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MSc in Law and Finance



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Introduction



MLF candidates are an exceptionally talented and diverse group of students. They arrive having graduated at or near the top of their undergraduate class, often combined with several years of professional experience. They leave with graduate level training in finance and economics, along with a sophisticated understanding of the complex transactional and policy issues at the intersection of law and finance. This is the MLF's unique value proposition and the reason why our graduates go on to successful, high impact careers in law, finance, consultancy, policy, and academia.

Professor Kristin van Zwieten

MLF Academic Director

About the programme

The MLF is a one-year taught Master's programme delivered jointly by Oxford's Faculty of Law and the Saïd Business School. Since its inception in 2010, the MLF has gained an unparalleled reputation for combining academic excellence with practical insights into the important and complex issues at the intersection of law and finance. As part of the curriculum, MLF students undertake graduate level courses in the core courses of First Principles of Financial Economics; Finance; and the Law and Economics of Corporate Transactions. These core courses are then supplemented by courses from the Law Faculty and Saïd Business School's wide offering of electives, including Principles of Financial Regulation, Corporate Finance Law, Entrepreneurial Finance Projects, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Private Equity.

This in-depth exposure to cutting edge research and ideas in the fields of both law and finance makes MLF graduates exceptionally well qualified to address the important challenges facing businesses, governments, lawyers and regulators in the 21st century. The University of Oxford was named the world's number one university for the tenth successive year in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings in 2026. Oxford's Faculty of Law was ranked second in the world in the 2026 QS World University Rankings for Law and Legal Studies.

Statistics

Age Range	Average Age	Gender Ratio	Nationalities
20–32	26	45%(M)-55%(F)	32

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EDUCATION

University of Ghana, Ghana, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (07/2020)

Ghana School of Law, Ghana, Qualifying Certificate for the Practice of Law (11/2022)

Bachelor of Laws (LLB): first class honours; Best Oralist at the University of Ghana Inter-Firm Moot Court Competition. Qualifying Certificate for the Practice of Law: first class honours; and Best Oralist at the Ghana School of Law Baffour-Osei Akoto Moot Court Competition

EMPLOYMENT

Senior Associate, Kimathi & Partners, Corporate Attorneys, Ghana (09/2021–09/2026)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Ghanaian lawyer and Mastercard Foundation Scholar with experience in corporate transactions, project finance, regulatory advisory, and tax. Before joining the MLF programme at the University of Oxford, I was a Senior Associate at Kimathi & Partners, Corporate Attorneys in Accra, Ghana. I hold first class degrees from the University of Ghana and Ghana School of Law, where I received Best Oralist awards in Moot court competitions. My interests lie at the intersection of law, finance, and economic development, with a particular focus on facilitating investment and commercial growth across Africa.



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EDUCATION

Gujarat National Law University, India, B.A. LL.B. (Hons) (06/2026)

Ranked in the top 5% of the cohort; awarded Highest Ranked Team (combined written and oral pleadings), Best Written Pleadings (Claimant and Respondent), and a US$1,500 cash prize at the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot - World Rounds, Suffolk University, Boston (2025); and 2nd Best Speaker at the 21st Annual Oxford International Intellectual Property Law Moot - World Rounds (2024)

EMPLOYMENT

Intern, Justice J.B. Pardiwala, Supreme Court of India, India (11/2025–12/2025)
International Clerk, Linklaters LLP, United Kingdom (11/2024–12/2024)
Legal Intern, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, India (06/2024–07/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

My career interests are in M&A, and transactional law, with research interests in corporate law, and law and economics. I presented my research at the Italian Society of Law and Economics Conference, LUMSA University, Italy (2022), and am the recipient of a Training Contract awarded by Linklaters, commencing in 2027. My publications include *Should Vaccinations Be Mandated? An Economic Analysis in the Context of COVID-19, Law and Economics: Analysing Facets of Public Policy* (Eastern Book Company, 2024), and *Economic Efficiency of the Legal Position of Employment Bonds in India, Economic Analysis of Law: An Interdisciplinary Approach* (Eastern Book Company, 2023).

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EDUCATION

Università degli Studi di Macerata, Italy, Master's Degree in Law (04/2024)

Giacomo Leopardi School of Advanced Studies, University of Macerata, Italy, Diploma in Social Sciences (07/2024)

Master's Degree in Law: final grade: 110/110 summa cum laude. Diploma in Social Sciences: selected on academic merit (ranked 1st) for the honours programme, awarded full scholarship covering tuition and living expenses

EMPLOYMENT

Associate (Financial Regulation), PedersoliGattai Law Firm, Italy (09/2024–08/2026)
Intern, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN and WTO (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy), Switzerland (01/2023–04/2023)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

My career and research interests include financial regulation, corporate law, central banking, private equity, and venture capital.



Lawrence Alado

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EDUCATION

Makerere University, Uganda, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (01/2025); Law Development Centre, Uganda, Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (06/2026)

First class honours; class valedictorian; second-highest grade average in the Law School's history; Lord Denning Award for Academic Excellence; and Most Academic Helpful Student Prize

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Assistant, H&G Advocates, Uganda (01/2026-09/2026)
Clerkship Student, DLA Piper Africa - Uganda (S&L Advocates), Uganda (05/2025–08/2025)
Legal Intern, DLA Piper France, France (08/2024–09/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I have experience working with teams structuring and litigating energy, infrastructure, and project finance transactions across emerging markets, from clean energy construction guarantees to cross-border power and natural resource disputes. I am a Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust Scholar and Editor-In-Chief of the *DLA Piper Global Scholarship Programme Newsletter*. I co-founded Medical Missions, a South Sudan medical outreach NGO, and Kymatos Technologies, a Ugandan VR and AI startup. My recent publications include Lawrence Alado, "Colonial Legacy and Constitutional Dilemma: Limitations of the Right to Unionise and Bargain Collectively Under Uganda's Labour Unions Act, Cap. 228." *East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights* (2024), and Lawrence Alado (Co-Author), "Defending the Right to Love: A Case for Registration of Customary Marriages." *Makerere Law Journal* (2023).

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EDUCATION

King Saud University, Saudi Arabia, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (05/2021)

First class honours

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Officer, Legal Advice Department, Capital Market Authority (CMA), Saudi Arabia (12/2024–present)
Regulatory Specialist, Insurance Authority, Saudi Arabia (01/2024–11/2024)
Legal Specialist, Saudi Central Bank (SAMA), Saudi Arabia (04/2022–01/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am interested in financial regulation, capital markets, and the evolving financial landscape in Saudi Arabia, with experience spanning different areas of the financial sector and contributions to several initiatives under Saudi Arabia's Financial Sector Development Program (FSDP), including the separation of insurance supervision from SAMA and the establishment of the Insurance Authority.



