# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### Place and date of birth

Port-au-Prince, HAITI October 1958

### **Professional experience**

- Since 1992. Co-founder and partner
   Cabinet Pasquet, Gousse et Associés. Law Firm
   Opinions. Litigation. Business law, contract law, family law, patents. The firm focuses on banking law, corporate law, mergers and telecommunications
- 2021. Center of Constitutional Studies. Quisqueya University Elected Chairman of the Scientific Board
- 2020. Scientific Committee of the Port-au-Prince Bar Association Appointed as a member by the Chairman of the Bar Association
- 2019-2020. Quisqueya University Professor of Family law
- April and November 2019. ICSID Representative of Haiti at the Conference on the Reform of the Arbitration and Conciliation Rules. Contributed in the French versions of the Rules to have them compliant with French legal vocabulary
- 2018-2024 International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Arbitrator
- Since 2017. Ministry of Economy and Finance
   Drafted legislative bills for the reform of the business legal framework (company
   law, personal property security law, bankruptcy law, e-commerce, e-signature,
   e-government, reform of the commercial code, leasing, commercial lease, law
   on private international law). In 2020, most of those bills have been enacted
   into law except for those on company law, bankruptcy law and private
   international law.

- October 2017. Brigham Young University. Law School. Provo. Utah. USA Participation at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Law and Religion. Presentation on Law and Religion in the History of Haiti
- Haitian Chamber of Conciliation and Arbitration Arbitrator
- Since 2017. Professor of Professional Ethics. Quisqueya University Ethics of the lawyer in his relationship with his client, the judges and other lawyers. Rules and enforcement by the Bar Association
- Since 2014, Center of Constitutional Studies, Quisqueya University.
   Member of the Scientific Board. Helped organized conferences and symposia on constitutional matters. Presented papers on the history of citizenship law; statelessness, international law and the Dominican policies; democratic guarantees under the Constitution of 1987
- September 2012- December 2013. Chairman Presidential Commission on Business Law Reform. Corporate law, securities, insolvency, e-signature, e-commerce, e-governance etc.
- Since 2011. Dean of Law School at Quisqueya University
- Since 2010. Professor of contracts, torts and liability. Quisqueya University
- Since 2009. Professor of private international law. Quisqueya University
- November 2007 to March 2010. Local counsel IFC (World Bank)/Gide, Loyrel, Nouel Law Firm Privatization of Teleco. Drafting of opinions and contractual documents for the bidding process. Contacts with high level officials and member of the Government of Haiti
- Since September 2009. Professor of private international law Quisqueya University School of Law
- January 2009

Member of the Presidential Commission on Information and Communication Technologies. I drafted the bill and executive orders on e-commerce, electronic signature, e-government and cybercrime

- November 2008- December 2008
   Wrote the final version of the draft bill against kidnapping which was voted without amendments by the Parliament in 2009
- October 2008-December 2008 Haitian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Drafted the charter and by-laws of the Conciliation and Arbitration Court of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce Drafted the Arbitration Rules Drafted the Arbitrators Fee Scale

- August 2008-October 2008. Professor
   School of Magistrates
   Three seminars for judges of the peace on: "The judgment".
- June 2008-Octobre 2008. Consultant
   Chemonics International. Project I-Trade Haiti
   Designing a strategic plan to reform the business legal environment
- April 2008-December 2008. Consultant Haitian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Drafted the new charter to transform the Chamber into a truly national Chamber of Commerce
- March 7-14, 2008. Professor
   International Academy of International Law of The Hague
   External program on Movement of Goods and Persons in the Caribbean Area.
   Santo Domingo. Dominican Republic. Title of the course: "Economic Integration in the Caribbean as a factor of fluidity of exchanges".
- Since November 2007. Local counsel IFC/Gide, Loyrel, Nouel, law firm Member of the IFC team for the privatization of the Port-au-Prince International Airport
- Since November 2007. Local counsel World Bank/Gide, Loyrel, Nouel, law firm Drafting a new law on telecommunications. Meetings with stakeholders, operators and government officials.
- May 2007-June 2007. Legal counsel World Bank Study of creditors' rights and insolvency in Haitian law.
- August 2007-December 2007. Senior Legal Advisor International Organization of Francophony Advisor to the Justice Program
- January 2007- July 2007. Consultant Central Bank. (Banque de la République d'Haïti) Drafted a bill and executive order on secured obligations. These bills are accompanied by an essay on the matter.
- December 2006. Cairo. Speaker and Panel Chairman

