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 Tortola, British Virgin Islands

SKILLS

- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Offshore Litigation
- Legal Research and Writing
- Mergers and Amalgamations
- Proficient with the ECSC E-Litigation Portal
- Mediation and Settlement Negotiation
- General Corporate and Business Advice
- Corporate Secretarial Duties
- Trademark Law

EDUCATION

The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus, 2021

Advanced Corporate Insolvency Law, LLM Course (audited)

Norman Manley Law School (NMLS), Kingston, Jamaica, 2017

Legal Education Certificate (LEC)

The University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus, 2015

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)
First Class Honours

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Committed and innovative Attorney-at-Law with experience in civil and commercial litigation, mediation, mergers, amalgamations and trademarks. Efficient in legal research which consistently contributed to the firm's success in litigation cases. Motivated to learn, grow and excel in the legal industry.

WORK HISTORY

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP – Associate, Litigation, Insolvency & Restructuring

April 2021 – Present

- Advising clients on complex offshore litigation, insolvency and restructuring matters.
- Providing general legal advice to clients on matters including real estate disputes, negligence claims and employment matters.

Floissac Fleming & Associates – Associate Attorney

August 2017 – February 2021

- Drafted pleadings and applications in civil and commercial matters before the High Court and Court of Appeal.
- Litigated civil and commercial matters before the High Court.
- Managed the firm's debt recovery portfolios for two of the leading international banks in Saint Lucia and advised clients on banking law in order to maintain, protect and enforce security in respect of delinquent and non-performing loan accounts.
- Managed the firm's trademark portfolio and advised clients on the full spectrum of trademark matters, including but not limited to, registration, maintenance, renewal, assignment, authorized user agreements and counterfeiting.
- Provided clients with general legal advice including brand protection, employment law, transactions, mergers and amalgamations, contract law and free zone businesses.

First Citizens Financial Services (St. Lucia) Limited – Recording Secretary

December 2019 – February 2021

- Attended meetings of the Board of Directors and recorded and kept minutes of the meetings.

Supreme Court, Kingston, Jamaica – Judicial Assistant

November 2016 – March 2017

- Reviewed citations for references contained in the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica Criminal Bench Book to ensure accuracy. Contributions notably acknowledged.
- Conducted legal research for the writing of judgments.
- Assisted with writing draft judgments after conducting research on matters as directed by the Registrar or Puisne Judges.
- Transcribed handwritten judgments into electronic format for publication.

- Attended sittings of the Supreme Court in predominantly civil matters.
- Performed other ad hoc tasks as assigned and directed by the Registrar and Puisne Judges.

**Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Castries, Saint Lucia –
Judicial Intern**

June 2016 – August 2016

- Performed various functions associated with the position of Judicial Research Assistant as assigned by the Honourable Chief Justice, Justices of Appeal, Chief Registrar and Deputy Chief Registrar.
- Conducted research for the writing of judgments and rulings as directed by the Honourable Chief Justice, Justices of Appeal, Chief Registrar and Deputy Chief Registrar.
- Wrote draft judgments after conducting research on matters as directed by the Honourable Chief Justice and Justices of Appeal.
- Participated in the administrative functions of the Court, by performing proofreading, editing, headnoting and similar functions.
- Attended case management conferences of the Court of Appeal where practicable.
- Conducted research with a view to developing sentencing guidelines for murders, drug offences, sexual offences and firearm offences within the ECSC's Member States and Territories.

The Attorney General's Chambers, Kingston, Jamaica – Legal Intern

June 2015 – July 2015

- Worked in several divisions including: Litigation, Commercial, General Legal Advice and Projects.
- Assisted the attorneys at the Chambers in preparing legal advice for the many different governmental agencies as well as conducted research on matters that were assigned to me by the attorneys.
- Reviewed, analysed and prepared legal opinions on Accident Claims involving motor vehicles owned and/or operated by the government.
- Handled several other highly confidential State matters.
- Performed ad hoc administrative tasks that were assigned.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successfully acted as lead Counsel in a trial concerning the alleged negligence of our client, a marina owner, which resulted in the sinking of a boat at the marina. Written decision delivered by the High Court on 17th December 2020.
- Assisted in the drafting of a claim for the enforcement of a judgment obtained in the USA for the equivalent of approximately EC\$4.7 million in the High Court of Saint Lucia. Judgment was obtained and led to the settlement of the matter.
- Successfully acted on behalf of our client, a businessman, in defending a claim for fraud and improbation of two Deeds of Sale.
- Drafted submissions in opposition to an Application for Leave to Appeal to the Privy Council. The application was dismissed.
- Assisted in the successful completion of the amalgamation of two of Saint Lucia's leading beverage companies.
- Assisted in the successful completion of a transaction involving the amalgamation and dissolution of a group of over 10 domestic and international business companies.

NOTABLE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- The Jamaican Bar Association Bursary 2016/2017 (NMLS)
- The Foga Daley (Special) Scholarship 2016/2017 (NMLS)
- The Keith Stanford Philip Sobion Memorial (Special) Bursary 2015/2016 (NMLS)
- First Caribbean International Bank Scholarship 2014/2015 (UWI)
- UWI, Cave Hill Faculty of Law Students' Trust Fund 2014/2015 (UWI)
- GraceKennedy Foundation Final Year Bursary 2014/2015 (UWI)
- Inter-American Sustainable Development Moot Court Competition (Brazil) 2015 – Top 3 Oral Scores (UWI)
- UWI, Cave Hill Students' Awards Awardee 2015 (UWI)
- Office of the Public Defender Inaugural Essay Competition Winner 2014 (Jamaica)

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored the Saint Lucia chapter on Trademarks in the Chambers and Partners Global Practice Guide on Trademarks for the years 2017-2021.
- Published an article in the Bar Association of Saint Lucia's magazine, "The Brief", entitled 'Businesses, Social Media and Intellectual Property'

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- The Bar Association of Saint Lucia
- The Jamaican Bar Association
- The International Trademark Association (INTA)
- The Intellectual Property Caribbean Association (IPCA)

BAR ADMISSIONS

British Virgin Islands (2021)

Jamaica (2019)

Saint Lucia (2017)