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EDUCATION

Escuela Libre de Derecho, Mexico, Título de Abogado (Degree of Lawyer) (J.D. Equivalent) (10/2025)

Received an Academic Excellence Award in the first year of studies; and graduated with an honorable mention ranking within the top 5% of the class

EMPLOYMENT

Attorney, Banco de México (Central Bank), Mexico (06/2022–present)
Law Clerk, González de Castilla & Ávila Abogados, S.C., Mexico (08/2019–04/2020)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a lawyer deeply interested in social justice and addressing economic inequality. This interest has led me to examine the role of law in creating and perpetuating such conditions. As a result, I pursued a career in a field that would enable me to contribute to the design and development of laws and regulations. This aspiration ultimately led me to my current position as a lawyer in the financial regulation division of the Mexican central bank.

B



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EDUCATION

Leiden University, the Netherlands, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (08/2023); Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Physics (06/2022)

Leiden University, the Netherlands, Master of Laws (LL.M) in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure and in Private Law (07/2025)

Graduated cum laude for all degrees; and Legatum Böckelmannianum award in 2021 as top first year student in the faculty

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant to Professor H.J. Snijders, Leiden University, the Netherlands (09/2024–02/2026)
Research Assistant, Dispute Resolution, NautaDutilh, the Netherlands (06/2024–08/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Member of the Examination Appeals Board of Leiden University, the Netherlands, and served as President of Mordenate College from 2024 until 2025. I was a winner of the Dutch-Flemmish Moot Court Competition in 2024, and winner of the Dutch National Moot Court Marathon: best court team in 2025. My research interests are property law, insolvency law, conflict of laws, and civil procedure. My most recent publication is E Stroop and others, *Law & Art*, (Wolters Kluwer, 2025).



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EDUCATION

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile, Licenciado en Derecho (J.D. Equivalent) (12/2020)

Graduated with highest distinction (summa cum laude), with an Academic Certificate in Labor Law and Social Security, and ranked No. 5 out of 375 students of my class; San Alberto Hurtado Award, awarded to the top student in the Labor Law and Social Security certificate program, recognized for service to underprivileged and alignment with values of Saint Alberto Hurtado (2021); and Honor Tuition Award (Premio Matrícula de Honor), awarded to the student with the highest weighted admission score among all incoming students of the respective cohort (2015)

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Carey y Cía., Chile (04/2021–07/2026)
Paralegal, Bofill Mir & Álvarez Jana, Chile (12/2018–12/2019)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Chilean corporate lawyer with over five years' experience, specializing in M&A, capital markets, and finance. I graduated from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, after entering law school with the highest admission score in the school's history, and completed an academic exchange at the University of Edinburgh. Admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court of Chile and member of the Chilean Bar Association, I also serve as Chief Teaching Assistant in Civil Law at my alma mater, having been involved in academic activities since my graduation.

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EDUCATION

Indian Law Society's Law College, India, B.A. LL.B. (08/2022)

Graduated with first class honours with distinction

EMPLOYMENT

Senior Associate, Finsec Law Advisors, India (06/2024–07/2026)
Associate, Finsec Law Advisors, India (08/2022–06/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am qualified to practice in India. I have advised listed companies and financial institutions extensively on financial regulation, product design, and represented clients before regulators and exchanges. I have authored op-eds in financial dailies (Financial Express, ET, etc), and served as panelist on market regulations at conferences. My interests include financial regulation, fintech, and corporate finance. My publications include R. Birmole, "Carving a Competitive Landscape in the Trading Space: Assessing the Proposed Ownership Structure for Stock Exchanges in India", *RGNUL Financial and Mercantile Law Review* (2022), and R. Birmole & R. Kanakia, "Unpacking a Data Sharing Economy: Implications for Data-Driven Startups in India", *Contemporary Developments in Corporate and Commercial Laws in India* (2021).



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EDUCATION

University of Mannheim, Germany, LLB in Law and Economics (09/2021); First State Examination in Law (01/2024); Higher Regional Court of Karlsruhe, Germany, Second State Examination in Law (04/2026)

First State Examination: ranked 3rd in my cohort, and within the top 1.7% in the state examination

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Trainee, BakerMcKenzie, Germany (12/2024–04/2025)
Legal Trainee, BakerMcKenzie, Singapore (01/2026–03/2026)
Law Clerk, BakerMckenzie, Germany (06/2026–09/2026

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a full examined lawyer in Germany with a bachelor's degree in law and economics. I am now pursuing a PhD examining the interplay of arbitration and artificial intelligence. I am especially interested in arbitration and negotiation, and in how emerging technology and AI are reshaping both. My most recent publications are: E. Campean, L. Reiser, "Highest Regional Court of Bavaria clarifies that Expert Determination does not Displace Jurisdiction of an Arbitral Tribunal", *Global Arbitration News* (2025), and E. Campean, N. Gremminger, "From just-in-time to just-in-court – the rise of interim orders as automotive supply chain disputes shift into high gear", *Global Litigation News* (2026).



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EDUCATION

Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Venezuela, Abogado/ Bachelor of Laws with Minor in Finance (02/2023)

Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (IESA), Venezuela, Master in Business Administration (MBA) (04/2026)

Abogado/Bachelor of Laws with Minor in Finance: summa cum laude honours (highest distinction); Academic Excellence Award from School of Law (2017–2022); Top Student of the Year in IESA's MBA programme (2024, 2025); Honorable Mention Diploma and Best International Delegation at Harvard Model United Nations (2020, 2021); and Beca Magis recipient, a competitive postgraduate scholarship awarded by UCAB to top graduates; and Ucabista Global (2020, 2021). Master in Business Administration (MBA): pioneered a work-study scholarship programme, securing my own funding through the initiative

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Director, Grupo Fiducia Capital / Fiducia Casa de Bolsa, Venezuela (02/2026–present)
Associate Lawyer (Corporate, Financial & Capital Markets), LGM, LGA & Asociados, Venezuela (01/2021–01/2026)
External Counsel, F.V.I Fondo de Valores Inmobiliarios S.A.C.A., Venezuela (01/2021–05/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Chevening and Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Scholar. Beyond my primary legal roles, I have served as Alternate Board Director of a financial institution (Eleva Valor, C.A.) and an insurance company (Vida Medicina Prepagada, C.A.), contributing to strategic oversight and regulatory compliance. I have been a lecturer in Commercial Law at UCAB since 2021, and served as Research Assistant at UCAB's Institute of Legal Research on a project analysing twenty years of political negotiation in Venezuela. My career interests lie in project finance, M&A, investment banking, debt restructuring, financial regulation, and security structuring.



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EDUCATION

University of Belgrade, Serbia, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (06/2023)

2023 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot: runner-up for the Eric E. Bergsten Award for Best Team Oral Rounds (2nd out of 378 teams); Honourable Mention for the Pieter Sanders Award for Best Claimant's Memorandum; Faculty of Law Commendation for Academic Excellence (2020–2023); top of the cohort; Dositeja Scholarship; Serbian Young Talents Fund (2023); and Scholarship of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Serbia (2021, 2022)

EMPLOYMENT

Attorney at Law, Schoenherr Attorneys at Law, Serbia (09/2023–09/2026)
Legal Intern, National Bank of Serbia, Serbia (07/2022–09/2022)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am an Attorney at Law admitted to the Serbian Bar Association. I qualified in corporate and finance practice, working on transactions across the Western Balkans. My career interests include M&A, corporate finance, decentralised finance, private equity, and Legaltech.

