

YURI SAUNDERS– Curriculum Vitae

National of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Legal Education Certificate (Hugh Wooding Law School) (2012)

LLB (University of the West Indies) (2010)

Admissions / Calls (in chronological order):

1. Trinidad and Tobago – November 2, 2012
2. St. Vincent and the Grenadines - October 28, 2014
3. British Virgin Islands - January 14, 2020
4. Antigua & Barbuda – February 14, 2020
5. Turks & Caicos Islands – May 5, 2020

The Bar admissions on the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Circuit – 2, 4 above – grant rights of audience in that specific jurisdiction and on appeals to the Court of Appeal of that circuit on appeals from that jurisdiction only. Each of them has slightly different admission requirements.

I am an attorney of 8-years' practice, the majority of which have been spent conducting civil and corporate-commercial litigation in Trinidad and Tobago, a commonwealth jurisdiction. I have advocacy experience at the High Court and the Court of Appeal level among the British Virgin Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Turks and Caicos Islands. I have instructed and assisted Counsel in proceedings engaging the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

My experience in insolvency and turnarounds is more fully set out at pgs. 4-5 in a separate section.

WORK HISTORY

October 16, 2019 – Present

Lawyer at Prudhoe Caribbean

At this firm, my workload is mainly insolvency related and I am standing Counsel to the Insolvency Practitioner of this firm, Mr. Tim Prudhoe. Our practice typically includes a range of insolvency and commercial litigation including, representing a liquidator in an application to the

High Court for permission to enter into a litigation funding agreement, defending a Black Swan application in the BVI and advising in proceedings where opposing witnesses neglected to give evidence and disclose documents in their possession relevant to the subject matter of the proceedings. I have also acted and/or advised in relation to the following matters:

- Issues of Private International Law; and
- Appearing as Counsel in applications for Norwich Pharmacal orders and other proceedings;

July 2012 – October 15, 2019

Advocate Attorney, Caribbean Commercial Law Chambers, Port of Spain, Trinidad

At these chambers I functioned primarily as an advocate attorney. I practiced mainly in the area of corporate/commercial civil litigation. I also had experience in Labour and Tort litigation.

Key Skills included:

- Oral and written advocacy;
- Instructing Counsel;
- Settling legal advice;
- Giving oral and written advice; and
- Settling and filing legal documents;

A better understanding of my experience and key skills employed during these years can be gained from a review of the section below headed "Experience".

June 2011 - September 2011

Legal Intern, J.D. Sellier & Co., Port of Spain, Trinidad

I interned at J.D. Sellier's litigation department for the better part of three months and received training and experience in corporate/commercial litigation.

Key Skills included:

- Drafting and filing legal documents;
- Drafting legal advice;
- Taking instructions from clients; and

- Participating as an aide to attorneys at trial.

August 2010 - September 2010

Legal Intern, OECS Secretariat, Castries, St. Lucia

At the Secretariat I was given an opportunity to work on the Revised Treaty of Basseterre Establishing the OECS Economic Union. This involved, particularly, researching whether specific Treaty provisions were inconsistent with the domestic constitutional law of the various member states.

Key Skills included:

- Familiarity with International Law;
- Familiarity with Constitutional Law; and
- Skills in treaty interpretation.

June 2009 - September 2009

Legal Intern, Charlton Chambers, Bridgetown Barbados

At these chambers I was given the role of research assistant to Patterson Cheltenham QC and Sir Richard Cheltenham QC. I performed research in contract, industrial and administrative law cases, inter alia, including:

- Preparation of case briefs;
- Problem solving and analysis of legal issues; and
- Legal writing.

September 2006 - June 2007

Research Assistant to the Leader of Parliament of St. Vincent and The Grenadines, the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

This job involved preparing material concerning and supporting the introduction and discussion of new bills in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It also involved researching and checking the facts of other members' debates for the leader's future commentary.

INSOLVENCY AND CROSS BORDER INSOLVENCY EXPERIENCE-NOTABLE MATTERS

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Pinnacle Global Partners Fund 1 Ltd (In Liquidation) v Karam & Missick & Ors CL 24/2019

In these proceedings I acted on behalf of Cayman Islands liquidators seeking to obtain disclosure from a former Turks and Caicos Islands legal representative of the insolvent company Global Partners Fund 1 Ltd (In Liquidation) (Turks and Caicos Islands proceedings). Among other things, I drafted skeleton arguments in opposition to an application to set aside a subpoena of the target and for security for costs and appeared as Counsel at the hearings of the applications to set aside and for security for costs.

VTB Bank v Kerley and others BVIHC (COM) 2020/0109

VTB Bank v Belfore and others BVIHC (COM) 2019/156,157

In these proceedings I acted on behalf of a British Virgin Islands company in defending a "Black Swan" injunction (BVI Proceedings) and other proceedings brought by debtors of an insolvent Russian company. In this matter I drafted skeleton arguments, affidavits and court applications on the BVI company's behalf. I also appeared at the many hearings of the matters as Junior Counsel for the BVI company.

RGML Limited (in liquidation) CL86/2019

In these proceedings I acted on behalf of the liquidator in making an application to the Court to obtain permission to enter into a litigation funding agreement with a funder in respect of pursuing a debt to the insolvent company by a third party. In these proceedings I appeared as Counsel on behalf of the liquidator in the many court hearings and drafted skeleton arguments and the application and affidavit in support.

Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago & Colonial Life Insurance Company (Trinidad) Limited v Lawrence Duprey & Others CV2011-02140

This was a claim brought by the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, it having assumed control of the insolvent insurance company CLICO pursuant to its emergency powers, against CLICO's former directors, Corporate Secretary and affiliated companies in respect of alleged breaches of the directors' fiduciary duties and duties of care and skill under the Companies Act. The claimants claimed about TT\$11.7 Billion from the defendants in total. The claim alleged that the

Defendants procured CLICO to enter into various dubious financial schemes in return for little, valueless or at times no security and consideration. I acted as the 2nd Junior Counsel in this matter to Senior Counsel and I drafted the Defence on behalf of the Corporate Secretary and a subsequent successful application to strike out paragraphs of the Claimants' Reply.

British-American Insurance Company Limited v CL Financial Limited CV2011-02309

The Judicial Manager of the claimant insurance company brought this action against its holding company on account of its failure to honour a promissory note by two of its directors to pay the claimant the sum of US\$49,575,000.00.

I assisted Counsel in this matter by, among other things, drafting the statement of case and a summary judgment application and written submissions in support of it.

British-American Insurance Company Limited v Branker CV2011-02309

These were "claw back" proceedings by the Judicial Manager of the claimant against a former Director, Brian Branker, in respect of whether he was indebted to the claimant as a result of a loan agreement while he was a director. I assisted Counsel by drafting pleadings, witness statements and written legal opinions.


Yuri Saunders
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