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- 14 years experience as an international/national legal, development, training and subject matter expert on conflict and transitional crisis areas. 5 years national experience in social service, legal practice and academic teaching.
- Organizational and Field experience in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Croatia, *DRC*, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Macedonia, Occupied Palestinian Territory, South Africa, Southern Sudan in international non-governmental organizations, the United Nations, African Union, North-Atlantic Treaty Organization
- Subject Matter Expertise on rights and development for minorities and marginalized groups, women, children, refugees, internally displaced and trafficked persons in conflict and post-conflict settings.
- Issue Based Experience in human rights, humanitarian law, genocide prevention, R2P, development of rule of law institutions and good governance, relevance of customary and Shar'a legal systems in development, duties/responsibilities of national/international actors in building judicial/political institutions, anti –trafficking and civil-military-interaction.

Education

- 1998 - 1999 **LL.M Masters of Law in Public International Law**
Leiden University, The Netherlands.
- 1995 - 1996 **Public International Law Certificate Course**
Hague Academy of International Law, International Court of Justice, The Netherlands.
- 1992 - 1995 **J.D Juris Doctorate (Common Law)**
University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- 1986-1990 **B.A Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences**
University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

International Work Experience

- 2009 **Legal Consultant, ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE** Macedonia
- Advocating and developing a framework for continuing legal education with members of the Bar Association, Judiciary, Prosecution, Academic Institutions, civil society.
- 2008/2009 **Program Manager, Afghanistan and Horn of Africa NATO SACT HQ** Virginia. USA
- Worked as part of a joint civil/military team, team hosted by North Atlantic Treaty Organization to gather, analyze and present information to both civilian and military actors
 - Developed virtual tools that enable sharing of information between military and civilian actors at the tactical, operational and strategic level; the aim to ensure and improve coordination between military and civilian actors and thus more sensitivity in conflict engagement
 - Managed, hired and supervised international staff in humanitarian, human rights, security, governance, infrastructure, economics and justice and rule of law fields.

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| 2008 | Legal Consultant, Access to Justice THE ASIA FOUNDATION (TAF) | Sri Lanka |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice and direction on TAF's work plan for its 2008 Access to Justice proposal on potential civil military interaction, community policing and human security programming. • Met with national authorities, senior military officers, international and national non-governmental actors to discuss civil military interaction and cooperation on the field) and national levels. • Established guidelines for moving from conflict to post conflict civilian and military administration in the East, Centre and North of Sri Lanka. | |
| 2007/2008 | Consultant, Institute for Legal Studies INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LAW ORG. | Sudan |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized a round table on the establishment of the Institute for Legal Studies with Southern Sudan Supreme Court (JOSS), Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development (MOLACD) • Stimulated donor, partner, implementer, national and community interest in the development of the Institute • Developed curriculum and programs for the beneficiaries, recruited staff, Founding documents for the Institute. | |
| 2006/2007 | Human Rights Officer, UNITED NATIONS MISSION TO IRAQ (UNAMI) | Iraq |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the work of the Iraqi National Human Rights Commission to encourage independence and effectiveness in the areas of promotion and protection • Advised on transitional justice initiatives that lead to better judiciary and legal justice system in Iraq • Set up a protection working group with Iraqi NGO's to ensure that civil society plays a role in rule of law development in Iraq. | |
| 2004-2006 | Project Coordinator, Legal Aid Centers NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL | Sri Lanka Afghanistan |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained, capacity built and advises Afghan and Sri Lankan lawyers in their work with conflict and Tsunami affected internally displaced persons(IDPs) • Addressed civil disputes - document and land recovery, criminal cases - sexual and gender based violence against women and children and family matters • Developed and capacity built of legal professionals to ensure that rights of internally displaced persons(IDPs) upheld in accordance with international standards and adhere to traditional and religious principles. | |

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| 2001-2004 | Program Manager, INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MIGRATION COMMISSION | Bosnia/Indonesia |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and implemented regional legal, social and economic assistance programs for displaced persons and refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, including a program for counter trafficking across South Eastern Europe • Designed and managed a gender protection and legal rights training program for women and girls in the conflict-affected region of Aceh Indonesia • Focusing on issues of the impact of the lives of women and children living under martial law, trafficking, torture, rape, extra-judicial killings, lack of access to education, health and economic resources. | |
| 1999-2001 | Human Rights Officer, ORG. FOR COOPERATION AND SECURITY IN EUROPE | Bosnia |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitored, investigated and reported human rights violations against returnees and IDPs and ensure compliance with international human rights instruments in Prijedor and Orasje • Advised returnees and refugees to Bosnia on property and employment Claims with relevant government institutions and supported the government authorities to develop law and policy that ensured that the rights of citizens are respected | |
| 1999 | Legal Officer, UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY (UNRWA) | Gaza Strip |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzed privileges and immunities, access and constraints, humanitarian and human rights violations affecting Palestinian refugees in the Occupied Palestinian territories • Drafted the annual report of the Commissioner-General of UNRWA and briefing notes to the Secretary-General for review and adoption by the General Assembly. | |
| 1997-1998 | Legal Researcher, MOLO SONGOLOLO & CANADIAN LAWYERS ABROAD | South Africa |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researched and prepared a comprehensive analysis of the effectiveness of national, provincial and local policy and constitutional framework available to ensure the protection of street children in Southern Cape. | |

