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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

2019 – 2024 L.L.M International Commercial Arbitration (ongoing)  
(University of London)

2017 - 2019 M. A. *Master of Arts* in Communication and Media Studies

*Thesis: “THE IMPACT OF MEDIA REPORTING OF WAR CRIMES TRIALS ON CIVIL SOCIETY AND POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE IN SIERRA LEONE: A CASE STUDY OF THE ARMED FORCES REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (AFRC) TRIAL”*

2011- 2012 *B.L. Barrister –at- Law (Class II, Division Two)*  
Sierra Leone Law School, Council of Legal Education

2007- 2011 *LL.B. (Honours) Bachelor of Laws (Second Class, First Division)*  
Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone

2006-2007- *PGDip Post Graduate Diploma in Mass Communications (Pass with Credit)*  
Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone

2002-2006 – *B. A. (General) Bachelor of Arts Division One (Political Science & History)*  
Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**May, 2020 –September, 2020 MEMBER SIERRA LEONE MARITIME ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY TEAM (SLMA)**

**Responsibilities**

- Part of the team to investigate the administrative and financial management of SLMA
- Reduce the findings into a report with recommendations for an improved management of SLMA
- Advise the Inquiry team on all legal matters pertinent to the Inquiry and SLMA Act 2000

**January, 2019 -March, 2020 CONSULTANT SENIOR STATE COUNSEL – Commissions of Inquiry – represented the State at the Inquiry**

**Responsibilities**

- Support the work of the Commissioner
- Proffer legal advice to the Attorney General's Office pertaining to the State's case
- Supervise Junior State Counsel working at the Commissions of Inquiry
- Direct the conduct of investigations into areas and persons of interest before the Commission

**September, 2019- ASSOCIATE LECTURER IN JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL THEORIES & THE LAW OF CONTRACT- School of Law, Njala University Bo Campus**

**Responsibilities**

- Introduce the students to the law of Contract
- Conduct lectures and seminars
- Conduct examination at the end of every semester
- Assess and grade the students at the end of the semester
- Organize and supervise students' moot court

**May - 2018 to August 2018- CHAIRMAN- Timber Review Committee**

**Responsibilities**

- Investigate into the conduct of timber trade in Sierra Leone from 2007 - 2018
- Analyze timber payment systems and how such proceeds were utilized
- Produce a report and make recommendations for the protection of Sierra Leone's forest reserves

**June – 2018 to date - HEAD OF CHAMBERS AND MANAGING PARTNER – Brewah & Co., Mahiteh Chambers - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - 24 Pademba Road, Freetown**

**Responsibilities**

- Manage and administer the Law Firm of Brewah & Co., Solicitors
- Conduct cases and matters in the Superior Courts of Judicature
- Practice Director on the conduct of cases
- Proffer legal opinion for retained and corporate clients
- Supervise colleagues in conduct of litigation

**January, 2016 - May, 2018 DEPUTY DIRECTOR - Timap for Justice**

**Responsibilities**

- Act in the capacity of the Director in his absence
- Supervise the implementation of all projects
- Participate in the negotiation of contracts with donors, design and review of project documents, and coordinate overall planning and deliverables

- Facilitate institutional engagement, consultations with national/community level stakeholders, build linkages with external stakeholders, and attend meetings/workshops
- Provide litigation support to the director/lawyers, including assistance in the preparation and filing of legal documents, and other processes of a routine nature
- Conduct background research of cases requiring action for the purpose of litigation and assist with factual investigation of a limited scope on cases for litigation
- Attend court hearings and prepare preliminary assessment of Timap's involvement on reported cases pending in court.
- Provide support to paralegals' work, including advising paralegals on cases referred to director/lawyers for litigation
- Assist in reviewing cases together with lead paralegals, pointing out matters which may necessitate litigation and/or action or matters related to litigation.
- Initiate and maintain relationship between paralegals and court officials, as well as the Police and Prison officials.
- Supervise paralegals in the Criminal Justice Programme
- Provide legal representation for indigent accused litigants
- Supervise the general administration of the organization
- Represent the organization externally and negotiate with donor partners

