

ROMANE DUNCAN

Lawyer

Hardworking and driven attorney with almost 5 years legal experience with strong foundation in Litigation, Insolvency & Restructuring, and Commercial Litigation, among others.

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Litigation Associate

Harney Westwood & Riegels LP

11/2018 – Present

BVI, PRC

Tasks

- Works as an associate of the Litigation, Insolvency & Restructuring practice (notable cases listed below). Currently on secondment to Shanghai, PRC.

Judicial Research Intern

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Head Quarters

06/2017 - 07/2017

St. Lucia

Tasks

- Researched complex issues in cross-jurisdictional commercial litigation, vetted judgment and digest, and documented sittings of the Court of Appeal.

Litigation Intern

Nigel Jones & Company

04/2017 - 06/2017

Jamaica

Tasks

- Involved in matters including personal injury, commercial litigation, industrial trade labour disputes and debt and asset recovery.

Trade Policy Intern

Office of Trade Negotiations, Caricom Secretariat

06/2016 - 07/2016.

Barbados

Tasks

- Advised CARICOM Member States on varying international trading agreements and how these countries can comply with international obligations.

NOTABLE CASES

Yao Juan v (1) Kwok Kin Kwok (2) Crown Treasure (JCPC 2020/0010) – successful at Privy Council (2022)

Area: Shareholder dispute with novel considerations regarding fresh evidence application by respondent. **Managing associate:** drafting court documents, liaising with counsel, corresponding with opposing counsel and conducting client meetings.

HLM et al v Nerine et al (BVIHCOM2021/0068)– successful at Court of Appeal (2022)

Area: Complex *Norwich Pharmacal* application involving Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty request. Most valuable litigation in the world for 2021. **Managing associate:** drafting evidence, appearing before court, liaising with instructing counsel, and strategizing.

Fang Ankong v Green Elite (In Liquidation) (BVIHCMAP2022/0048)– successful at Court of Appeal (2022)

Area: Just and equitable winding up. Significant input on latest successful application for disclosure of assets to litigation funder.

Maso Capital Investments Limited et al v Trina Solar Limited (CICA (Civil) Appeal No.009 of 2021) (2023)

Area: Section 238 appeal under Cayman Islands law. Dealing with consequential of appeal decision involving costs and possible appeal to Privy Council.

BAR ADMISSION

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Virgin Islands Circuit

(01/2019)

Jamaica (12/2018)

SKILLS

Commercial Litigation Management

Complex Litigation Management

Case Strategy

Research

Securing Settlements

Drafting Evidence, Pleadings & Skeleton Arguments

Trial Preparation

Advocacy

Party-Party Correspondence

EDUCATION

Foundation Certificate in International Insolvency Law

Insol International

Legal Education Certificate

Norman Manley Law School

2018

Note

- Class President

Foreign Languages

- Spanish – intermediate
- Mandarin – beginner

NOTABLE CASES

Tommaso Barrauca v Allied Health Professionals Council (BVIHCV/2020) – successful at High Court (2021)

Area: Public law appeal pursuant to the Medical Act 2000 against the decision of the BVI Allied Health Professionals Council. Acted as **lead advocate**, primary contact for client and drafted the evidence, pleadings, and skeleton arguments.

COMPETITIVE INVOLVEMENT

- Miami - Rollins College Great Debate (2017)
 - Champion - representing Jamaica
- Jamaica - Pan-American Debating Championship (North, South, Central America and the Caribbean) (2016)
 - Top Ranked Team for the UWI, Cave Hill Campus
- Brazil - Inter-American Sustainable Development Moot Court Competition in Rio de Janeiro (2015)
 - First Counsel for the UWI, Cave Hill Campus. Top 3 Oral Scores.
- Miami - Pan-American Debating Championship (North, South, Central America and the Caribbean) (2015)
 - Top Rank Team for the UWI, Cave Hill Campus. Awarded: Only Non-American TOP 10 SPEAKER.

NOTABLE AWARDS

The Uriel H. Salmon Memorial Prize for best performance in Accounting (2018)

Norman Manley Law School

Michael March Memorial Prize for best in the Law of Remedies (2017)

Norman Manley Law School

PRO BONO & PHILANTHROPY

Lead Associate on United Nations Refugee Case

2022 – Present

Harneys

- Successful in obtaining refugee status from United Nations for Haitian nationals who landed in the BVI illegally. Harneys BVI sole litigation pro bono case for 2022.

Co- Founder and Artistic Director

The P.L.A.Y Foundation

2013 - 2016

- Taught inner-city Junior High School students the performing arts, culminating in a grand theatrical performance; the proceeds of which go back to the school.

Mentor

Norman Manley Law School Men at Work Foundation

2016 - 2018

- Mentored young men from the Mona High School in career development and speech

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

2016

Note

- First Class Honours Class
- Valedictorian

PUBLICATIONS

Article

“Offshore courts’ approach to liquidation in the face of arbitration agreements”

Author(s)

Peter Ferrer, Christopher Pease, Romane Duncan
3 December 2021

reuters.com

Article

“Liquidation and the remedy of unfair prejudice in the BVI”

Author(s)

Claire Goldstein, Romane Duncan
1 March 2023
Lexis® PSL

SPECIAL TRAINING

Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration - Global Arbitration Mentorship Programme (2021 - 2022)

Mentored by Doak Bishop - partner at King & Spalding LLP and the world leader in Oil and Gas Arbitration

Dr. Jan Yves Remy
(Thesis Conversion)

Formerly of the World Trade Organization Secretariat and currently head of Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law Policy and Services

World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)

Developing governmental regulations to combat Childhood Obesity in Jamaica, Dominica, Barbados and Suriname

MANTRA

“He who knows not and knows that he knows not, he is a child, teach him.”
Confucius