National Work Experience

- 2010/12 **Adjunct Professor, International Human Rights Law, WINDSOR LAW SCHOOL, Windsor, CA**
- Faculty position teaching courses on international human rights law and transnational corporations and human rights for J.D students on international rights declarations, treaties and conventions and their applicability to global conflict, post conflict and transitional settings.
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- 2010/12 **Lecturer, Paralegal, Immigration and Global Business, HUMBER COLLEGE, Toronto, CA**
- Faculty position teaching courses on Canadian Immigration and Refugee law, Canadian Business Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Administrative law for college university level students preparing for international legal and business careers.
- 2010 **Visiting Scholar, Program of Law/Social Thought, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL Cambridge, USA**
- Research on rule of law and justice in formal and informal justice systems in post-conflict countries with focus primarily on Afghanistan/Pakistan, and Sudan, Sri Lanka Indonesia and Iraq
- 2009/2010 **Affiliate Fellow, South Asia Initiative, HARVARD ARTS & SCIENCE FACULTY Cambridge, USA**
- Research and presentations on South Asian issues as they pertain to law and policy work on the relationship between India and Afghanistan in justice, governance and development.
- 2009/2010 **Associate Fellow, HARVARD CARR CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY Cambridge, USA**
- Research, teaching and policy advice on state building and human rights on rule of law and justice in post-conflict countries focus primarily on Afghanistan/Pakistan, but also on Sudan, Sri Lanka and Iraq
- 1995-1996 **Lawyer in Articles, OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN’S LAWYER, ATTORNEY GENERAL Toronto**
- Provided legal representation to child clients in family law – custody and access, child welfare, civil litigation and estate law
 - Conducted interviews, appeared at trial and appeals, drafted pleadings and prepared settlement agreements for clients and their families.
- 1991-1992 **Community Development Officer, MINISTRY OF SOLICITOR GENERAL Toronto**
- Implemented a grant program aimed at fostering partnerships between community agencies and police services in Toronto
- 1990-1991 **Advocate / Counselor, EMILY STOWE SHELTER FOR WOMEN Toronto**
- Provided crisis counseling and support services and information to women and children survivors of domestic violence
 - Advocated & lobbied on behalf of women & children on legal assistance, housing, welfare, immigration, child care, employment and education.

Teaching Experience

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| 2011-present | SME Grey Cell, Steadfast Juncture Exercise, Joint Warfare Ctre, NATO | Stavanger, Norway |
| 2010-present | Adjunct Lecturer, International Human Rights Law, Windsor Law, | Windsor, Canada |
| 2010-present | Sessional Lecturer, Bach. App. Arts Paralegal Studies, Humber College | Toronto, Canada |
| 2010/2011 | Trainer and Facilitator at ABA Rule of Law (Judges/Lawyers) | Amman, Jordan |
| 2010/2011 | Facilitator and Advisor at Pearson Peacekeeping Centre | Ottawa, Canada |
| 2009/2010 | Session Lecturer in Law/Migration at Harvard Law School | Cambridge, USA |
| 2009/2010 | Lectures on Informal Justice/Human Rights at Harvard Kennedy School | Cambridge, USA |
| 2009/2010 | Trainer and Advisor on Civil-Military at Canadian Forces College | Toronto, Canada |
| 2008/2009 | Advanced Ops. Law, CIMIC Courses, NATO School | O'gau, Germany |
| 2008/2009 | Information Operations and Law at Canadian Armed Forces | Quebec, Canada |
| 2003/2004 | Adjunct Law Lecturer Management Centre | Innsbruck, Austria |

Media Appearances

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| April 2010 | <i>“Challenges, Cautious Optimism for Afghanistan’s Rule of Law Initiatives”</i> Harvard Law Record, Vol CXXX, No. 7, Cambridge, USA |
| March 2010 | <i>“Women in Post – Conflict Justice Settings”</i> , Late Night Live with Philip Adams, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Sydney Australia (hyperlink) |
| March 2010 | <i>“The West Builds Institutions, Afghans want Informal Justice,”</i> Opinion Editorial, The Globe and Mail, Toronto, Canada |
| Dec 2009 | <i>“Women and Lack of Justice in Afghanistan”</i> , News Bulletin, Al Jazeera English TV, Washington DC, USA |