

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

September 2018
to present

CANADIAN REGIONAL FIELD MANAGER

Supporting Inclusive Resource Development in East Africa Project

Supporting Inclusive Resource Development in East Africa (SIRD) is a project funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and implemented by the Canadian Bar Association (CBA). It is in partnership with law societies of Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda and East Africa with the objective of increasing sustainable economic growth for East Africans, especially women and local communities affected by extractive industries.

My responsibility as the Canadian Regional Field Manager (CRFM) is the management of the Project Support Office and the Program Managers situated in the four law societies. It is to also liaise and maintain strong relations with other stakeholders in the extractive industries, government officials as well as civil society organizations. I also collaborate with partners to identify the technical and resource needs of the stakeholders to strengthen capacity to address legal issues related to extractive industries activities in communities in East Africa.

My duties include supporting partner law societies in the project cycle (planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting), assisting in the preparation of the annual workplans and quarterly narrative reports, undertaking as well as overseeing procurement and logistical arrangements, reviewing financial reports and monitoring the collection of data to ensure project results are achieved and identify mitigation strategies where necessary.

May 2018 to
September 2018

COUNSEL

International Assistance Group
Department of Justice Canada

I was part of the Mutual Legal Assistance team dealing with Criminal Matters that reviewed incoming requests from foreign jurisdictions for assistance in criminal law matters as well as requests from Canadian investigative agencies that require assistance in criminal law matters from foreign jurisdictions.

June 2003 to
May 2018

COUNSEL & PROJECT DIRECTOR/FIELD DIRECTOR

International Legal Programs Section
Department of Justice Canada

On behalf of Justice Canada, the International Legal Programs Section (ILPS) provides technical legal assistance and expertise in the justice sector; assist in reconstruction and institutional capacity-building in various countries and regions to enhance, reform and strengthen their own legal systems. My role was to advise on strategic, policy and operational matters in both international and domestic environments.

As Project Director for three projects and as Field Director for another (described below), I have led, mentored and provided guidance to teams of lawyers and administrative staff both in Canada and abroad. I have been responsible for multi-million dollars projects. An interesting component of the projects is providing advice and direction and exchanging concepts with the lawyers in other jurisdictions on how to enhance their justice system using the Canadian experience.

My work also involved regular liaison with Ministers, Law Commission Chairs, current and former Chief Justices, Attorneys General and other government officials and officials of donor agencies and organizations. In order to initiate, establish and sustain programs and activities, I was required to build trust, confidence, congenial relationships and a good working environment with all partners and officials.

Program Director and Legal Counsel

(October 2016 – May 2018)

Justice Undertaking for Social Transformation (JUST) (Jamaica)

Commencing in 2009, JUST was a multi-year program of technical assistance to Jamaica. The program's aim was to help improve the organization, management and service delivery capacity of key justice sector institutions, such as the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Judiciary and Court Management Services.

Project Director and Legal Counsel

(May 2009 – September 2016)

Sharaka – Strengthening Palestinian Prosecution Institutions
(Palestinian Authority)

I assisted in the development and delivery of a capacity-building project (*Sharaka* – an Arabic word connoting trust and partnership) to support the Office of the Attorney General and Public Prosecution (OAG/PP) of the Palestinian Authority. This technical legal assistance program, implemented over seven and a half years, combined operational measures, to support the day-to-day workings of the OAG/PP; structural measures, to strengthen the OAG/PP's functioning as an organization; and knowledge- and capacity-building measures, to increase the efficiency and professional capabilities of the OAG/PP staff.

Field Director and Legal Counsel

(May 2004 – April 2008)

Department of Justice Canada's CIDA Legal Reform Project A
(Bangladesh)

The primary focus of the rule of law/governance project was capacity building of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, the Law Commission and the criminal justice sector. I was based in Dhaka, Bangladesh and as the most senior field Justice Canada official, I was responsible for all aspects of the project's activities and initiatives in Bangladesh.

Project Manager and Legal Counsel

Afghanistan Project

(June 2003 – May 2004)

The Afghanistan project was part of Canada's assistance in rebuilding the justice system in post-conflict Afghanistan. As the Project Manager, I was responsible for coordinating efforts, in the area of human rights and collaborated with the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research and the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission in the compilation of a monitoring guide. In addition, I also worked with officials from the United Nations, the Afghan Ministry of Justice, the Judicial Reform Commission and Amnesty International.

Jan. 1998 to
June 2003;
Nov. 1991 to
May 1992

COUNSEL, FEDERAL PROSECUTION SERVICE

Ontario Regional Office, Department of Justice

I worked as on-site counsel at two Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachments, first with the Integrated Proceeds of Crime Unit (IPOC) and then with their drug units. The IPOC is an integrated team of federal, provincial and municipal police officers, customs officials and prosecutors. It assists in the investigation of individuals and organizations suspected of money laundering or other proceeds of crime offences. As part of the unit, I provided on-site legal advice and appeared in applications for judicial authorizations on various matters such as wiretaps, warrants, disclosure and mutual legal assistance requests for both evidence gathering and restraint of assets.

I conducted prosecutions under various federal statutes including the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, the *Income Tax Act*, the *Narcotics Control Act*, and the *Food and Drugs Act*. I was also the professional development coordinator, organizing annual workshops as well as monthly training sessions for prosecutors on substantive topics as well as on trial and appellate advocacy.

Jan. 1994 to
Dec. 1997

SOLE PRACTITIONER

(Appointed as Standing Agent for the Attorney General of Canada)

As a standing agent, I was assigned prosecutions under the *Food & Drugs Act*, the *Narcotics Control Act* and the *Income Tax Act*. I conducted trials at both the provincial court and superior court and dealt with a range of complex cases.

June 1992 to
Jan. 1994;
Oct. 1989 to
Oct. 1991

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Aga Khan Foundation Canada

As Administrative Officer, I oversaw office administration, volunteer coordination and organization of donor dialogue activities. I also reviewed contracts, including consultant contracts and project agreements for international development activities in East Africa, Bangladesh, Pakistan and India.

July 1985 to
Sept. 1989

ASSOCIATE, WALSH YOUNG, CALGARY, ALBERTA
(Articles: July 1985 Call to the Bar: July 1986)

Our firm was appointed as a Standing agent for the Attorney General of Canada. I was assigned cases for prosecutions under the *Food & Drugs Act* and the *Narcotic Control Act*. I also appeared in various appellate courts in Alberta for matters relating to these cases

Education

1982 - 1985

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario
Faculty of Common Law
Degree obtained LL.B.