## CURRICULUM VITAE ROBINA SHONUBI December 2022

#### PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Profession:** Dispute Resolution Practitioner: Trained Arbitrator, Practicing Mediator.

Spouse: Dr. Alan SHONUBI, LL.B, SC (Senior Counsel):

Languages: Fluent English, Functional Luganda.

## **Recent Accomplishments:**

Name of book/publication: MEDIATION, AN EQUITABLE REMEDY.

ISBN 978-9913-9918-1-0

Author: Mrs. Robina Shonubi. Several primary and secondary authorities are cited.

Number of pages: 124

Category: Law

<u>Featuring:</u> Comparisons of Equitable Remedies with Alternative Dispute Resolution. It also includes my personal testimony regarding Mediation Negotiation and Arbitration.

Publisher: Robina Shonubi

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## **EDUCATION and TRAINING.**

#### Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY- February 2020.

Master of Laws. LL.M. in International Dispute Resolution. Highly distinguished Adjunct Professors are the main prize in a Masters program at Fordham Law School. One of my Professor's, Thomas Halket, Chair of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, conducted relevant topics in international arbitration.

#### Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

-Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

-BA in Economics and Social Administration.

-Diploma in Education

1999- 2003

1987- 1990

1983- 1985

### PROFESSIONAL & WORK EXPERIENCE

**Designated Arbitrator**, International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Panel of Arbitrators. I was nominated by the Republic of Uganda. **February 11**, **2021**.

**Court Annexed Mediator**, Courts of Judicature, Republic of Uganda. High Court Family Division, **2017 to 2020**.

Commercial Division of the High Court. December 2020 to March 2021 (ongoing).

**Visiting Arbitrator, as a mentee of** James H. Garrabrandt, Esq., Arbitrator, at New Jersey Superior Court, Trenton, NJ. The Court Administrator allowed me as a Dispute Resolution Practitioner from a foreign jurisdiction, to sit on several personal injury arbitration panels of the Court. Each panel had 3 arbitrators and I sat as a 4th with the consent of the parties. The Award form was filled, calculated and signed by the arbitrators in my presence. Fall 2016

**Observation of a live commercial mediation.** (NY State mandatory requirement for prospective Commercial cases Mediators.) Conducted by Simeon H. Baum Esq. (7 hours duration) at Resolve Mediation Services, Inc. 121 Avenue of the Americas, 40th Floor New York, NY 10036-8704. **On June 22, 2018**.

### **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE).**

- -Commission on the Status of Women CSW. 63 on Illicit Financial Flows. March 14, 2019. Hosted by FIDA Uganda. Theme: "Address Illicit Financial Flows and Improve Access to Public Services for Women". Held at Vartan Hall, The Armenian Convention Center, New York City. Sub topics:
- 1. Political Economy of illicit financial flows in Africa with specific focus on Uganda(TJN A)
- 2. The link between IFF's and access to public services for the poorest and most vulnerable populations (FIDA Uganda).
- 3. IFF's and Women's access to public services in Uganda (Akina Maama Wa Afrika)
- 4. Global Strategies to address IFF's based on international Best Practice and lessons learnt (Pan African Lawyers Union PALU).

New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Continuing Legal Education (CLE)- June 17-19, 2019. 3 Day Commercial Arbitration Training for Arbitrators and Counsel. Participant, Editor and Committee member for the final report of the Training at The Cardozo Law School.

**Advanced Commercial Mediation Training- June 11-13, 2018.** Fordham Law School.

**141st NYSBA Annual Meeting- January 22 - 26, 2018**. As a participant I was particularly intrigued by presentations in international mediation and the issues facing nations with regard to Bitcoin and Crypto currencies. The presentation on how to efficiently run a law firm with emphasis on billing clients was very relevant. New York, NY

One day Advanced Legal Writing for Lawyers- May 3, 2018. Held at Hyatt Place, Buffalo NY. The facilitator was the highly sought-after Justice Gerald Lebovits who has

been a Judge in New York since 2001, and Acting Supreme Court Justice in Manhattan.

Fall 2017 NYSBA Dispute Resolution Section meeting - October 26, 2017. The topic of great interest to me was on multi-party Mediation challenges within Construction, and Insurance cases. Investor Fraud cases were also addressed. Each topic was handled by notable experts in the field as lawyers who are ADR practitioners. New York, NY

# New Jersey State Bar Association-Annual Meeting. Atlantic City NJ. May 15 & 16, 2019.

I participated in the following CLE: Ethics Concerns in ADR; Seminar, and Initial Arbitration (Process) Program Seminar.

Family Law Mediation Training- October 19, 2015. May 2&9, 2016. October 24 & 31, 2016. Five day, forty hour family law mediation training - Law Centre, New Brunswick NJ,

# 4th Annual East Africa Arbitration Conference- Kampala Uganda. September 2016.

The main focus was to address the rising interest in ADR by Lawyers and Judges. We explored answers on how to gain access to international arbitration panels.

## NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WORK. (NGO)

I successfully served as Chairperson of the Committee to establish Central Busoga Diocese which is now 36th diocese of the Province of the Church of Uganda, Anglican. **2009-2014**. The Bishop Rt. Rev. Patrick Wakula was Consecrated on 13 November 2016.

