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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Doctor of the Science of Law (JSD) Candidate, August 2024 to date

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Master of Laws (LLM with a concentration in Regulations, Sustainability & Compliance), May 2022

- LLM Student Ambassador
- Treasurer - African Students Organization (ASO)
- Head of Professionalism, International Students Association (ISA)

University of Illinois, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (CITL)

Summer Workshop, Essentials of Course Design

- Designing an Integrated Course

Wisconsin International University College, Ghana

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), November 2020

- Capacity Building and Leadership

Wisconsin International University College, Ghana

MBA (Finance), December 2015

- Women's Business Forum – CEIBS

University of Professional Studies, Accra

BA Business Administration, August 2008

- Treasurer – Association of Bachelor of Business Administration Students (ABBAS)

Chartered Insurance Institute, United Kingdom

Certificate in Insurance (CertCII), London 2004

PUBLICATIONS

- Consumerism, a Contributory Factor to Climate Change; the Case of Ghana, Feb 2023, IJNRD2302194 Vol. 8 Issue 2
<https://www.ijnrd.org/papers/IJNRD2302194.pdf>
- Business and Financial Times (B&FT) Columnist; *Your Environmental Spotlight with Edna Obiri* – Articles on climate change and green economy awareness
<https://thebftonline.com/2023/02/27/your-environmental-spotlight-with-edna-obiri-plastics-and-the-environment-why-do-we-litter-ii/>; <https://thebftonline.com/2023/01/30/your-environmental-spotlight-with-edna-obiri-carbon-market-exciting-news-for-carbon-emitters-at-last/>; <https://thebftonline.com/2022/12/12/your-environmental-spotlight-with-edna-obiri-bisphenol-a-and-s-a-danger-where-we-least-expect-it/>
- Bisphenol A and S: A Danger where we least expect it
https://www.academia.edu/attachments/88636366/download_file?s=portfolio
- Children's Book about the effects of plastic pollution on aquatic life 2022; *Princess Sophia and The Little Mermaid*
Amazon.com and Kindle https://www.amazon.com/Princess-Sophia-Little-Mermaid-environment-ebook/dp/B09TK2HJZ8/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=princess+sophia+and+the+little+mermaid&qid=1679335781&s=digital-text&sr=1-1

WORK HISTORY

University of Professional Studies Law School, Accra – Ghana

Lecturer, September 2022 to date

- Contract Law
- Legal Environment of Business
- Commercial Law
- Environmental Law
- Research interest in Environmental Law, specifically Climate Change

RELX Inc.

LexisNexis Associate – 01/15/2025

- Conduct thorough legal research to evaluate precedents, develop and validate new theories, or analyze an opponent's position.
- Assist in drafting legal documents, including briefs, pleadings, motions, and other related materials.
- Provide practical guidance by consulting checklists, drafting notes, alternative clauses, and sample agreements on various legal topics.
- Utilize LexisNexis tools to research legal case laws for case preparation.
- Offer Declined

MacCarthy and Associates Law Firm, Accra – Ghana

Legal Research Assistant, July 2020 – May 2021

- Located authoritative and relevant legal precedent to assess probable outcomes and potential arguments
- Analyzed deeds of trust to verify grantor, grantee, trustee, and loan amounts for executive leadership
- Contacted clients to schedule appointments and discuss the progress of cases
- Assisted attorneys with reviewing and organizing witness reports

Apex Events Limited, Accra – Ghana

Executive Director, July 2017 – June 2021

- Led a team of 15 other leaders and heads of departments reporting to the Board of Directors
- Facilitated over GHc100,000 in annual business for 3+ years
- Increased business profits by 35% by streamlining processes and trimming unnecessary positions
- Devised new promotional approaches to boost customer numbers and market penetration while enhancing engagement and driving growth.

MacCarthy and Associates Law Firm, Accra - Ghana

Legal Research Assistant – Intern, June – July 2018

- Researched current and leading cases in various areas of law especially contract and criminal law
- Scheduled meetings with clients, drafted correspondence, and filed cases
- Assisted attorneys in their preparation for court hearings and trials by conducting relevant research and organizing their case files
- Located authoritative and relevant legal precedent to assess probable outcomes and potential arguments
- Communicated pertinent information to clients via phone and email

United Pensions Trustees, Accra – Ghana

Compliance Officer, March 2012 to June 2017

- Set up and managed a Compliance Department
- Introduced a Compliance Strategy for Management
- Ensured that all transactions and processes were compliant with the National Pensions Law Act (Act 766)
- Initiated quarterly compliance training sessions for all Departments
- Prepared quarterly compliance reports for board actions
- Attended all compliance-related meetings with the National Pensions Regulatory Authority (NPRA)

Nationwide Mutual Healthcare, Accra – Ghana

Claims Manager – January 2004 – February 2012

- Managed the direction of billing for medical services provided to patients
- Planned, organized, and directed the medical claims department
- Coordinated with representatives of outside agencies and healthcare providers
- Monitored billing activities, performance management and production standards, and quality of results
- Stayed up to date with regulations and requirement changes regarding claims and billing requirements.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

UPSA Law School Legal Clinic

Coordinator and Supervisor

- Worked with other clinic coordinators to organize clinic activities.
- On assigned days, I supervised law student volunteers in receiving walk-ins as well as appointment-based clients.