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EDUCATION

Queen Mary University of London and Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University, United Kingdom and France, Double Degree in English Law and French Law LLB (Hons) (07/2026)

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, France, Master 1 in International Commercial Law, Internal Arbitration, and International Private Law

Winner of the 2025/26 French Law Prize (outstanding academic achievement) 2026; winner of the 2024/25 Law Prize for Outstanding Research and Analysis (outstanding research and analysis outside of degree programme) 2025; and winner of the Sullivan & Cromwell Award for Best Second Year Student (academic achievement – first out of 360 students) 2024

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Trainee, Reed Smith, France (06/2026–08/2026)
Legal Trainee, Ashurst, France (06/2025–08/2025)
Legal Trainee, Ernst & Young, France (06/2023–07/2023)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

In 2025, I won the Inter-University Franco-British ORAS Mooting Competition individually, and was runner-up in the 15th Anniversary UK Supreme Court Essay Competition, selected from over 225 entries. In 2024, I won the Hogan Lovells x QM Law Society Commercial Negotiation Competition as part of a team of over 60 participating teams. I also reached the quarterfinals of the George Hinde Mooting Competition, and represented Queen Mary as a finalist in the Inter-University Commercial Negotiation Competition.



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EDUCATION

Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany, First Legal State Examination (09/2025)

Ranked 8th out of 657 candidates statewide; highest written mark out of 4,599 scripts

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I have a specialisation in corporate law. My career interests lie in private equity, M&A, restructuring, and insolvency. My research interests include the corporate adoption of AI, its regulation, and its impact on labour markets.

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EDUCATION

Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China, Bachelor of Laws (06/2025)

Ranked 1st in my undergraduate cohort (Top 1%); Des Voeux Chambers–CLECSS Scholarship (2026); National Excellent Graduate (2025); the National Scholarship (2024); First-Class Scholarship (2022, 2023); and Top 10 Outstanding Law Students Award (2022); In mooting, I was a China National Champion and Global Top 12 team member in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; and national prizes and Best Oralist awards in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, CIETAC Cup, and Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Intern, International Arbitration Team, Han Kun Law Offices, China (03/2026–05/2026)
Legal Intern, Legal Department, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), China (06/2025–08/2025)
Lega Intern, Investment Contracts & Best Practices for Effective Enforcement Working Group, UNIDROIT, Italy (01/2025–04/2025)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I hold an LL.B. from Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, and am pursuing a Master of Laws at Renmin University of China, specialising in foreign-related legal studies. My experience spans international arbitration, cross-border dispute resolution, and commercial law, including roles at Han Kun Law Offices, HKIAC, UNIDROIT and Hubei High People's Court. I have co-authored an article on judicial review of pre-arbitration procedural requirements, "Rethinking Judicial Review of Pre-Arbitration Procedure Clauses in the Context of Admissibility Transformation", *Commercial Arbitration and Mediation*, No. 1 (2026).



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EDUCATION

Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom, Senior Status LLB (07/2026); University of British Columbia, Canada, BA Sociology, Minor in Law and Society (05/2021)

University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, MSc Global Mental Health and Society (11/2022)

Senior Status LLB: first class honours, and School of Law Principal's Prize. MSc Global Mental Health and Society: first class honours. BA Sociology, Minor in Law and Society: awarded high distinction; Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer Prize for Academic Excellence in Tort Law; School of Law Prize for Academic Excellence in Equity & Trusts; Prize for Academic Excellence in Public International Law; and Prize for Anti-Racism Work

EMPLOYMENT

Student Adviser, Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre, United Kingdom (09/2025–05/2026)
Legal Intern, The Commonwealth Secretariat, United Kingdom (07/2025–08/2025)
Child and Youth Mental Health Engagement Specialist, Vancouver Coastal Health, Canada (05/2023–05/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a former public health professional and aspiring lawyer with career interests in international law and policy. My research interests include social justice, the rule of law, women's financial inclusion, and development economics. In connection with my most recent publication, Renite Gosal, "Victims and Perpetrators: A Feminist Critique of Homicide Law in England and Wales", *Manchester Review of Law, Crime and Ethics* (2026), I represented Canada at the 2026 UN Commission on the Status of Women, where I advocated for femicide legislation reforms.

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EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Bachelor of Science (BSc) Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE), with a major in Law (07/2025); Minor in Law and Economics (01/2024)

Amsterdam Law Trials Winning Lawyer Team (2025); ECHO Award Nominee for academic excellence, leadership and commitment to diversity and inclusion (2025); and Diversity Ambassador (2025)

EMPLOYMENT

Intellectual Property Rights Intern, Luthra & Luthra Law Offices India, India (11/2025–12/2025)
Legal Intern, MCO Legals, India (07/2024–08/2024)
Legal Intern, D&V Legal, India (08/2023–09/2023)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I graduated from the University of Amsterdam with an overall result equivalent to First Class Honours. I completed an additional Minor in Law and Economics. I am the Managing Editor of the *PPLE Academic Journal*, and Co-Chairperson of the PPLE Diversity Board. I was a UNICEF Amsterdam Student Team Board Member. I was a winning Lawyer Team at the Amsterdam Law Trials, a city-wide mock trial competition involving teams from universities across Amsterdam (2025). I was the ECHO Award Nominee and Diversity Ambassador (2025). My academic interests include financial regulation, fintech, and AI regulation, particularly exploring commercial implications of innovation; career interests include strategic consulting, business and corporate law, corporate governance, and technology regulation.



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EDUCATION

The University of Tokyo, Japan, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (03/2017)

Harvard Law School, United States of America, Master of Laws (LL.M.) (05/2026)

Oxford Kobe Scholarship (2026–27). Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.): graduated with the highest overall honour "Outstanding" and "Excellent" in both primary (Positive Law) and secondary (Jurisprudence) fields

EMPLOYMENT

Senior Associate, Mori Hamada Singapore LLP, Singapore (07/2023–06/2025)
Associate, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto, Japan (01/2019–06/2023)
Legal Trainee, The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan, Japan (11/2017–12/2018)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a restructuring and insolvency lawyer qualified in Japan, with six and a half years at Mori Hamada & Matsumoto in Tokyo and Singapore. My practice focused on cross-border insolvencies, including Japan's first cross-class cramdown of minority lenders. I plan to build my career in cross-border restructuring, and to help sustain a global economy in which viable businesses are rebuilt rather than dismantled. My publications include the Japan chapters of *The International Insolvency & Restructuring Review 2025/26, In-Depth: Insolvency* (2024), and *M&A Legislation in Emerging Asian Countries* (2023).



