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Signed Bar Roll in 2018. Practice areas include Alternative Dispute Resolution, Civil, Criminal, Environment and Planning, Industrial and Employment, Inquests and Inquiries, International Law, Public and Administrative Law, Wills and Estates.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism

Senior Legal Officer

New York, USA

May-December 2017

As the head legal adviser of the Mechanism, I advised on all legal issues related to the investigations and operations of the OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism (est. under Security Council resolution 2235 (2015)), into those responsible for the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic. This included drafting the Mechanism's reports to the UN Security Council containing the findings of its investigations, as well as the oral submissions of the Head of the Mechanism to the Security Council.

United Nations, Office of Legal Affairs

Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel

New York, USA

September 2000-July 2018

I provided written and oral advice to the UN Legal Counsel and offices across the UN system on a diverse range of legal issues regarding UN operations, including of a complex and politically sensitive nature. This involved advising on issues of public international law, incl. regarding armed conflict, international humanitarian and human rights law, and treaty law, as well as administrative law. I worked both as a team leader and team member, developed strong legal analysis and drafting skills, led negotiations, and worked in teams that cross diplomacy, policy and the law. Areas of work / examples assignments included:

- advising on a wide range of issues in the context of UN peacekeeping and special political operations, UN funds and programmes, and UN humanitarian operations (lead responsibility for advising on operations in Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus, South Sudan, Darfur, Abyei, Western Sahara and Timor Leste);
- preparing written submissions for court proceedings, including *amicus curiae* briefs before the US District Court for the Southern District of New York and the European Court of Human Rights;
- advising on the status of the UN and its privileges and immunities, incl. with respect to claims, cooperation with national law enforcement authorities; and institutional and procedural issues;
- advising on accountability mechanisms, including the establishment and operation of international courts (Sierra Leone and Cambodia); international commissions of inquiry, international criminal law and responsibility of international organizations;
- advising on sanctions regimes, including rights of listed persons; the international legal framework concerning terrorism;
- advising on thematic issues relating to the protection of children in armed conflict; protection of civilians; sexual exploitation and abuse by UN personnel; and sexual harassment;
- advising on issues of statehood, right to self-determination and exploitation of natural resources;
- presenting papers on issues of public international law at expert and academic meetings, and delivering training to senior UN officials and representatives of States.

United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)

Legal Adviser

Dili, Timor-Leste

January-June 2009

I advised on/handled a broad range of issues concerning the day-to-day operations of the UN mission. This included negotiating an agreement with the Timorese Government, and advising on the application of the agreement under which Australia provided security to the UN in Timor-Leste.

Crown Solicitor's Office, Attorney General's Department South Australia

Solicitor, Administrative and Environmental Law Section

Adelaide, Australia

Feb-Dec 1999

I provided written and oral advice to government departments and conducted trials and other court proceedings on a broad range of issues, incl. professional conduct (medical negligence), child protection, public health & safety and environmental matters.

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, South Australia

Prosecutor

Adelaide, Australia

Feb 1995-Dec 1997

I prosecuted approximately 40 jury trials in the Supreme and District Courts of South Australia, appeared as junior counsel in complex, lengthy trials, and conducted solicitor work.

Supreme Court of South Australia

Associate to the Honourable Justice Nyland

Adelaide, Australia

Dec 1993 – Feb 1995

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to the Supreme Court of South Australia and the High Court of Australia	1995
Master of Laws (LLM) with Merit, London School of Economics and Political Science	2003
GDLP, University of South Australia	1994
LLB with Honours and BA, University of Adelaide	1989-1993

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), French (intermediate) and German (basic)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

South Australian Bar Association
Law Society of South Australia
American Society of International Law
International Law Association (American Branch)

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

“United Nations Partnerships in Peace and Security”, *International Organizations Law Review* 13 (2016) pp 55-73;
“Detention in UN Peace Operations” – chapter in book “Detention in International Military Operations: the Future Law”, edited by G. Rose and B. Oswald (2016) (Martinus Nijhoff);
“Perspective on the Applicability and Application of International Humanitarian Law: the UN Context” *International Review of the Red Cross* (2013), 95 (891/892), 645-652, Multinational operations and the law (Cambridge University Press);
“Accountability in International Policing”, *Journal of International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 15, Nos. 1-2, (2011) pp. 92-117 (Martinus Nijhoff).