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Attorney-at-law called to the bars of Barbados, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | An emphasis on bankruptcy and insolvency law and commercial litigation | A member of INSOL International | Dedicated to working closely with clients to find commercially minded and practical solutions to complex legal issues.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Associate | Lex Caribbean | Oct 2020 – Present

Associate | Lex Caribbean | Oct 2017 – October 2020

- Part of the Commercial Litigation, Restructuring and Insolvency Department, I maintain a diverse corporate litigation portfolio while acting as the Associate responsible for the firm's regional bankruptcy and insolvency portfolio.
- Notably, I have:
 - represented a trustee in bankruptcy in securing the dismissal of 25 appeals filed against him in the High Court of Saint Vincent regarding his adjudication of proprietary claims;
 - successfully applied to the court on behalf of a liquidator for the invalidation of security registered against the assets of a company that was in the process of being wound-up;
 - advised an international oil services and production company on the avoidance of fraudulent transfers and conveyances under Barbados law;
 - advised foreign insolvency representatives on the validity, enforceability and priority of local securities;
 - acted for a bankruptcy trustee in the sale of real property forming part of the bankrupt estate, both in Barbados and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and for a liquidator in the sale of real property in Saint Lucia;
 - prevented the auction of real property that formed part of a bankrupt estate by a local regulator;
 - advised and represented foreign insolvency representatives in the collection of assets located in Barbados;
 - obtained an injunction to prevent a vendor from selling property to a third-party after having agreed to sell same to a client;
 - represented minority shareholders in a class action suit challenging the legality of the amalgamation of a global telecommunications company;
 - applied to the court for the removal of restrictive covenants affecting land so as to allow its development by an international hotel chain.

Trainee – Corporate/Commercial | Chancery Chambers | June – Aug 2017, June – Aug 2016

- Prepared legal opinions, including on the classification of entities and their associated reporting obligations under the OECD's Common Reporting Standard and the interpretation and application of the Barbados International Financial Services Act.
- Drafted incorporation documents for new and continuing companies and societies.
- Drafted and reviewed various corporate and security documents.

Legal Aid Student Attorney | Trinidad Transparency Institute | Sept – Dec 2016

Legal Intern | Lex Caribbean | Aug 2015, May – Aug 2014

Legal Intern | Chancery Chambers | May – Aug 2015, May – Aug 2014

EDUCATION

Legal Education Certificate of Merit | 2017 | Hugh Wooding Law School

- Class Valedictorian
- Margaret Forte Regional Mooting Competition
- Lex Caribbean Regional Client Interviewing Competition
- Awarded:
 - Council of Legal Education Prize for Most Outstanding Student Over Two Years
 - Barbados Bar Association Prize for Best Overall Performance by a Student from Barbados
 - Most Outstanding Year II Student
 - The Principal's Award for Advocacy
 - The RBC Royal Bank Foundation Fund Prize for Probate Practice and Procedure
 - The H. Aubrey Fraser Memorial Prize for Best Performance in Ethics, Rights and Obligations of Legal Profession
 - Mervyn Campbell Prize for the Law of Remedies
 - Israel Khan Prize for Criminal Practice and Procedure

LL.B. (First Class Hons) | 2015 | University of The West Indies, Cave Hill Campus

- David Nathaniel King Memorial Scholarship
- Dame Bernice Lake, Q.C. Scholarship
- Barbados Bar Association Prize for Year III
- Faculty of Law Prize for Year II
- Reid Prize in Real Property
- Thorne de la Baptiste Prize in Constitutional Law