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EDUCATION

Makerere University, Uganda, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (05/2021)

Law Development Center, Uganda, Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (07/2022)

Director's List - Award for Academic Excellence in the Bar Course

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, MMAKS Advocates - ALN Uganda, Uganda (01/2025–09/2026)
Legal Trainee, MMAKS Advocates - ALN Uganda, Uganda (05/2022–12/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a recipient of the Mastercard Foundation Scholarship for my graduate studies at Oxford. I graduated in the top 10 students of the national class for the Ugandan Bar course in 2022, and obtained my LLB with Honors from Makerere University in 2021. I have worked in corporate advisory for the past four years at ALN Uganda, working on a range of commercial transactions and advisory matters in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and financial services in both domestic and cross border transactions. My areas of interest are development finance, project finance, and transaction structuring.



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EDUCATION

Galatasaray University, Türkiye, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (07/2023)

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Paksoy Law Firm, Türkiye (11/2024–07/2026)
Legal Trainee, Paksoy Law Firm, Türkiye (09/2023–11/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a qualified lawyer in Türkiye and was admitted to the Istanbul Bar in 2024. I have transactional experience advising international financial institutions, lenders, and corporate borrowers on cross-border financing transactions and supporting M&A matters. I contributed to pro bono projects and policy-related legal research. I completed my undergraduate education in French and Turkish and spent an Erasmus exchange semester at the University of Lisbon (2022–2023). My career interests include banking and finance, acquisition finance, M&A, and private equity.



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EDUCATION

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany, First Legal State Examination (01/2026)

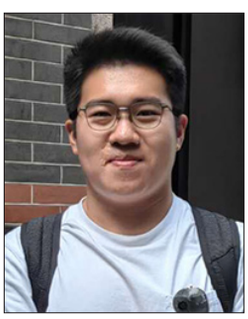
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EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant, Linklaters LLP, Germany (03/2026–06/2026)
Working Student, Dentons Europe (Germany) GmbH & Co. KG, Germany (10/2025–02/2026)
Intern, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader International LLP, Germany (08/2023/09/2023)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

My career interests lie in corporate law, capital markets law, and public M&A, alongside an academic focus on private international law.



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EDUCATION

University of Leeds, United Kingdom, Law LLB (07/2026); East China University of Political Science and Law, China, BA Jurisprudence (07/2026)

Law LLB: first class degree; 1st in the cohort; Crabtree Undergraduate Award 2024-2025; Head of School Prize, ranked top of the cohort for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. BA Jurisprudence, top 1% of the class; Comprehensive Scholarship (First Class) 2022-2023; and Outstanding Student 2023-2024

EMPLOYMENT

Marshall, Administrative Court (Leeds), High Court of Justice (King's Bench Division), United Kingdom (11/2025–11/2025)
Intern of Comprehensive Trial Division, Tianjin Maritime Court, China (08/2025–09/2025)
Intern of Cross-Border Mergers & Acquisitions Department, King & Wood Mallesons Law Firm, China (01/2024–09/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a law graduate of the University of Leeds and ECUPL, having completed a dual-degree LLB programme with first class honours, and ranked first in my Leeds cohort. I am a recipient of the Oxford-Creat Group Graduate Scholarship, alongside academic awards from both universities. My academic work has focused on corporate and commercial law, comparative legal research, and international trade regulation. I recently co-authored a paper on 'Dispute Mediation Mechanism for the Beauty Industry in South Korea', *China Public Legal Services* (2024).



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EDUCATION

University of Cape Town, South Africa, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (03/2025); BA (Law and IsiXhosa Communication) (03/2023)

University of Oxford, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) (07/2026)

Bachelor of Laws: graduated magna cum laude; Dean's Merit List; Law Faculty Entrance Scholarship. Bachelor of Arts: graduated with distinction; Class medal for Constitutional Law; Yash Ghai Prize for Constitutional Law; Deans Merit List; Faculty Scholarships. BCL: awarded with merit

EMPLOYMENT

Consulting Intern, Synergy Global Consulting, United Kingdom (12/2026)
Teaching Assistant, University of Cape Town Private Law Department, South Africa (01/2025–09/2025)
Legal Writing Tutor, University of Cape Town Private Law Department, South Africa (01/2024–12/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am passionate about the intersection of law, finance, and social impact, with a particular interest in how businesses can drive sustainable development across Africa. I am a Rhodes Scholar, and an Allan Gray Orbis Foundation Fellow, and previously co-founded a legal technology startup focused on improving access to legal education and services in South Africa.



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EDUCATION

University of Cape Town, South Africa, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (03/2025)

Graduated cum laude in the top 1% in 2025; and Dean's Merit List (2021–2024)

EMPLOYMENT

Trainee Legal Practitioner, Bowmans (Law Firm), Zambia (11/2025–09/2026)
Teaching and Research Assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa (08/2025–11/2025)
Legal Intern, Bowmans (Law Firm), Zambia (03/2025–07/2025)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a recipient of the Beit Trust Scholarship, and a Trainee Legal Practitioner on the path to admission to the Zambian Bar. I have experience across commercial litigation and transactional work, including project finance, tax, conveyancing (real estate), corporate restructuring, and regulatory compliance. My transactional experience at Bowmans has deepened my interest in the interplay between law, finance, and economic development, particularly through my work on the financing of Zambia's largest renewable energy development. I am an Associate Member of the Law Association of Zambia, and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Young Members Group. My career interests include development finance, sustainable finance, arbitration, and real estate.

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EDUCATION

University of Groningen, the Netherlands, LLB International and European Law (07/2025)

First class honours; graduated with 61 additional credits (241/180 ECTS); thesis awarded 9/10; achieved 10/10 in Contract and Tort Law; and completed a research internship at the Department of Private and Notarial Law focusing on comparative regulation

EMPLOYMENT

Summer Associate, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Belgium (08/2026–08/2026)
Trainee, European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg (10/2025–03/2026)
Summer Intern, Mason Hayes & Curran, Ireland (07/2025–07/2025)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am currently undertaking FE-1 exams for the qualification as a solicitor in Ireland. I was elected as a Trainee Representative at the European Court of Auditors. I completed an Erasmus exchange semester at Trinity College Dublin. My career interests include capital markets, sovereign debt, EU regulatory law and regulated markets, FDI and state aid, and financial regulation.



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EDUCATION

Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador, Bachelor of Laws | Abogado (02/2022)

Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador, Maestría en Derecho de la Empresa (06/2025)

Graduated cum laude from my undergraduate degree; and ranked first in my master's cohort

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Lexvalor Abogados, Ecuador (08/2026–09/2026)
International Associate, Martínez Quintero Mendoza González Laguado & De La Rosa, Colombia (11/2025–06/2026)
Lead Corporate Associate, Naranjo Martínez & Subía, Ecuador (02/2024–10/2025)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a qualified lawyer in Ecuador and a Junior Fellow at the Ibero-American Institute for Law and Finance. I have also served as an Adjunct Professor for courses in Corporate Governance, Theory of Obligations, and Theory of the Legal Norm. My most recent publication is titled "Related party Transactions: The Power of the Disinterested Minority", *USFQ Law Review* (2022). My career and academic interests include corporate governance, corporate groups, M&A, and shareholder dispute resolution.