Planning Committee Member

Ghana Climate Change and Green Economy Week; March 2023 to date

- Selection of venues for the various events
- Setting roles for team members
- Designing Programs for various activities
- Setting budgets for the various events and soliciting sponsorship

Member | Center for Climate, Law, and Policy (CCLAP)

University of Professional Studies, Accra; Sept. 2022 to date

- Promoting green technologies for sustainable development
- Promoting effective climate mitigation and adaptation strategies locally, nationally, and internationally
- Undertaking cutting-edge research on the social, economic, and ecological dimensions
- Augmenting the nation's efforts to achieve the objectives of the National Climate Change Policy

Land Conservation Volunteer

Land Conservation Foundation in Central Illinois, USA

- Protecting and restoring natural lands along local rivers in the Central Illinois region.
- Mudpuppy Festival

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Graduate Students' Association of Ghana, USA Chapter (GRASAG-USA)

Chief Justice, September 18, 2024, to date

- Interpret GRASAG-USA Constitution, bylaws, and policies to ensure clarity and consistency in governance
- Preside over hearings, investigations, and reviews related to member disputes, misconduct or grievances
- Enforce ethical standards and guidelines for member behavior, including issues related to professional conduct, respect, and integrity.
- Over elections and ensure they are conducted fairly, transparently, and according to the constitution

African Students Organization (ASO)

Social Chair, May 14, 2024, to date

- Organize activities that engage members with African cultures, such as Cultural Heritage Nights, etc.
- Coordinate with other Committee Members, including the President, Treasurer and Communications Team for Events Approval and Budgets

- Develop programs and promote unity and understanding within the Group and Broader Campus Community
- Establish partnerships with other cultural groups on campus to foster a sense of community and intercultural engagements

African Students Organization (ASO)

Treasurer, October 2021 to May 2022

- Kept a written account of all ASO financial transactions
- Created budgets for ASO events and activities as needed
- Was solely responsible for depositing and withdrawing funds from ASO Bank accounts
- Worked closely with the President, Vice President, and Secretary to apply for various funds as needed
- Reported regularly to the Board and members on ASO's financial status

International Student Association (ISA)

Head of Professionalism, February 2022 to May 2022

- Facilitated the interaction of all international students as well as American students interested in intercultural communication
- Fostered students' experience notwithstanding their country of origin
- Organized seminars and symposiums to discuss matters concerning international students
- Fostered students with the competence and skills expected in a professional

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

The AfCFTA, African Trade and Innovation Conference, May 16 and 17, 2024.

- Standing Planning Committee Member, UPSA Division
- Presentation of paper | *Navigating Ghanaian Agricultural Law for AfCFTA and Green Business* (Work in progress).

Moderator | *Green Education our Mind-set and Lifestyle Implications for Energy Justice, April 25, 2024*

- Panel Discussion in collaboration with UC College of Law San Francisco, Center for Climate Change Law and Policy, and the Energy Justice Social Contract Chair
- for the Discussions

Speaker/Presenter | *Research Dialogue Series, UPSA Law School, November 27, 2023*

- *The Impact of Environmental Regulations on Firms' Competitiveness*

Speaker/Presenter | *West African Mentorship Program on the Theme: Building World Leaders, October 10, 2023*

- *Implementation of Laws and Policies in Africa: Challenges and Prospects*

Moderator | *Climate Transition Series Webinar, Center for Climate, Law, and Policy, UPSA, Feb. 2023*

- Carbon Market and the Legal Framework of Ghana

SKILLS

University of London, SOAS University of London, Coursera Online

Understanding Research Methods, June 22, 2022

- Research Writing skills

Computer Skills

Working with word processing documents, office software, online research, creating and managing spreadsheets, using databases, and typing.

Academic Advisor Skills

Actively involved in advising students from diverse backgrounds, including first-generation students, international students, and non-traditional students, helping them navigate academic requirements and develop personalized educational plans that are consistent with their personal interests, values, and abilities.