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LARA THOM

CANDIDATE ATTORNEY

I am a dynamic, motivated and enthusiastic individual who is passionate about helping others. I am goal orientated, organized with great interpersonal and problem-solving skills. I always strive to give my best and constantly endeavor to better myself and improve upon my skills.

EXPERIENCE

CANDIDATE ATTORNEY · NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT SOUTH AFRICA JOHANNESBURG OFFICE · JANUARY 2022 – PRESENT

Serving articles in terms of the Legal Practice Act requirements. Unique opportunity to experience various practice areas within a global law firm. Rotations occur biannually. I have had experience in Insurance Litigation under the guidance of experienced attorneys and associates.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNSEL (RESIDENCES) · THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA · NOVEMBER 2019 – NOVEMBER 2020

Ex officio member of the Student Representative Council for residences. Assisted with facilitating arrangements for emergency accommodation. Established the TuksRes Solidarity Fund in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic which was geared towards the collection of money for residence students to be utilised towards data, groceries and toiletries. Was instrumental in raising over R225 000 which supported 447 residence students.

PRIMARIA · KLARADYN RESIDENCE · AUGUST 2019 – AUGUST 2020

Served as Primaria or Chairperson of Klaradyn residence. Tasks included interviewing and placing members of the house committee. Welcoming and planning first-year programs, dealing with issues as and when they arose for members of the residence, disciplinary processes for residence members as well as general management of the resident students.

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBER · KLARADYN RESIDENCE · AUGUST 2017 – AUGUST 2020

Served as a member of the residence house committee from my first year. I was initially in charge of external culture as well as socials. This included planning, facilitating and overseeing events to ensure the inclusion of all residence members. I went on to become Vice-Primaria in charge of the wellbeing of residence students as well as overseeing traditions and values to ensure compliance with TukeRes rules.

PRIVATE TUTOR · ENTROPIC TUTORS · FEBRUARY 2016 – NOVEMBER 2020

Acted as a private tutor for a grade seven student overseeing learning in various subjects as well as providing academic support.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF LAWS · THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA · 2019-2021

Qualified cum laude for my LLB. Final year electives included transnational business law, alternative dispute resolution as well as practical law (law clinic).

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LAW · THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA · 2017 - 2019

Graduated my undergraduate programme majoring in both Law and English. In 2017 I received the University of Pretoria Prize for the best ENG110 student.

IEB MATRIC · St Mary's School, Waverley · 2016

Matriculated from St Mary's School, Waverley with six distinctions in English, Mathematics, Afrikaans, Life Orientation, Biology, History and 75% for Physical Sciences.

SKILLS

- Motivated, enthusiastic and conscientious.
- A problem solver with good communication skills
- Dedicated team player.
- Organized with excellent time management.
- Fully proficient in Microsoft Office.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised as top English 110 Student in 2017.
- Dean's Merit List 2021
- LLB conferred with Distinction (2021)
- Co-authored blog post for Financial Institutions Legal Snapshot titled "Forfeiture clauses and claims tainted by fraud" with associate, Anika de Kock. The link to which can be accessed at:
<https://www.financialinstitutionslegalsnapshot.com/2022/02/forfeiture-clauses-and-claims-tainted-by-fraud/>