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Languages

- English - Native
- IsiZulu - Fluent (C1)
- Italian - Basics (A2)

Hobbies/Interests

- Ballet Dancing
- Dramatic Arts
- Entrepreneurship
- Reading
- Technology
- Travelling
- Music

Summary

An ambitious law school graduate offering over two years of experience as legal intern in reputable legal institutions combined with extensive research experience. Characterised by an enthusiasm to ensure the evolution of the current legal order in the facing of increasing technological advancements. Adept at working effectively to achieve goals both as a cross-functional team member and individual contributor. Possessing a vivacious personality with excellent communication skills.

I am Tima, and it would be my pleasure to meet you.

Education

08/2018 - 07/2019 **LL.M. International Business Law (GPA 8.3)**
Tilburg University, Netherlands

Post-graduate education focused on exploring how disruptive technologies, algorithms, data and artificial intelligence affect legal frameworks, economic markets and society.

01/2014 - 06/2018 **LL.B Bachelors of Laws**
University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa

Under-graduate education across all fundamental areas of Common Law, Civil Law and African customary law.

Educational Projects

02/2019 - 06/2019 **Masters Thesis - Enhancing the Technology-Based Entrepreneurship Framework in South Africa**

The thesis conducted doctrinal and empirical research to establish a national framework for technology-based entrepreneurship in South Africa.

04/2019 - 05/2019 **Blockchain in Land Registry Systems**

Led and managed an interdisciplinary project which explored the use of blockchain technology to improve paper-based land registry systems in developing nations.

03/2019 - 04/2019 **LegalTech Solution**

Managed a team in collaboration with software developers to investigate the possibility of creating an application used to simplify and categorise online terms and conditions.

02/2019 - 03/2019 **Outsourcing in the Digital Economy**

Drafted a client alert memo for Dutch law firm Pels Rijcken examining business process outsourcing in the digital economy by exploring the role of cloud-based service providers.

11/2018 - 01/2019 **New Company Law**

Led and managed a project focused on drafting legislation aimed at improving elements of the Mozambique company law in order to spur investment and innovation.

Skills

Interpersonal Skills

Achieved through working in multicultural and multidisciplinary teams at University and during various legal internships.

Legal Research

Acquired through various educational projects, Masters thesis and external researcher position.

Organisational Skills

Implementing strategy, coordinating events and project management abilities obtained through membership in the Students for Law and Social Justice Committee at UCT.

Public Speaking

Attained through my position as President of the Public Speaking Society, Moot Society and participation in the United Nations Global Young Leaders Conference.

Written & Oral Communication

Developed through internships at reputable law firms and various educational projects.

Professional Experience

- 08/2019 - Present **External Researcher**
Durban University of Technology
Responsible for conducting external research and submitting academic articles for the Faculty of Law in partnership with Dr. Emem Anwana. Recently submitted a paper to the 9th International Conference on Leadership, Technology, Innovation and Business Management.
- 02/2018 - 04/2018 **Legal Intern**
ACAS Law (Commercial Law Firm)
Consulted and managed cases as a key member of the Intellectual Property Department. Responsible for drafting applications and filing works of authorship, trademarks, service marks and trade names.
- 01/2017 - 12/2017 **Legal Assistant**
UCT Law Clinic (Legal Aid Service)
Responsible for managing cases involving legal aid clients and conducting means test assessments. Drafted legal documents including summons, notice of motions and affidavits.
- 06/2017 - 07/2017 **Legal Intern**
Bisset Boehmke Mcblain (Law Firm)
Responsible for conducting legal research and reviews. Obtained court room experience at the Cape Town Magistrates and High Courts. Participated in Moot Court Competitions.
- 06/2015 - 07/2015 **Legal Intern**
Goodricks Attorney (General Practice Law Firm)
Conducted legal research and case filings. Attended informative meetings with counsel and clients.

References

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