

## **EDUCATION & AWARDS**

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- Bachelor of Civil Law, Christ Church, University of Oxford (Merit) 2020-2021**
- Studied International Dispute Settlement, International Economic Law, Law of the Sea, and International Armed Conflict.
  - Recipient of the prestigious Oxford- ID Travel Group Foundation Bonham-Carter Graduate Scholarship (2020- 2021) tenable at Christ Church.
- Norman Manley Law School (Jamaica) 2014-2016**
- Admitted to the Bar in Jamaica (2016) and Saint Lucia (2017).
  - Legal Education Certificate<sup>1</sup> awarded in September 2016.
  - Researcher for the Jessup team which finished as Octo-Finalists in Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2016) with written memorials ranked in top 30 best memorials out of 120 law schools worldwide.
- The University of the West Indies (Jamaica) 2011-2014**
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with First Class Honours.
  - University Academic Award (2014), graduated in top 10% of class.
- Moneague Community College (Jamaica) 2009-2011**
- A Levels: Four subjects with a distinction in Law. Award for outstanding academic performance in the A Levels.
- St. Hilda's Diocesan High School (Jamaica) 2004-2009**
- 8 CSEC/GCSE subjects including distinctions in English Language and Literature and numerous academic awards for outstanding performance.

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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- Volterra Fietta, United Kingdom Oct 2021- March 2022**  
**Legal Intern, International Arbitration, and dispute resolution**
- A member of the team acting for a Caribbean government in an ICSID arbitration between the government and a real estate developer concerning the Citizen by Investment Programme (CIP).
- Reviewed the arbitration claim, attended meeting with the client's potential witnesses, prepared notes from the witness interviews, conducted legal research and due diligence on potential arbitrators, prepared the ICSID ballot form to nominate the President of the arbitration tribunal, attended the first procedural hearing, organised documentation, and drafted an outline with preliminary jurisdiction objections and a request for bifurcation of the proceedings.
- Acted for a country in the Middle East to review its model investment treaty and advised on its compliance with international law.

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<sup>1</sup> The Legal Education Certificate is the professional qualification for admission to practice law in Jamaica and several other Caribbean islands such as the Cayman Islands, BVI and Barbados.

- Acted for a country in the Middle East to advise on matters concerning the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).
- Drafted an outline for an upcoming Bespoke training for governments, space agencies and organisations on the importance of national space law and the requirements for national space legislation.
- Conducted legal research on public international law matters and due diligence on arbitrators.

**FOSTERS, Saint Lucia**

**2017- 2020**

**Associate, Litigation Department**

Fosters (formerly Peter I. Foster & Associates) is a full-service law firm in St. Lucia with over thirty years expertise in civil and commercial litigation, corporate law, insolvency, conveyancing, and property development. Its clients include financial institutions, large hotel developments, multi-national corporations, trustees, and private individuals.

- Acted for an international bank in insolvency proceedings against a real estate company that constructed high-end condominiums but defaulted on a bank loan of approximately USD 5 Million. There are two guarantors of the loan and numerous creditors.

Reviewed the security and other documents, attended Commercial Court proceedings with the Partner on ranking of the distribution of the proceeds of sale, reviewed court documents from the Commercial Court proceedings and filed an appeal against the dismissal of the claim against one of the guarantors.

- Acted for a Creditor and Shareholder of a real estate company that owns an island off the coast of Belize worth over USD 3 million and real property in Belize worth approximately USD 1 million.

Reviewed and analysed correspondence between the two creditors and shareholders, reviewed company documents, liaised with Partner on applicable relief, drafted a petition to wind up the company, attended the petition hearing in the Commercial Court, assisted Partner with the drafting of a consent order to settle the proceedings.

- Defended an international LPG company in a XCD multi-million-dollar dispute against another LPG company which clandestinely entered into a distribution agreement with the former company's distributor to take over the market.

Reviewed the contracts and inter partes correspondence, attended client meetings with senior members of the LPG company, attended and assisted Queen's Counsel at trial by taking notes and formulating questions for examination in chief and cross-examination, drafted appeal submissions defending the Commercial Court's judgment which is in favour of the client.

- Acted for a construction company in a claim against the Government of St. Lucia for breach of contract and to recover damages of over XCD 1 million.

Reviewed the FIDIC contract signed by the parties, reviewed inter partes correspondence, drafted and filed a claim in the Commercial Court, and drafted response letters to opposing counsel.