International Institute of French inspired Law Systems (Institut International de Droit d'Expression et d'Inspiration Françaises IDEF). XXXth Congress: Law and New Technologies: Challenges and Perspectives.

#### - 2005. Speaker

SOFIHDES Seminar on e-commerce. Spoke on contract law in e-commerce

- Minister of Justice and Public Security

Reform of the police force. Monitored its expansion from 1,500 to a 6,000 man force. Monitored the design of the reform plan adopted by the elected government. Wrote the justice section in Interim Cooperation Framework. Wrote the decree on National Identification. Launched the preparation of bills on judicial independence later modified and enacted by the parliament in 2008. Worked jointly with the Minister of Women Affairs to eliminate all discriminations against women in the penal code. Participated in drafting the decree on the administrative tribunal. Participated in drafting the electoral decree. Launched the fight against corruption by doubling the budget and human resources of the Financial Intelligence Unit, having policemen and prosecutors trained in corruption and money laundering and cooperating with other countries. Represented Haiti in many international conferences.

- 2002-2004. Senior Legal Advisor

International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) Design and implement a strategy of advocacy of the civil society for judicial independence by associating legal professions, the business community and human rights organizations. Organizing conferences and seminars. Technical and financial support for the creation of the Federation of Haitian Bar Associations and the National Association of Haitian Magistrates

- 2003-2004. Consultant
   The Central Bank
   Drafting a bill on electronic signature
- 2003. Consultant
   UNDP. Wrote a study on the legal regime of UN operations in Haiti
- 1993-2001. Dean
   Quisqueya University Law School
   Co-founder and its first dean
   In charge of designing the bachelor's degree curriculum
   Choose the teachers and monitoring the performance of the teachers
   Relations with foreign universities
   Created the Quisqueya Law Review
- 1992-2001. Professor
   Quisqueya University Law School
   Family Law, contract law. Torts and liabilities. Private international law
- 2000. Consultant

UNICEF. With Mr. Serge-Henri Vieux, drafted a study on the conformity and adaptation of Haitian Law with the UN Convention on Children Rights

- 2000. Member of Panel on televised political broadcast Member of a panel for the program "The Hour of the Choice" where political parties were invited to present and be questioned about their programs before the legislative elections of May 2000
- 1998-1999 Senior Legal Advisor
   United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
   Contract Technical Officer for the legal assistance to indigents program implemented by Checchi, the training program for prosecutors and technical program of assistance to the School of Magistrates implemented by OPDAT
- 1997-1998. Consultant
   Ministry of Culture and Communication
   Member of a team dedicated to draft a new law on telecommunications with the assistance of International Union of Telecommunications
- 1989-1992. Professor Haiti State University Law School Contract Law, Torts and Liabilities
- 1989-1992. Professor National Institute of Administration and International Studies Introduction to law

## Affiliations

Port-au-Prince Bar Association Inter-American Bar Association Citizens Committee in Support of the Judiciary Internet Society (ISOC). Chapter Haiti

