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EDUCATION

Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, France

Ph. D. candidate, 2010 to present

Field of research: Contract proceedings and treaty proceedings in the field of international investment arbitration

Advisor: Professor Alain Pellet

Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, France

Master 2 in Law of international and European economic relations with distinction, September 2009

Thesis: The International Statute Sovereign Wealth Funds

Advisor: Professor Mathias Forteau

Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

Master 1 in General International Law with distinction, June 2008

EXPERIENCE

Assistant to Professor Alain Pellet

(November 2011 to present)

Professor at *Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense* (France), Member and former President of the International Law Commission of the United Nations

- Research various international law issues
- prepare legal opinions, written and oral pleadings and publications.
- Assistant during the 2009 session of the International Law Commission of the United Nations (researched various international law issues such as reservations to treaties, the obligation to prosecute or extradite and the protection of persons in event of disaster)

International Court of Justice, The Hague

Construction of a road in Costa Rica along the San Juan River (Nicaragua v. Costa Rica).

Assistant to Pr. Alain Pellet, Counsel and Advocate of the **Republic of Nicaragua** (2012 to present)

Certain activities carried out by Nicaragua in the border area (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)

Assistant to Pr. Alain Pellet, Counsel and Advocate of the **Republic of Nicaragua** (2012 to present)

Case concerning Maritime Dispute (Peru v. Chile)

Assistant to Pr. Alain Pellet, Counsel and Advocate of the **Republic of Peru** (2010 to present)

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg

Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal (Bangladesh v. Myanmar)

Counsel and Advocate of the **Republic of the Union of Myanmar** (2010-2012)

Other international courts or tribunals

Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and India in the Bay of Bengal (Bangladesh v. India) (Arbitration under Annex VII of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea – administered by the PCA)

Junior Counsel of the **Republic of India** (2010 to present)

Other experience

Cabinet Manseau Associés, Paris, France

Legal Intern (September 2009 - May 2010)

- Researched various international law issues (enforcement of international arbitration awards and foreign decisions, public international law, private international law)
- Drafted written pleadings

French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Paris, France

Legal Intern (September 2008 - October 2008)

- Negotiated and drafted the *Entente France/Québec sur la reconnaissance mutuelle des qualifications professionnelles*

Cabinet Dambrin, Paris, France

Legal Intern (July 2007 - September 2007)

- Researched various labor law issues

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant at Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense (France)

Law of State Responsibility (2011-2012)

1st year of Master - Class of Professor Mathias Forteau

International Humanitarian Law (2010-2011)

1st year of Master - Class of Ms. Clémentine Bories

International Humanitarian Law (2009-2011)

1st year of Master - Class of Ms. Marina Eudes

PUBLICATION

“Le Conseil économique et social des Nations Unies”, in Thouvenin J.-M. et Trebilcock A. (dir.), *Droit international social* (to be published in 2012).

“La capacité contentieuse de l’Union européenne”, in Benlolo Carabot M., Candas U. & Cujo E. (dir.), *Union européenne et droit international* (to be published in 2012).

LANGUAGE

- **French:** Native Speaker
- **English:** Fluent
- **German:** Intermediate written and oral skills

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Volunteering:

- Red-Cross volunteer (2006-2009)
- Legal assistance to foreign workers (Association Accueil Charonne – Paris, France) (2006-2009)

Sport:

- Volley-ball (7 years of practice – National level) (Sporting Club du IX^{ème})
- Football (2 years of practice – Regional level) (FC Paris)