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Education

Essential Mediation Solutions CMC Civil & Commercial Mediator - Competent	August 2023
The University of Law, Leeds BPC – VC LLM - Pending	September 2022 – May 2023
The University of Leeds LLB Law – 2:1	September 2019 – July 2022
SOS Hermann Gmeiner International College International Baccalaureate: 39 9 IGCSE grades A*-B, including English (A) and Mathematics (B)	August 2015 – June 2019

Scholarships & Awards

- 2022: The Advocacy Scholarship Award
- 2019: Model United Nations Best Opening Speech Award

Legal Work Experience

Central Family Court Marshalling Judge Boye (1 day) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An upcoming opportunity to Marshall a family law Judge.	October 2023
Queen Elizabeth Chambers Mini-Pupil <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represented the Respondent in a family law matter.	May 2023
KCH Garden Square Mini-Pupil <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivered an opening speech on behalf of the Applicant in a family law matter.• Participated in discussions pertaining to Civil and Family law.	February 2023
Gunnercooke LLP Virtual Assistant/Paralegal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing case bundles for commercial, family, wills and trusts, land and media law.• Filing to a court.• Opening matters within the firm.• Providing administrative and paralegal assistance to solicitors.	January 2023 – Ongoing
Leeds Magistrates Court Shadowing Sabeeha Khan, Esq (1 day) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observed a conference, plea in mitigation, verdict and sentencing of a theft case.	December 2022
Libryo Collaborate Collaborator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist the legal technology system by ensuring that the legislation of various jurisdictions on the software is current and up to date.• Write out summaries of legislation to ensure that the relevant reader quickly understands them.	November 2022 - Ongoing
Legal Advice Clinic, The University of Law, Leeds Pro-Bono <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consulted with the clients to obtain relevant information about family and employment law.• Observed the solicitor advising the clients.• Wrote a report to clients containing critical information discussed and the next steps.	November 2022 – May 2023

Park Square Barristers, Leeds
Mini-Pupil (3 days)

November 2022

- Attended a plea and trial preparation hearing for a defendant accused of murder.
- Attended a sentencing hearing for a defendant charged with dangerous driving.
- Observed the variation of a bail application for a defendant who no longer posed a risk of absconding.

Leeds Magistrates Court
Marshalling Judge Dawson (1 day)

October 2022

- Discussed family law cases and developed my understanding of court procedure and advocacy.

Fair Justice Initiative
Legal Intern

June 2022 – August 2022

- Attended court sessions concerning Criminal cases and produced court reports.
- Conferenced with clients to ensure the complete information required to handle their cases was obtained.
- Produced case analysis and improved my analytical skills.
- Coordinated skills training programs for young people in juvenile detention centres.
- Researched Surrogacy law to contribute to the implementation of further regulations of surrogacy in Ghana.

Electricity Company of Ghana
Legal Intern

August 2020 – September 2020

- Observed a trial in court concerning Commercial law.
- Research the sale of electricity in Ghana.

Employment History

The P31 Foundation
Director

September 2023 - Ongoing

- Provide essential items to underprivileged young girls and women.

First Direct Arena, Leeds
Bar Staff

October 2022 – May 2023

- Prepare and serve drinks and food to various customers.

Mooting, Debating & Public Speaking

- **January 2023:** University of Law Advocacy Scholar Moot, **2ND Round Competitor**
- **March 2022:** University of Leeds Mooting Competition, **2ND Round Competitor**
- **March 2022:** University of Leeds Debating Competition, **Quarter Finalist**
- **December 2021:** University of Leeds and BPP Negotiation Competition, **4TH Round Competitor**
- **November 2021:** University of Leeds Climate Change Debate, **Winner**
- **September 2017 – June 2019:** Model United Nations

Volunteering

- **October 2021 – June 2022:** University of Leeds Lawyers Without Borders – As the Head of Events, I contributed to ensuring funds were raised to assist legal pro-bono work.
- **August 2021:** Food Drive to the street children of Accra.

Interests and Activities

- Legal Technology
- Strength Training

References

References are available on request.