organized summer course in American Law for attorneys worldwide (Leyden-Amsterdam-Columbia Summer Program).
- Worked in Children Department of Free Legal Advice Centre.

MEMBERSHIP

Member of the New York Bar

March 2014 - present

EXPERIENCE

International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands

Sept. 2013 – present

Associate Counsel representing Joshua Arap Sang (Kenya)

Associate Counsel from the start of trial. Main tasks include: cross-examination of prosecution witnesses, oral and written legal pleadings, analysis of the prosecution evidence, preparation of a case theory and strategy, preparation of a defence case and investigations in Kenya.

International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands

Nov. 2007 - present

Associate Counsel representing Germain Katanga (DRC)

Served as member of defense legal team (from Assistant to Associate Counsel) throughout the Confirmation of Charges, the Pre-Trial, Trial and Appeal phases, of proceedings before the ICC. Responsibilities include: supervising defense investigations and preparing defense case and defense

witnesses, conducting witness interviews throughout DRC during the course of four years, researching and drafting legal pleadings, motions and briefs, analyzing prosecution disclosure, preparing for, and conducting cross-examination of prosecution witnesses, making oral submissions and closing arguments before the Court, consulting and strategy planning with lead counsel and clients, and generally coordinating all aspects of the case.

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem

Jan 2013 – May 2013

Pro Bono Legal Associate

Assisting in legal and other relevant research for pending cases and court assistance.

International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands

Aug. 2011 – Dec. 2011

Legal Consultant in the case of William Ruto (Kenya) at Confirmation Hearing.

Consulted in the Confirmation Hearing, presented oral legal arguments and drafted confirmation brief.

Special Court for Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone and The Hague

Oct. 2006 – June 2007

Member of the defense team of Charles Taylor (Liberia) at Pre-Trial phase.

Supervised investigation team and conducted investigations in Sierra Leone, created investigation plan and strategy, interviewed witnesses, analyzed the prosecutor's evidence, conducted legal consultation with the client, helped formulate trial strategy and prepared for trial, principal drafter of motions and defense legal brief.

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague

July 2004 – Dec. 2008

Member of the defense team of Kosovar Liberation Army members Haradin Bala, Fatmir Limaj (acquitted in December 2005) and Astrit Haraqija (acquitted on appeal in July 2009).

Conducted investigations in Kosovo, interviewed witnesses, played an active role in selecting and proofing witnesses in court, analyzed evidence, conducted legal consultation with clients and helped formulate defense strategy, principal drafter and coordinator of the drafting of trial brief and motions, assisted in preparing for cross-examination. Drafted appeal brief and helped prepare appeal proceedings.

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Arusha, Tanzania

Mar. 2002 – Dec. 2008

Member of the defense team of Gratién Kabiligi (acquitted in December '08).

Conducted investigations in Kenya and Rwanda, drafted motions, pre-defense brief and final brief, assisted in preparing for cross-examination, prepared closing arguments, assisted in discussions of defense strategy, conducted legal consultation with client and analyzed evidence.

Westminster University, London, United Kingdom

Jan. 2000 – July 2002

Researcher and Lecturer in Human Rights and Criminal Procedure and Evidence

- Scholarship awarded for post-graduate legal research.
- Taught and was module leader of LLB courses – European Convention on Human Rights, Minority Rights, Criminal Evidence & Procedure, Crime.
- Taught LLM courses – International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law.

International Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, Montreal

Sept. 1999 – June 2002

Legal Consultant assisting in building an International Criminal Defense Bar and finding solutions to defence challenges.

Kurdish Regional Government, London, United Kingdom

Apr 2001 – Dec. 2001

Legal Consultant advising on public international law matters and potential extradition cases

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague

June 1999 – Dec. 1999

Law Clerk – Office of the Prosecutor

Participated in trial proceedings in the case of Kupreskic, wrote closing brief and conducted legal research in comparative criminal law and procedure (common / civil law).

LANGUAGES

English, Dutch, French and German (fluent); Swahili (communication skills).

PUBLICATIONS

Defense Investigations and the Collection of Evidence, Chapter in book *Defence Perspectives on International Criminal Justice*, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming, 2014).

Prosecutor's Obligation to Investigate Incriminating and Exonerating Circumstances Equally: Illusion or Reality? Leiden Journal of International Law (March 2014).

Delegating Investigations: Lessons to be Learned from the Lubanga Judgment, Northwestern Law's Journal of International Human Rights (Spring 2013, available online at: <http://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1137&context=njihr>).

The Ascertainment of the Truth in International Criminal Justice (March 2012), available online at: <http://bura.brunel.ac.uk/bitstream/2438/6555/1/FulltextThesis.pdf>.

Principles of Evidence in International Criminal Justice, Oxford University Press (2010), co-editor of book and author of Chapter I, *Principles of Civil Law*.

Evidence Before International Criminal Courts and Tribunals, Chapter in book *International Criminal Law*, Hart Publishing (2010).

Archbold of International Criminal Courts, Sweet and Maxwell (2009), Assistant Editor.

Trial and Error, Journal of International Criminal Law (Feb 2005).

Defence and Fair Trial, Chapter in *Supranational Law*, Intersentia (Feb. 2004).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SEMINARS

Presented discussion papers at a variety of conferences, workshops and panels of experts in international criminal justice in The Hague, Dublin, London, Rwanda, Uganda and Nuremberg, amplifying the voice of the defense and discussing defense challenges in international criminal justice. Taught seminars, amongst others, at the Hague summer school in international criminal justice, Leiden LLM program, Harvard Law School, Ankara Law School, Amsterdam University, Tilburg University, Brunel University and Westminster University.