### Publications (sample)

- Statement on the expiration of President Moïse's term. Center of Constitutional Studies, Le Nouvelliste, February 10, 2021
- The decrees on public security and the intelligence agency : a lack of intelligence, Le Nouvelliste, January 28, 2021
- *Mr. Moise, before being a President, you are a citizen,* Le Nouvelliste, September 28, 2020
- President of the Bar Dorval, Free speech in a wild State, Le Nouvelliste, September 18, 2020
- Man or woman? Man then woman? Sorcerer's apprentice, Stop !, Le Nouvelliste, June 18, 2020
- The new legislation on personal property security law, Le Nouvelliste, June 15, 16, 17, 2020
- Legislation on leasing, Le Nouvelliste, June 9, 2020
- Legislation on commercial lease, Le Nouvelliste, June 5, 2020

- The decree on the Covid pandemic : from good intentions to a text impossible to apply, Le Nouvelliste, June 2, 2020
- The reform of the matrimonial regimes by the Decree of April 9 2020, Le Nouvelliste, June 1, 2020
- Decomposition, Le Nouvelliste, September 17, 2019
- Go away, all of you! Le Nouvelliste, June 12, 2019
- They have broken the toy, Le Nouvelliste, January 11, 2016
- The encounter of differences, Le Nouvelliste, December 2015
- Human rights and Constitution during the electoral process, Le Nouvelliste, December 21, 2015
- The Constitution of 1987 does not guarantee a republican democracy, Symposium of the Louis-Joseph-Janvier Center, March 2015, published in the daily Le Nouvelliste, April 4, 2015
- The Dominican Constitutional Court and International Law. Review of the Louis-Joseph-Janvier Center, July-December 2015
- Citizenship law in Haiti: bastion or openness? History of the legislation. Review of Louis-Joseph-Janvier Center on Constitutional Studies at Quisqueya University. July-December 2014
- The Dominican Law on Children of Foreigners born in Dominican Republic. Symposium Quisqueya University, June 2014

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- The Digital Revolution of Haitian Law, Ed. Henri Deschamps, Port-au-Prince, 2012, 225 pages.
- Haiti and crime against humanity, Le Nouvelliste, February 2011
- Rural Code, updated. Ed. Zemes. 2010

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- The judgment. Handbook written for the judges. 2008
- The effective training for a lawyer. Conference at the Bar Association of Portau-Prince. May 2008
- Citizenship. Precisions on controversial issues. Le Nouvelliste. April 4, 2008
- *Training of lawyers.* Seminar by the Ministry of Justice and the Federation of Haitian Bar Associations. February 2008.
- Separation of Church and State, a space of religious freedom. Le Nouvelliste, April 2007
- *Hierarchy of norms and control of constitutionality,* Seminar organized by Quisqueya University for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution, March 2007
- Independence of the Judiciary. Lecture. Port-au-Prince Bar Association. 2003
- *The contract in e-commerce.* Conference on the Haitian Internet. UNDP/RDDH. 2002
- Marital life: legal obligation or unattainable ideal. Quisqueya Law Review. 2000
- Proposal for a new legislation of telecommunications. Conference Telecom Haiti. 1996
- Reintegration of goods confiscated on political grounds. Case study of Supreme Court decisions. Quisqueya Law Review
- Legal study of international sports competitions: the example of football soccer. Doctoral thesis. University of Aix-Marseille III. 1988
- *Civil liabilities of physicians in Haitian Law.* Bachelor's Degree dissertation. Haitian State University. 1981

### Education

- 2020. Training on ICC Rules of Arbitration 2017. International Chamber of Commerce
- 2015. Training on International Contracts. Level 2 International Chamber of Commerce. Paris
- 1983-1988 Ph.D. in Law Aix-Marseille III University. France
- 1982-1983. Diploma of Political Studies. Option : International Relations Institute of Political Studies. Aix-en-Provence. France.
- 1981-1982. Master's Degree in Law Aix-Marseille III University, France
- 1977-1981 Bachelor's Degree in Law Haiti State University

### Languages

French: spoken very well, read very well, written very well English: spoken very well, read very well, written very well Spanish: spoken well, read well, written fair