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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 2019** **Advanced Certificate in Trust Disputes** – Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), London, United Kingdom
- 2015 – 2017** **Master of Laws (LL. M) Corporate & Insolvency Law** – Nottingham Trent University (Commendation)
Business Organisations, Public Companies and Securities Regulation, Corporate Liquidation, International Sale of Goods, International Commercial Transactions, Securing Corporate Debt, Dissertation (Corporate Rescue within the West Indies – The Canadian and English Approaches contrasted and applied).
- 2011 – 2012** **Bar Professional Training Course, (Competent)** - City University of London
ADR, Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation, Advocacy (Examination – in – chief, Cross Examination, Closing, Criminal and Civil), Opinion Writing, Drafting, Serious Fraud / Financial Crime, Commercial Law)
- 2008 – 2011** **Bachelor of Laws (LL. B) Upper Second Class Honours** – University of Wales
- 2010 – 2011** **Certificate in Business Management (Distinction)** – UK Home Learning College
- 2004 – 2006** **A' Levels (Law, Psychology, Computing, General Paper)** – St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL PRACTICE/MEMBERSHIP

Barrister & Solicitor - Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2013), Grenada (2015), Saint Lucia (2015), British Virgin Islands (2018)

Key cases: R v Gellizeau Crim. App. 58 of 2013 (Court of Appeal) – money laundering, forfeiture and restraint, **R v Bennet [2015] unreported** – ascertaining sentencing guidelines for rape and **R v Patterson [2014] unreported** – importance of mental health review in sentencing, **Digital Wings Limited [2017]** – first application for recognition of a foreign liquidator under the Vincentian BIA passed in 2015.

Barrister - Inner Temple - non-practicing / unregistered (2012)

EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2019 - Ongoing **Litigation Paralegal – Prudhoe Caribbean, Providenciales Turks and Caicos Islands**

- Specialist support litigator and advocate for companies and high net worth individuals in international judgment enforcement, contentious trusts, asset recovery, fiduciary risk, white collar crime, corporate and insolvency matters across the Eastern Caribbean.
- Forward facing for matters in the BVI, Saint Lucia, Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Oct. 2017 – Dec. 2018 **Legal Officer (Locum) – Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL), Castries, Saint Lucia**

- Sole in-house counsel to the supra-national telecommunications regulator of five (5) Eastern Caribbean states – Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Dominica, this may include but is not limited to – advice on issues arising out of the **ECTEL Treaty** and harmonized *Telecommunications Act and associated regulations*; assisting in the final preparation for the introduction of the *Electronic Communications Bill (intended to replace the 16-year-old Telecommunications Act)*
- Assisting in the licensing process of entities and their review for compliance purposes (determinations, due diligence, evaluations, reconsiderations and rejections)

- Oct 2015 – Oct. 2017 Assistant Legal and Programme Officer – The Commonwealth Secretariat, London England**
- I worked as part of the Secretariat's Rule of Law Division, providing subject matter expertise to key stakeholders from various member states.
 - Contributor to the Commonwealth publications – '*Judicial Bench Book on Violence Against Women in East Africa*'; '*De-Risking and the Commonwealth*', '*Judicial Guidelines on Non-Conviction Based Forfeiture of the Proceeds of Crime for the Federal Republic of Nigeria*'
 - Provided specialized advice and counsel on the development of appropriate policies and legislation related to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (Asset Recovery, Tracing, Restraint, Forfeiture) for Commonwealth / common – law states.
 - Advocacy and policy drafting representation on behalf of Small States in matters of Countering the Financing of Terrorism, Sanctions, Anti-money Laundering / Know your client, compliance with the Financial Action Task Force 40 Recommendations et al.
 - Provided comparative legal advice on United Nations Sanctions, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Anti Bribery Guidelines, UK Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, Anti-Terrorism Legislation, European Union anti-money laundering directives for the Legal Departments of Commonwealth Member States.
- Feb 2015 – Jun. 2019 Legal Counsel – Euro-Caribbean Trustees Limited, St. Vincent and the Grenadines**
- Providing expert legal advice to clients on all matters related to the formation, incorporation, dissolution and liquidation of international financial corporate vehicles such as IBCs, International Trusts and International Banks, as well as maritime law matters with respect to marine registry legislation
- Mar 2013 – Sept 2015 Barrister-at-law and Solicitor – Baptiste & Co. Law Firm Inc., St. Vincent and the Grenadines.**
- Broad common law practice.
 - Family Court (a Senior Magistrates Court to which all domestic matters at the summary level for criminal matters (inclusive of juveniles) are assigned, custody, care and financial maintenance matters for minors; domestic violence and associated quasi-criminal orders (exclusion, tenancy etc.)
 - High Court – Uncontested and Contested Divorces and Ancillary proceedings inclusive of children's custody and maintenance, property adjustment orders and determinations of interests, financial maintenance orders for divorced spouses, injunctions et al.
- Aug 2012 – Mar 2013 Legal Consultant & Payroll Manager – Garner Chartered Accountants, Hampton, Kingston, England**
- Sept 2009 – June 2012 HR/Compliance Administrator – Nature Delivered Limited, Feltham, London, UK**
- Jan 2010 – Mar 2013 Paralegal – Creswell Lawrence & Associates Solicitors, Camberwell Green, London, UK**
- Dec 2008 – Jan 2010 Paralegal/Case Worker – Dexter Henry & Co. Solicitors, Streatham High Street, London UK.**

ACHIEVEMENTS, INTERESTS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Taekwondo (3rd Degree Black Belt, 1st Vincentian to Qualify for the Pan-American Games – 2015,
- Senior Sportsman of the Year 2014 St. Vincent (Nominee),
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Anti-Corruption Certified (2016)
- Associate – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Registration No.31928 (2014)
- Associate – Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Registration No. 670088 (2015)