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EDUCATION

University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Bachelor of Laws (LL. B) (12/2021)

Nigerian Law School, Nigeria, Admitted to Practice as Barrister and Solicitor in Nigeria (B.L) (03/2024)

Mastercard Foundation Scholarship (2026). Bachelor of Laws (LL. B): first class honours; graduated in the top 2% of 159 cohort; Shell Petroleum Development Company Joint Venture University Scholarship (2017); Federal Government of Nigeria Scholarship (2017); and Dr. Abayomi Oluwatosin Jibola Foundation Scholarship (2017). Nigerian Law School: first class honours; graduated in the top 1% of 5,300 cohort; Director-General's Prize for Attaining First Class (2024); Chief Joe-Kyari Gadzama Prize for the Best Student in Civil and Criminal Litigation (2024); Chief Debo Akande Prize for the Second-Best Student in Criminal Litigation (2024); Reginald Aziza Law School Scholarship (2023)

EMPLOYMENT

Associate (Banking & Finance), Aluko & Oyebode (03/2024–08/2026)
Graduate Intern (International Trade & Corporate), ÆLEX (03/2022–10/2022)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Nigerian-qualified finance lawyer and a Mastercard Foundation Scholar. My career interests lie in sustainable development and finance, infrastructure equity and development, and impact investments. My research interests include impact investments, sustainable finance, and blended finance. I served as the Chamber Head at Darnley Alexander Chamber, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan, the Director of Communication, Junior Chamber International, University of Ibadan (2019), a Student Tutor, Academic Committee, Nigerian Law School (2023), and a Mentor, NLS Trailblazer Mentorship (Nigeria) (2024-present). My most recent publication was Njideka Okafor et al, "CBN Issues the Revised Guidelines for the Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market" *Aluko & Oyebobe* (2024).



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EDUCATION

Tashkent State University of Law, Uzbekistan, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Jurisprudence (07/2024)

Tashkent State University of Law, Uzbekistan, LLM Intellectual Property of Law (08/2025)

Best legal defender of Intellectual property rights in the session of the World Intellectual Property Organization (2025); winner in "The legal debater" competition (2023); awardee of government stipendium named "Alisher Navoiy", selected from a competitive pool of 1,000 applicants; recognized for Top 50 performance (among approximately 4,000 students in 2023 and 2024); 2nd place in TSUL court competition (2021); and winner of IES program (International Excellence Program); and finalist of JACAFA program (Japan Central Asia Friendship Association) that aims to build a proactive alumni network in Central Asia

EMPLOYMENT

Expert (Project Office), Ministry of Justice, Uzbekistan (10/2025–09/2026)
Chief consultant, Institute for Regulatory Impact Assessment under the Ministry of Justice, Uzbekistan (09/2024–10/2025)
Junior specialist, Ministry of Justice, Uzbekistan (04/2024–09/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

My recent publications include U Otabayev, "Kompyuter dasturlarining intellektual mulk obyektlari sifatidagi klassifikatsiyasi va huquqiy himoyaning umumiy prinsiplari", *Новости образования: исследование в XXI веке* (2025), and U Otabayev, "International Treaties (the Berne Convention, the WIPO Copyright Treaty, and the TRIPS Agreement) and Their Role in the Protection of Computer Programs," *Zamonaviy huquqshunoslikning aktual muammolari* (2025).

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EDUCATION

Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain, Bachelor of Laws (07/2020); Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Spain, School of Leadership and Liberal Arts Programme (08/2020)

CUNEF Universidad, Spain, Master in Banking Law and Financial Markets and Institutions (02/2022); CUNEF Universidad, Spain, Master in Admission to the Legal Profession (09/2021)

Graduated with first class honours; awarded the highest academic distinction in 13 LL.B. subjects, reserved for the top-performing students in each course; Academic Excellence Scholarship; Becas Europa Scholarship (awarded to the top 50 students in Spain); Academic Excellence Scholarship from the Spanish Banking Association for postgraduate studies (2020–2022); and awarded Honours and High Distinction for master's thesis

EMPLOYMENT

Senior Associate (Financial Regulation and Insurance), finReg360, Spain (08/2024–09/2026)
Associate (Financial Regulation, Insurance and M&A), Pérez-Llorca, Spain (01/2022–08/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Spanish-qualified lawyer and member of the Madrid Bar Association, with experience in financial regulation, insurance, and M&A. From 2022 to 2024, I taught Commercial Law, EU and Competition Law, and M&A insurance as an Adjunct Lecturer at IE University, where I also coordinated and lectured at the IE Legal Clinic. I have received national awards in public speaking and debating, and represented Spain in international competitions in London and Singapore. My career interests include financial regulation, M&A, corporate finance, capital markets, private equity, and insurance. My recent publications include a book chapter on regulatory and case law developments in the insurance sector, published by Aranzadi in 2024.



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EDUCATION

University of Alberta, Canada, Bachelor of Arts (BA) Double Major in Economics and Psychology (06/2022)

Seoul National University, South Korea, Master of Laws (LL.M.) (02/2026)

Master of Laws (LL.M.): Graduate Scholarship for Excellent Foreign Students; Law School Merit Scholarship. Bachelor of Arts (BA) Double Major in Economics and Psychology: International Student Faculty of Arts ACE Scholarship

EMPLOYMENT

Investment Banking Intern, China International Capital Corporation Limited (CICC), China (03/2026–06/2026)
Intern/Legal Assistant, Commerce & Finance Law Office, China (09/2025–12/2025)
Intern/Legal Assistant, DHH Law Firm, China (06/2025–09/2025)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a PRC-qualified lawyer with an interdisciplinary background in economics, international law, and finance. My professional experience includes legal practice involving cross-border transactions, corporate matters, and international dispute resolution. Alongside practice, I have authored five publications on international economic law, with research interests spanning international economic law, corporate transactions, and dispute settlement. I am particularly interested in the intersection of law and finance, and hope to pursue a long-term career in cross-border M&A, corporate finance, and international transactions.

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EDUCATION

Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia, Bachelor of Law (International Law and Legal Support of International Energy Cooperation) (07/2026)

Graduated with honours (GPA 5.0/5.0, top 3% of cohort); full merit-based scholarship; and prize winner of the All-Russian Financial Markets Competition

EMPLOYMENT

Project Administrator, Avalar LLC, Russia (06/2026–10/2026)
Legal Intern, Aviastar-TU LLC, Russia (12/2025–06/2026)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

My interests lie in the regulation of emerging technologies, particularly digital assets, AI, and data protection. My bachelor's thesis focused on EU crypto-asset regulation. I was a prize winner at multiple national and international academic conferences and law competitions. I was the Head of Organisation, MGIMO Law Club; recognised for contributing to the preparation of Moscow's team for the All-Russian Law Olympiad. My recent publications include D. Panchenko, "Supervision of Significant Banks within the EU's Single Supervisory Mechanism", *Academy of Law Journal* (2025), D. Panchenko & J. Sin, "Constitutional Identity of the Hungarian Law System", *Business, Management and Law Proceedings* (2024), and D. Panchenko et al., "The Administrative Reform: Russian Experience", *Law and Administration* (2024).