- Acted in defence of the largest hotel in St. Lucia in a highly contentious nuisance claim brought by a group of residents who alleged that the operation of the hotel and use of a particular access road to the hotel was causing a nuisance.

Reviewed the claim form and accompanying documents, attended an injunction hearing with Queen's counsel and successfully secured a refusal of the injunction sought by the claimants to close the access road, reviewed survey documents and map sheets, conducted fact-investigation, drafted the witness statement, attended client meetings, attended and assisted Queen's Counsel at trial with questions for examination in chief and cross examination, drafted the closing arguments which were extensively referred to by the High Court judge in the judgment which was delivered in favour of our client.

- Acted for an international financial institution in the Commercial Court to recover debts no less than XCD 250,000.00 each.

Reviewed the loan agreements, liaised with client, prepared pre-litigation demand letters, drafted claim forms, attended court hearings including hearings to set an upset price for a judicial sale of the relevant properties.

- Acted for one of the leading hotels and condominium in St. Lucia as well as other clients in disputes concerning the compulsory acquisition of property by the Government of St. Lucia involving millions of dollars.

Reviewed inter partes correspondence and relevant documents, drafted letters and liaised with the relevant government departments.

- Acted in defence of one of the leading hotels and condominium in St. Lucia in a contentious commercial claim filed by the developer.

Reviewed inter partes correspondence, reviewed the claim filed by the Claimant (the developer), assisted Partner to liaise with opposing counsel and attended Commercial Court hearings.

- Acted for the largest hotel in Saint Lucia on several employment matters.

Provided an opinion on employment matters involving industrial action taken by the employees as well as dismissal of employees.

- Acted for an insurance company on insurance matters.
- Represented clients at contentious hearings before all domestic courts and tribunals in Saint Lucia whether in Chambers or open court.
- Conducted complex commercial trials alongside Queen's Counsel and Senior counsel.
- Represented clients at mediation and negotiation meetings, conducted client meetings as well as build and maintain relationships with clients
- Drafted legal documents including written opinions, submissions, injunction applications and skeleton arguments.
- Conducted high quality and complex legal research.
- Assisted the Legal Aid Authority of Saint Lucia by providing pro-bono representation to legal aid clients in court.

**University of the West Indies, Jamaica  
Adjunct Tutor, Faculty of Law**

**2015-2016**

- Conducted weekly tutorials with 15 students for Contract Law and Tort Law.

**Legal Intern, Robinson, Phillips & Whitehorne, Ocho Rios, Jamaica**

**2014-2016**

- Worked with the Managing Partner by attending client meetings, taking instructions, and drafting various legal documents for clients.

**ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE**

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I have advocated in the Court of Appeal, Commercial Court, High Court, and Magistrates Court in the following matters:

- Acted for a client in a claim for damages in negligence against the St. Lucia Electricity Services Limited. I successfully represented the Claimant at trial in the High Court, leading to an award of damages against the company, and at the Court of Appeal hearing where the appeal was upheld.
- Acted for FirstCaribbean (International) Bank Barbados Limited before the Commercial Court in St. Lucia on a weekly basis to recover debts valuing over XCD \$250,000 and for judicial sale matters to enforce judgment debts.
- Acted for a company in the High Court leading to the grant of an injunction in a recovery of possession claim.
- Acted for a solar company against the St. Lucia Electricity Services Limited at preliminary and pre-trial hearings before the Commercial Court in St. Lucia in a claim for damages.
- Acted alongside counsels in a civil trial concerning a contentious land dispute.
- Acted for several clients before the High Court in contentious divorce and other civil matters.
- Acted for a client in several preliminary and pre-trial hearings in the High Court (Criminal division) involving a claim for wounding with intent on behalf of the Legal Aid Authority.
- Oralist in the 2013-2014 Price Media Moot Court Competition at the University of Oxford and Cardozo Law School, New York.
- Oralist and member of the winning team in the University of the West Indies Law Faculty Mooting competition (2012).

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS & INTERESTS**

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**Leadership:**

- Legal Education Officer, University of the West Indies Mona Law Society (2013-2014).
- Ambassador for the Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica (2012-2014)
- Presented at the Oxford Seventh Day Adventist church in the United Kingdom, the Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist church in Saint Lucia and the Lewis Seventh Day Adventist church in Jamaica.
- Conducted weekly Bible classes with approximately 15 teens at the Lewis Seventh Day Adventist Church while serving in other leadership roles.

**Language:** English (native); Spanish (basic).

**Other interests:** cooking.