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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE WORLD BANK, LEG/ Financial Market Integrity/ Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR)-Washington, DC

Senior Legal Consultant, April 2010- Present

- Served as the Senior advisor in the Legal Department (LEG) for: Fraud and Corruption issues and World Bank Sanctions Regime (Integrity (INT), OES, and Sanctions Board);Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR) WB- UN Focal point in LEG for AML/CFT issues.
- Advise senior World Bank officials in investigative strategies, OFAC Sanctions, UN Security Council Resolutions, case analysis and case strategies, and methodology techniques related to anti-corruption and fraud investigations.
- Co-Author World Bank Book "Left Out the Bargain: Enforcing Bribery Laws and Implication for Asset Recovery". http://www.amazon.com/Left-out-Bargain-Implications-Initiative/dp/1464800863; November 2013.
- Research, collect and review information in anti-corruption prevention and investigation.
- Focal Point in LEG Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative.
- Representative of FFSFI at the Regional Workshop against Money Laundering. (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, July 18 2012).
- Peer reviewer for StAR Projects, *inter alia* ("Barriers to Asset Recovery"; "Asset Recovery Handbook- A Guide for Practitioners"; "Misuse of Corporate Vehicles in grand corruption cases" "Income Asset Disclosure- A practitioners Guide"; "Quantification of Proceeds of Corruption" "Illicit Enrichment")
- Co –drafted the New General Counsel Legal Note on Criminal Justice issues February 9,2012
- Co- Drafted the Bank Group General Counsel Advisory Opinion No. 2010/1- November 15. 2010
- Received Two (2) Legal Awards among all the Legal Vice Presidency in FY 11 for outstanding team achievement: Award for Panel on Asset Recovery and for Technical Assistance in Criminal Justice.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, FINANCIAL INTEGRITY GROUP

Anti – Money Laundering- Counter-Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT), Washington, DC

Visiting Scholar, October 2009- April 2010

- Assisted in AML/CFT country evaluations
- Drafted legal documents for operations and legal reports and Memoranda.

SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE OF ARGENTINA (CORTE SUPREMA DE LA NACIÓN ARGENTINA), Buenos Aires, Argentina

Judicial Clerk (Prosecretario Letrado- same charge as Federal Judge), 2007-2009

- Analyzed cases before the Supreme Court of Argentina. Cases included: Complex criminal law cases, conflict of jurisdiction, administrative law cases and constitutional matters.
- Drafted reports and memoranda for the Supreme Court Judges.

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, ANTICORRUPTION OFFICE,

2003-2007, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Deputy National Coordinator and Representative at the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF-GAFI), Financial Action Task Force of South America Against Money Laundering (GAFISUD), and the Group of Experts for the Control of Money-Laundering of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (OAS/CICAD).

• Representative for the Republic of Argentina at the FATF Plenary Meetings: May 2007 (Ottawa, Canada), February 2007, (Strasbourg, France), October 2006 (Vancouver Canada), June 2006 (Paris, France),

February 2006 (Cape Town, South Africa), October 2005 (Paris, France), June 2005 (Singapore), February 2005 (Paris, France) October 2004 (Paris, France), and June 2004 (Paris, France).

- Legal Expert for the Republic of Argentina for the execution of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty between Switzerland and Argentina. Berne, Switzerland, April 2004.
- Head of Delegation of the Republic of Argentina at the Second FATF Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) of the Republic of Argentina held in Paris from June 30 through July 2, 2004.
- National Coordinator of more than 20 Argentine Agencies (Central Bank, National Securities Commission Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Economy) to prepare a National Strategy against financial crime to be submitted to the President. (Decree 1225-2007)

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF JUSTICE AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, Buenos Aires, Argentina Chief of Staff, 2001-2002

- Coordinated a Unit for citizen security.
- Chief of a Project of Modernization of the State.
- Drafted all legal Memoranda for the Secretary of Justice.

HONORABLE CONGRESS OF THE NATION, CHAMBER OF SENATORS CRIMINAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Legal Advisor, 1999-2001

• Researched, analyzed and drafted memoranda on complex criminal issues, including fraud, bribery and offences against government property.

NATIONAL FEDERAL CRIMINAL AND CORRECTIONAL APPEAL COURT, COURTROOM No.5,

Buenos Aires, Argentina *Researcher*, 1992-1997

AWARDS

- Fulbright Humphrey Fellow (awarded by the US Department of State): First Prize
 Research Project: "Anti-Money Laundering, Anticorruption and Asset Recovery in Developing
 Countries". Fellowship completed at American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC
 (August 2009- June 2010). Selected from over 200 applicants from the Republic of Argentina.
- **Georgetown Leadership Seminar**: Invited by the *Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service* at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Selected from over 150 applicants (March 2010).
- Chevening Scholar in Leadership and Academic Excellence: British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Full one-year scholarship granted by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office to undertake postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom. Selected from over 400 participants from the Republic of Argentina. (September 2002- September 2003).
- Inter-American Moot Court Competition. **First Prize** to the Memorial representing the petitioner. American University Washington College of Law (May 2000).

ACADEMIC STUDIES

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, United Kingdom Master of Laws (LL.M.), September 2003 – Grade: Merit. (Top 10%)

Universidad de Buenos Aires, School of Law, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B., equivalent to U.S. Juris Doctor), 1996

Honors:

- Member of the Lessons and Essays Editorial Council. University of Buenos Aires, Law Journal. Faculty
 of Law.
- Representative of the Law Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires, in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Washington, DC (April 1997). Selected from over 100 participants.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE on Compliance and Financial Crime Prevention - Selected Engagements

- Getulio Vargas Foundation Sao Pablo Brazil Seminar on the New Brazilian against corruption Law No. 12.846/2013. August 2013.
- American University- Washington College of Law. Washington DC. "OFAC Sanctions A New Perspective". June 2013.
- University of Tulsa, Oklahoma Seminar on UN Security Council Resolutions UNSCRs 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007), 1803 (2008) and 1929 (2010) against Iran and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK 2009)– Seminar of 4 classes to Law Professors. August 2011
- Inter-American Development Bank. (IADB)- Team Leader- Financial Integrity: Assessing Maturity of Money Laundering Prevention Systems in the Region / RG-T1730- September 2009.
- Banco de Galicia- Buenos Aires- Argentina Technical Assistance on AML/CFT- June 2009
- Banco Macro- Buenos Aires Argentina- Seminar on AML/CFT June 2009
- PKF Villagarcia y Asociados Technical Assistance to Argentine Association of Insurance Companies. February -May 2009
- British Foreign and Commonwealth Office- Research Project: Counter Terrorism Financing, UN Security Council Resolutions and Weapons Proliferation- UNSCRs 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007), 1803 (2008) and 1929 (2010) against Iran and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK 2009). *December* 2008.
- Universidad del CEMA- Buenos Aires Argentina Seminar on AML/CFT- *May* 2007 http://www.ucema.edu.ar/conferencias/download/Conferencia_22.05.07.pdf

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (Advanced Reading skills, Intermediate writing and speaking), Portuguese (great reading and listening comprehension, good speaking skills).