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EDUCATION

O.P. Jindal Global University, India, B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) (07/2023)

Savitri Devi Jindal Scholar: 90% merit-based scholarship; top 5% of the cohort; JGLS Dean's Award 2023: Outstanding Contribution to Institution Building (top 3 among 2,000+ students); JGU University Award 2020: and Best University Citizenship and Public Service Award (Special Mention among 5,000+ students)

EMPLOYMENT

Associate (dispute resolution - energy and transmission), Trilegal, India (07/2023–02/2026)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I have nearly three years' experience advising international investors on navigating complex regulatory and commercial frameworks concerning energy generation and transmission projects in India, including managing dispute resolution, corporate structuring, and M&A.

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EDUCATION

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), India, B.A. LL.B. (Hons) (05/2023)

Top 10% of the cohort

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, India (08/2023–06/2026)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am an Indian corporate lawyer with nearly three years of professional experience at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, spanning M&A, corporate transactions, financial services regulation, and intellectual property law. A JN Tata Scholar, my career interests lie in M&A, financial regulation, FinTech, LegalTech, impact investment, and the public sector.



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EDUCATION

Baku State University, Azerbaijan, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (07/2026)

Graduated with first class honours (Red Diploma) from Baku State University in recognition of outstanding academic performance; 2nd in my cohort; and GPA: 98.34/100

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Intern (under the supervision of Attorney Yaver Rustamov), Legal Office No. 20, Azerbaijan (05/2025–04/2026)
Intern, COP29 Azerbaijan Operating Company, Azerbaijan (10/2024–12/2024)
Legal Assistant, Defendo Law Firm, Azerbaijan (12/2022–06/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a recipient of the Azerbaijani Full State Scholarship Programme (2022–2028) that will provide my studies at Oxford. In 2022, I ranked among the top 100 applicants nationwide and was awarded the Presidential Scholarship, which I held throughout my four-year undergraduate studies. I have contributed to projects with the United Nations in Azerbaijan, and participated in a study tour in Strasbourg, France. I represented my university in international MCC - Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition; and completed the Saïd Business School–UNESCO certificate programme on "AI and Digital Transformation in Government", and "AI, Justice and the Rule of Law".



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EDUCATION

NALSAR University of Law, India, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)
Undergraduate Study in Law (09/2023)

Gold Medal for the Best All-Round Student, ranked within the top 10% of the cohort; David Plant First Prize, 18th ICC Paris International Commercial Mediation Competition 2023 (emerged as the first-ever Indian university to win the competition, out of 47 teams from 27 countries); Finalist, Foreign Direct Investment Mediation Moot 2022; Gold Medallist, International Mediation Singapore Competition 2019

EMPLOYMENT

Associate (Legal Research), National Task Force, Supreme Court, India (06/2026–07/2026)
Associate (Social Impact and Climate Finance), Trilegal, India (09/2024–02/2026)
Associate (Project and Infrastructure Finance), Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, India (09/2023–07/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am an India-qualified lawyer with experience in impact and climate finance. My research and career interests lie at the intersection of sustainable finance, environmental law and policy, impact investing, and sustainable development. I am a Reviewer for the *Journal of Climate Resilience & Climate Justice* (MIT Press); and have served as Editor-in-Chief of Law and Other Things, one of India's oldest public law blogs. I am also a Research Support Volunteer with World's Youth for Climate Justice and the Founder of the NALSAR Green Collective, a youth climate advocacy initiative. My recent publications include Shravani Shendye and Oshin Malpani, "The Conundrum of Ecology v. Economy: Analysis of the EIA Draft 2020", *Law School Policy Review* (2020); and Shravani Shendye, "Over-Regulation of The Civil Society: Unpacking the 2020 FCRA Amendment", *Law and Other Things* (2020).

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EDUCATION

NALSAR University of Law, India, B.A., LL.B (Hons) Undergraduate Study in Law (12/2021)

All-India Rank 1 in the Law School Admission Test (LSAT); All-India Rank 85 in the Common Law Aptitude Test (CLAT); Editor-in-Chief of the university's flagship law review, the *NALSAR Student Law Review*; Teaching assistant for Legal Methods, Sociology-I, and Sociology-II

EMPLOYMENT

Senior Associate (Capital Markets), Khaitan & Co, India (04/2025–05/2026)
Associate (Capital Markets), Khaitan & Co, India (06/2021–03/2025)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I practiced as a capital markets and securities lawyer at a leading Indian law for five years, where I advised issuers, investment banks, and institutional investors on complex fund-raising transactions, and was responsible for end-to-end transaction execution. I am admitted to the Bar Council of Delhi. My career interests include capital markets, sustainable finance, impact investing, financial regulation, and emerging markets. My recent publications include Shweta Sivaram and Gautham Srinivas, "An analysis of the September 2025 amendments to the SEBI SBEB Regulations and SEBI ICDR Regulations", *Khaitan & Co ERGO* (2025), Sudhir Bassi, Sathvik Ponnappa, and Shweta Sivaram, "Amendments to the SEBI ICDR Regulations and SEBI LODR Regulations – A Step Towards Easing Fund-Raising in India", *Khaitan & Co ERGO* (2024), Shweta Sivaram, "Horizontality and Non-Discrimination Rights", *NUJS Journal of Indian Law and Society* (2020), and Shweta Sivaram, "Re-introducing Dual-Class Shares to India", *NLUJ Law Review* (2019).



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EDUCATION

University of Indonesia, Indonesia, Bachelor of Laws (S.H.) (03/2021)

Graduated cum laude, and ranked among the top five graduates of the class of 2021. Awarded full scholarship by the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Agency (LPDP) (2026)

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Hiswara Bunjamin & Tandjung in association with Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer, Indonesia (09/2022–09/2026)
Trainee Associate, Hiswara Bunjamin & Tandjung in association with Herbert Smith Freehills, Indonesia (03/2021–09/2022)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I hold a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Indonesia, and have built my professional career in corporate law. My practice has centered on mergers and acquisitions (M&A), finance and restructuring, and debt capital markets transactions, alongside experience advising on private wealth transactions. My professional interests lie at the intersection of M&A, private capital, and capital markets, particularly the structuring and execution of complex corporate and investment transactions.

