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EMPLOYMENT

The World Bank (WB), Insolvency & Debt Resolution Program

Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Washington, DC

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July 2022-present

February 2018-July 2022

- Provide advice and analysis to WB client governments and support the Practice Manager for Financial Inclusion, Infrastructure and Access and other senior WB officials with analysis related to insolvency and debt resolution.
- Operational lending and technical assistance work on corporate and personal insolvency reform projects related to over 30 countries including in North, Central, West and Southern Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.
- Led insolvency and debt resolution as well as secured transactions portions of Financial Sector Assessment Programs with the International Monetary Fund in the Middle East, Asia, Eastern Europe as well as South and East Africa.
- Lead research on emerging insolvency-related topics such as mobile money, cryptocurrency and climate change.
- Helped to organize and participated in the WB Insolvency and Creditor/Debtor Regimes Task Force. Member of the Executive Organizing Committee of the World Bank/INSOL International Africa Round Table on Insolvency Reform.

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Office of the General Counsel

Principal Counsel, London, England

November 2016-February 2018

- Provided legal advice and analysis to the Bank on issues including international immunities, donor co-financing, technical cooperation, and corporate contracts.
- Represent the General Counsel on senior level committees at the Bank, including the Risk and Credit Committees.

The World Bank Group (WBG), Finance & Markets Global Practice

Consultant, Washington, DC

July 2015-October 2016

- Provided advice and analysis to WBG client governments and supported the Global Lead for Credit Infrastructure with analysis related to insolvency and debt resolution as well as secured transactions.
- Conducted legal research in civil as well as common law, wrote memoranda, articles, and project proposals with respect to access to finance for the Bank.

Department of Finance, Government of Canada

Senior Economist, Ottawa

2012-2015

Joined the Public Service through the highly competitive Recruitment of Policy Leaders program.

International Finance and Development Policy Division, International Trade and Finance Branch

- Provided advice and briefed senior officials at the Department and throughout Government with respect to legal, financial and governance matters at multilateral development banks (MDBs) where Canada is a shareholder.
- Represented Canada and supported Canada's Head of Delegation (Minister of Foreign Affairs and/or Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance) at international meetings of MDBs as well as G7 and G20 working-level meetings.
- Provided advice to the Government as lead legal expert on sovereign debt restructuring.

Financial Markets Division, Financial Sector Policy Branch

- Assisted in the management of Canada's sovereign debt and swap programs as well as the country's foreign reserves, including advice to Canada's Financial Risk, Foreign Reserves and Funds Management Committees.
- Led negotiation for the Government of the final restructuring of Canadian asset-backed commercial paper programs.
- Led preparation of senior officials for and attended Parliamentary Committee hearings.

United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Office of the President

Associate Legal Officer, Arusha, Tanzania

2009-2011

- As the only legal officer in the Office of the President, advised the President with respect to international legal and policy issues and management of the Tribunal. Drafted legal memoranda, speeches, and conference papers.
- Helped to manage Tribunal business planning, budget reviews, external audits as well as external high-level meetings with Chief Justices, Ambassadors, the UN Secretary-General, and the General Counsel of the UN.

- Clifford Chance LLP, Associate**, London, United Kingdom 2007-2009
- Associate in the Capital Markets group with significant cross-over work in the Restructuring & Insolvency group.
 - Led a team of Associates who acted for HSBC London in the complex cross-border unwinding of hundreds of companies related to Lehman Brothers in nine countries. This included restructuring and/or liquidation of assets all over the world.
 - Acted for Goldman Sachs in a groundbreaking structured investment vehicle (SIV) restructuring across multiple jurisdictions.

EDUCATION

- McGill University**, Faculty of Law, Montreal 2002-2006
Bachelor of Civil Law and Bachelor of Common Law (JD equivalent) with Distinction
- 2006 Faculty of Law Valedictorian

- London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, United Kingdom 2001-2002
M.Sc. in Public Policy and Public Administration

- Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution**, The Hague, Netherlands Summer 2001

- Glendon College, York University**, Toronto 1996-2001
Honours B.A. in International Studies (specialty in Economics)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- McGill Echenberg Fellow and Young Leader, Global Conference on the Prevention of Genocide 2007
- Faculty of Law Kark Claxton Jr. Memorial Award for Distinguished Academic Standing 2005-2006
- Faculty of Law Richard Golick Prize and Lindsey Anne Cameron Award 2004

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Solicitor's Regulatory Authority, Solicitor (not practicing)** 2009-present
INSOL International, Member 2015-present

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Greenacre, J., Martinez, A., Paterson, W., 2023 (forthcoming). Insolvency of Mobile Money Firms in Developing Countries, *World Bank EFI Notes Series*. Washington, DC: World Bank.
- Martinez, A., Paterson, W. 2020. Insolvency Proceedings and Representatives. In *Going for Broke: Insolvency Tools to Support Cross-Border Asset Recovery in Corruption Cases*, Brun, J-P, Silver, M., eds. StAR Initiative. Washington, DC: World Bank.
- Paterson, W. 2019. Insolvency Reform Trends in Developing Countries. *International Corporate Rescue*. Volume 16, Issue 5, p. 293-297.

SELECTED LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Coordinator, Government of Canada Recruitment of Policy Leaders Program** 2013-2015
- Coordinated one of the Government's most competitive and well-respected recruitment programs. I led the interview process that receives over 1,800 applications each year and accepts between 20-40 candidates.

- Co-Founder, Never Again International** 2001-present
- Founded an organization devoted to educating and connecting young people around the world with an aim to preventing genocide. Never Again is now active in ten countries.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (native), French (fluent) and Spanish (beginner)