**November 2012- Jan. 2014 NEWS EDITOR-** Radio and Television, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)

### **Responsibilities**

- Collaborate with the team of editors to edit both radio and television news for broadcast and telecast
- Participate and chair editorial and production meetings
- Supervise reporters for both radio and television news production
- Assign reporters to cover news stories and events
- Serve as support staff to the Head of Newsroom

### **WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS ATTENDED**

**November 2019, SIERRA LEONE PORTS AUTHORITY HIRED CONSULTANT-** "Corporate Governance: The Relationship between Board and Management," held in Bo.

**August 2017, LEAD FACILITATOR** - "Collaboration between the Judiciary and Community Justice Institutions on Access to Justice," Park Inn by Radisson, KN 41 St, Kigali, Rwanda.

### **OTHER ENGAGEMENTS**

**August 2013- SUPERVISOR** - Fourah Bay College Human Rights Clinic

## **Responsibilities**

- Supervise the general administration and running of the Clinic
- Direct the activities of projects - Schools Education and Legal Aid projects
- Report on Clinic activities to the Board and Donors
- Lead human rights campaigns and shape the direction of students' human rights activism

**December 2009 - June 2010 - RESEARCH ASSISTANT** *“Police Reform in Post Conflict Sierra Leone” Erlen Grotstad Doctorial Research, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford*

**November 2009 - February 2010 - CONSULTANT** - *GTZ hired Consultant for the Evaluation of GIZ Police promotion project* - the project was assessed to gauge how it impacted Police performance in terms of technical and infrastructural support given to the Police.

- Evaluated and reported findings on the implementation of the project and its impact
- Provided technical advice to the project implementation locations in and out of Freetown

**2009 - 2010 RESEARCH ASSISTANT AND FIELD RESEARCHER** *“Peace as Societal Transformation: Intergenerational Power Struggle and Post- Conflict Democratization in Sierra Leone”- Johanna, Boersch - Supan, Doctorial Research, Nuffield College, University of Oxford*

**2008 - TEAM LEADER** *“Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in Primary Education in Sierra Leone”* - sponsored by the African education Watch and implemented by Transparency International - Sierra Leone

**2007 - RESEARCH ASSISTANT** *“Involvement of Unemployed Youths in Politics in Sierra Leone”* sponsored by Nordic African Research Institute, University of Uppsala, Sweden

## **AWARDS AND OTHER TRAININGS**

**MARCH 2017** – Training on Bail and Sentencing organized by the Judicial and Legal Training Institute of Sierra Leone

**OCTOBER, 2016** Participant – Establishment of African Centre of Excellence (for paralegals studies), Johannesburg South Africa

**JUNE, 2015 – DEC. 2017** Moderator/Lead Facilitator: *“Bail and Sentencing Guidelines National Consultative Meeting”* Implemented in 14 Districts in Sierra Leone

**OCTOBER, 2013** – Ethiopia - Attended and Facilitated the Conference for Tobacco Lawyers in African Campaigning for the legislation of Tobacco Laws in African Countries

**JULY 2012** – Training on Arbitration, Principles of mediation, Introduction to Oil and Gas M & A and Professional liabilities organized by Project Umubano (Justice Program) and General Legal Council, Sierra Leone

**2012** – Best Student in International Criminal Law awarded by the Sierra Leone Law School

**SEPTEMBER 2010** – Training on the Enforcement of International Criminal Law organized by AEGIS Preventing Crimes Against Humanity.

**JULY 2010** – Training on International Humanitarian Law organized by the Sierra Leone Institute of International Law

**PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

- Member-Sierra Leone Bar Association (SLBA)
- Member-Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ)
- National Secretary General Bo Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (BAOSA)
- Secretary General Affairs Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaát Sierra Leone

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