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EDUCATION

University of Iceland, Iceland, Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Law (06/2021)

University of Iceland, Magister Juris (Mag. Jur.) (two year programme) (06/2023)

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Law: first class. Magister Juris (Mag. Jur.): first class with distinction

EMPLOYMENT

Part-time Lecturer, Law of Corporations, University of Iceland, Iceland (01/2024–present)
Associate, BBA//Fjeldco, Iceland (06/2023–present)
Paralegal, BBA//Fjeldco, Iceland (05/2022–06/2023)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

5+ years of professional experience at law firms, including 3 years as a lawyer at a Tier 1 corporate law firm in Reykjavik. Experience spans a range of corporate and commercial matters, including financial services and capital markets, with responsibilities including serving as the securities compliance officer for dual-listed companies admitted to trading in Iceland and the U.S. Completed the Icelandic Bar examination to practice before the District Courts, and passed the Icelandic Securities Qualification Examination, a qualification ordinarily required for fund managers and investment advisers. Career interests include capital markets, financial services, corporate development, and strategy.



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EDUCATION

King's College London, United Kingdom, Law LLB (07/2025)

City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) (07/2026)

First class honours; awarded the Associateship of King's College and Dean's Commendations; Mark Hill KC Prize in British Legal History; Jessica Learmond-Criqui Prize in Labour Law (First Prize); and Tony Hickling Prize in Industrial/Labour Law

EMPLOYMENT

Vacation Scheme Student, Johnson Stokes & Master (JSM), Hong Kong (07/2025)
Vacation Scheme Student, DLA Piper, Hong Kong (06/2025)
Mini-pupil at Des Voeux Chambers, Hong Kong (08/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Having graduated with first class honours from King's College London, I was awarded the Associateship of King's College and won three academic prizes for achieving the best results in British Legal History and Labour Law. As a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws student in Hong Kong on a Government-funded scholarship, I have enjoyed applying my knowledge in substantive law to procedural understanding. I am particularly drawn to the study of corporate governance, company law, and labour law. Internships at international law firms and mini-pupillages have further solidified my ambition to practise as an international corporate lawyer.



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EDUCATION

Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia, Bachelor of Law (02/2025)

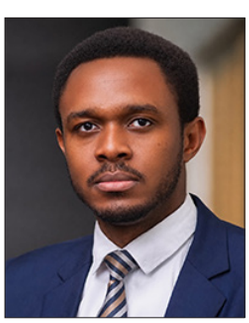
Cum laude, ranked #1 Law Faculty in Indonesia; 2nd Most Outstanding Student of the University (out of 40,000+ students), PILMAPRES, Indonesian Ministry of Education; 3rd runner-Up, Young Speakers Competition, ASEAN+3 University Network; 1st place globally (of 70+ teams, 30+ countries) and Best Claimant Memorial award, FDI Moot Court Competition, Berlin; 5th of 40+ teams and Best Oralist award, 65th Philip C. Jessup Moot; Gold Medallist, ADCC Indonesia (Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu)

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Officer, RNH Notary Office, Indonesia (04/2025–06/2026)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

My career interests are investment banking, particularly financial restructuring and cross-border M&A. The short version of why: I spent my legal career writing down decisions other people made, and I care more about the decision than the paperwork. My path there rests on three pillars: legal acumen - built through leading Indonesian moot court teams and my role as a Legal Officer at a notary office, executing secured financing transactions; business acumen - built through managing a personal equity portfolio on the Indonesian Stock Exchange, concentrated in the banking and commodity sectors; and comfort with agentic AI tools - which I use to build things quickly. Outside law and finance, I compose and release original music, and compete in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.



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EDUCATION

Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (01/2022); Nigerian Law School, Nigeria, Admitted to Practice as Barrister and Solicitor in Nigeria (B.L.) (03/2024)

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.): first class honours, graduated 1st out of 378 students (Best Graduating Student), and 12 academic awards. Nigerian Law School: graduated in top 15% of cohort. Qualifying Certificate in Law and Certificate of Call to Bar 2024.

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Olaniwun Ajayi LP, Nigeria (01/2024–08/2026)
Intern, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), Italy (03/2022–05/2022)
Intern, Babalakin & Co. Legal Practitioners Lagos State, Nigeria (07/2021–08/2021)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Nigerian-qualified lawyer. I previously practised at Olaniwun Ajayi LP, one of Nigeria's leading full-service law firms, advising on mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructurings, and other complex commercial transactions. I graduated with first class honours from Obafemi Awolowo University, where I was the Best Graduating Student in a class of 378 and received twelve academic prizes. My areas of interest are in M&A, private equity, and finance. My recent publications include: C.J. Ucheakonam, "Trends in Recent Renewable Energy Initiatives in Nigeria", *Academia Publications* (2024), and C.J Ucheakonam, "Resolution of Conflicting Treaty-Based International Obligations: The Dilemmas and Alternatives Under International Law," *Journal of Advanced Public International Law*, Vol. 2, Issue. 1 (2023).



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EDUCATION

University of Basel, Switzerland, Bachelor of Law (BLaw) (11/2026)

Bachelor of Law (BLaw): summa cum laude honours

EMPLOYMENT

Treasurer, Orchestra of the University of Basel, Switzerland (1/2026–present)
Board Member, Communications, Lucerne Rowing Club, Switzerland (6/2024–present)
National Team Rower, Swiss Rowing, Switzerland (2023-2025)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

During my studies, I have developed a strong interest in corporate law, technology law, financial regulation, M&A, and internal investigations. I plan to build my career in these fields. My academic research interests focus on technology law, financial regulation, and corporate social responsibility (CSR). I am looking forward to gaining practical experience through internships at leading law firms next year.



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EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom, LLB Bachelor of Laws (07/2026)

Winner of Dean's List for Conflict of Laws; and winner of Dean's List for Legal Aspects of Commercial Property

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Intern, Hughes Fowler Carruthers, United Kingdom (06/2025)
Legal Intern, Clifford Chance, Poland (08/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Polish LLB graduate from LSE and an aspiring solicitor with a keen interest in commercial law, particularly restructuring and insolvency. During my degree I completed internships in disputes at Clifford Chance and at Hughes Fowler Carruthers. I also served as Treasurer and Head of Sponsorship of the Polish Economic Forum, an annual conference of around 500 attendees, with sponsors including CVC and PwC.