I am currently serving as the Head of Laity and head of Mother's Union in Nakigo, a parish in this diocese.

# GIRLS WHO ARE WOMEN & Bishop H. L. Orombi Foundation - 2007-2015 Promoter and Director.

These NGO's focused on publishing Christian literature, sermons and introduced sports competitions (Canon John Bikangaga Trophy) in the former war ravaged northern Uganda to occupy and socialize post primary school boys and girls. Kampala, Uganda.

## **BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.**

**SHONBEE Bridge Ltd.**, has worked on registering and developed intellectual property since 2014. Our hybrid (TMB) created the theory concept and operational part for bridging mobile money end-users to the banking system in an instant process. The Central Bank

of Uganda has shown interest in enabling its implementation and new legislation can now facilitate this initiative. It is a work in progress.

The five key stake-holders, two of whom are the primary actors, namely commercial banks (financial intermediaries) and mobile telephone companies will input, participate, and partner to enable the application of TMB into the formal sector of the economy. **2020 - ongoing**.

**Director Equity Stock Brokers, Uganda Ltd- 2007-2009**. A successful Uganda stock broker firm. I resigned after two years to avoid a conflict of interest as a newly appointed Director in a commercial bank. Kampala, Uganda.

## Director Ecobank Uganda Ltd. 2008 - 2012.

I served as a Non-executive director and Chair, audit committee for four years. We began as a startup bank in Uganda, developed six branches and by the time I left the Board, four years later, the Supervision department of the Central Bank of Uganda gave the bank a good exit report at my last Board meeting. Kampala, Uganda. Ecobank, Uganda Ltd. is part of Ecobank Group, with headquarters in Togo with branches in over 30 countries in Africa with ETI Holding Company worth Net Revenue of USD \$ 2BN (down 6% in comparison with 2015 up 8% to 2.3 BN in constant currency).

# Managing Director, SHOAL Group (Family Real Estate Medium size Business ) 1996 to date

SHOAL Ltd is a Company limited by share capital. I have participated in growing the business property portfolio from a single domestic housing unit to several commercial and residential properties (leasehold or freehold) in and around Kampala, Uganda worth several millions of US dollars.

As Managing Director I have grown our human resource base and developed the company operations, standardized tenancy agreements, monitored staff numbers and workloads through job descriptions and annual appraisal forms, self evaluations, overhead cost reductions, remuneration and annual bonus incentives, as well as capital expenditure decisions.

The careful watch on credit control during the acquisition of new properties and monitoring bank repayment schedules on mortgages and loans is a perpetual responsibility. Timely rent mobile money/cheque collections from tenants is imperative in maintaining banker client relationships and recurrent expenditures.

**Secondary School Board of Governors- 2008-2018.** Served as a Board Member of the followingnamely, Nakigo Secondary School, Mengo Senior School and King's College Budo. Kampala, Uganda.

**CENTENARY PUBLISHING HOUSE Managing Director- 2000- 2004**. Publishing Work Managing Director for: Church of Uganda copyright books, academic titles and initiated /sub editor, of revising old editions. I also coordinated media book launches.

#### The Word - 1996 - 1999

Publisher and Editor for The WORD Monthly Family Newspaper.

### INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPOSURE.

### United States Peace Corps- 1994 - 1996.

Director's Secretary. Program work towards the placement of Peace Corps volunteers and assisting the Directors of the Education and Natural Resources Management Programs.

#### CARE International in Uganda. 1991 - 1994

Administration and Procurement; Buyer: suppliers of office equipment and vehicles. Petty Cashier handling disbursements using specific account codes and fund codes for each program request.

Reception duties, logistical support for workshops. Editor for Staff Health Newsletter.

## Educator, Secondary School Teacher - 1985 - 1987.

Makerere College School: Taught History and Religious Education.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS.

- The Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA Uganda). As a Non voting member for over five years I receive opportunities to serve and access trainings, (see below). FIDA's pioneering role of legal aid and public legal education offered, gave me a deeper understanding of how the services rendered are transforming and equipping vulnerable and naive women, regardless of their academic and social standing in society.
- -New York State Bar Association. I am an Affiliate member of the Association and a member of Dispute Resolution Section since July, 2017.

**BAR ADMISSION** New York State Bar Exam (Planned for July 2022)

#### UNITED NATIONS MEETINGS ATTENDED:

-UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) NY, NY Republic of Uganda Delegate,

WG VI, Unsecured Interests. April 30-May 4, 2018

WG III Investor State Dispute Resolution Reform. April 1-5, 2019.

#### Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

-CSW 63 on Illicit Financial Flows. March 14, 2019. FIDA Uganda held a parallel event at CSW63' around theme: "Address Illicit Financial Flows and Improve Access to Public Services for Women". Held at The Armenian Convention Center, Vartan Hall in NYC.

The issue of illicit financial flows has emerged in recent years as a phenomenon of global importance. IFFs cost African countries at least USD (50) fifty billion, every year (AU/ ECA Mbeki report).

## 55th CSW Feb/March 2011

Peace building for prevention and post conflict efforts by women