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EDUCATION

University of Auckland, New Zealand, Bachelor of Laws (02/2020); Bachelor of Commerce - Finance (02/2020)

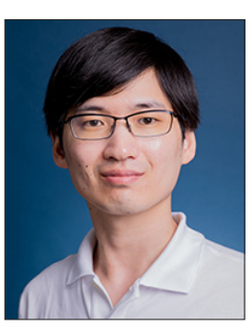
Bachelor of Laws: first place in graduating cohort based on cumulative GPA (Valedictorian and Senior Scholar award), 4 First in Course awards. Bachelor of Commerce - Finance: top 1% in graduating cohort (Senior Scholar award), 6 First in Course awards

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Mercury Capital Investments, Australia (04/2025–09/2026)
Associate, McKinsey & Company, Australia (10/2023–02/2025)
Business Strategy Manager, Hong Kong (07/2022–08/2023)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Most recently, I was an Associate on the investment team at Mercury Capital, an Australian private equity firm, where I worked across deal origination, due diligence, transaction execution and portfolio value creation. Prior to this, I was Business Strategy Manager at August Robotics, a Hong Kong-based B2B robotics start-up, leading business and product strategy, commercial partnerships and go-to-market execution. I began my career as a management consultant at McKinsey & Company in New Zealand and Australia, delivering projects across strategy, growth and commercial excellence for clients in a range of industries, including agriculture, retail, logistics, energy, sustainability, telco and healthcare. My publications include J Yan, "The Indemnity Principle in Successive Losses Cases", *New Zealand Law Review* (2020), J Yan, "Deductibility of Holding Costs for Privately Used Land Taxable on Sale", *Public Interest Law Journal of New Zealand* (2020), and J Yan, "The Amazon Tax: Introducing GST on Low-Value Imported Goods", *Auckland University Law Review* (2019).



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EDUCATION

Keio University, Japan, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

New York University School of Law, United States of America, Master of Laws (LL.M.) (05/2026); New York University Stern School of Business, United States of America, Advanced Certificate in Law and Business (ACLB) (05/2026)

Dean's Graduate Award (NYU School of Law Dean's Graduate Award); and the John Vogelstein Scholarship (partial financial support for the summer portion of NYU's Advanced Certificate in Law & Business, NYU School of Business)

EMPLOYMENT

Associate attorney, Nishimura & Asahi, Japan (12/2019–present)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am admitted as an Attorney-at-Law in Japan. In 2026, I served as the President of the Japanese Law Society at NYU School of Law. In 2016, I passed the preliminary Bar Examination (considered the equivalent to having completed law school), and ranked 1st in the essay section, and 36th in the multiple-choice section among 12,767 candidates. I also passed the JCCI Bookkeeping Examination, Level 1 in 2018. My primary academic interest lies in the protection of shareholders' interests in bankruptcy proceedings. Two of my recent publications are Yuki Yasumoto, "A Study of the Right of Substitutional Segregation", *Insolvency Law Study Group of the Daini Tokyo Bar Association* (2024), and Yuki Yasumoto (Co-Author), "Japan", *ESG in Restructuring*, (INSOL International, 2023).



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EDUCATION

Afe Babalola University, Nigeria, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (10/2020); Nigerian Law School, Nigeria, BL (12/2022)

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B): graduated in the top 1% of class of 200 students; Afe Babalola Annual Award for Academic Excellence. Graduated in the top 7% of a national cohort of 5,800 students Nigerian Law School

EMPLOYMENT

Associate, Banking & Finance, Aluko & Oyebode, Nigeria (01/2023–08/2026)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. I am an Oxford-Hoffmann-Worcester College Scholar. My career and research interests include development finance, renewable energy finance, climate finance, sustainable finance, and impact investing.



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EDUCATION

Lagos State University, Nigeria, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (06/2023)

Overall Best Student in the 40 Year History of Lagos State University; Justice Isiaka Ishola Prize for the Best Graduating Student in Criminal Law 2023; Professor Jadesola Akande Prize for the Best Graduating Student in Constitutional Law 2023; Justice Teslim Olawale Elias Prize for the Best Graduating Student in Nigerian Legal System 2023; Faculty Prize for Overall Best Graduating Student in Faculty of Law 2023; Award for Overall Best Graduating Student for the 2021/2022 Academic Session 2023; Governor of Lagos State Award for Academic Excellence 2023; and Governor of Edo State Award for Academic Excellence 2023

EMPLOYMENT

NYSC Associate, Olaniwun Ajayi LP, Nigeria (03/2025–08/2026)
Graduate Trainee, Olaniwun Ajayi LP, Nigeria (07/2023–02/2024)
Intern, M.A Banire and Associate, Nigeria (08/2021–10/2021)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a legal practitioner called to the Nigerian Bar in 2025. I currently work at Olaniwun Ajayi LP, a leading full-service law firm. I am Lagos State University's record-breaking overall Best Graduating Student, having graduated in 2023 with a perfect CGPA of 5.00/5.00, the highest in the university's forty-year history. In 2025, I was awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. My practice spans project finance and development, energy law, commercial law, and regulatory compliance. I am passionate about financial inclusion, and committed to developing legal and financial frameworks that expand access to finance, empower underserved communities, and promote sustainable development.

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EDUCATION

East China University of Political Science and Law, China, Bachelor of Laws (06/2023)

East China University of Political Science and Law, China, Master of Laws in International Law (06/2026)

Outstanding Graduate, ECUPL2026; third prize, Fourth 'CMAC Cup' China Maritime Commercial Arbitration Essay Competition 2025; first runner-up, 2nd Yuanda Winston & UCLA Scholarship Contest 2024; second prize, ECUPL Scholarship For Postgraduates 2024; first runner-up & Best Oralist (Eighth Final), 21st CIETAC Cup 2023; second prize, Scholarship For Newly Enrolled Postgraduates 2023; Outstanding Student Officer, The School of Lawyer, ECUPL 2022; 19th Vis East Moot: Global Rank #1 in General Rounds (of 139 teams); ranked #6 Best Individual Oralist globally (of 450+); sixteenth finalist; first runner-up, 19th CIETAC Cup 2021; second prize, O'Melveny & Myers Shanghai Legal Scholarship 2021; and 'Student of The Year', ECUPL2020

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Intern, The Supreme Court of the PRC, China (04/2025–07/2025)
Legal Intern, DLA Piper (Shanghai Office), China (02/2025–03/2025)
Legal Intern of M&A, Clifford Chance (Shanghai Office), China (06/2023–09/2023)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I have passed the People's Republic of China Bar. My recent publications include Zeng, L., & Li, W. ' Influence of public international law on private law from the perspective of the 1970 UNESCO Convention, the Chinese experience'. *Edward Elgar Publishing* (2025), Li, W., & Zeng, L. (2024). 'Application of ADR mechanism in the return of overseas lost cultural relics: Taking Venus of Cyrene case as an example', (2025), and Zeng, L., Yu, N., & Dai, S., 'The empowerment and limitations of generative AI in moot court preparation: An empirical study based on Deepseek'.



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EDUCATION

Renmin University of China, China, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (07/2026)

Top 5% of the cohort; Teaching Assistant; Jinhong Scholarship (05/2026); Yanbao Scholarship (10/2025); and Jingdong Scholarship (12/2024)

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Intern, Zhong Lun Law Firm, China (09/2025–12/2025)
Legal Intern, King & Wood Mallesons, China (04/2025–07/2025)
Legal Intern, Beijing Zhonglun W&D Law Firm, China (07/2024–09/2024)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I have worked as a Research Assistant for the UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls (Thailand Mission), Research Assistant on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Policy Consultation on Biosecurity Legislation, and I am admitted to the Bar in China. My career interests are insolvency law, M&A, corporate finance, and dispute resolution.

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