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EDUCATION

2019-2020	Legal Education Certificate	Hugh Wooding Law School
2017-2018	Bar Professional Training Course	The University of Law
2012-2015	L.L.B	The University of London
2008-2009	M.Sc. International Trade Policy	The University of the West Indies
2004-2007	B.Sc. Political Science	The University of the West Indies

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2020 - Present **Judiciary of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**, Judicial Research Counsel I
- Conducts legal research and draft briefs, policies, and procedural rules for judicial officers.
 - Serves as Secretary for the Sexual Offences Criminal Court Committee, actively supporting the Chair in stakeholder consultations, preparation of draft reports and legal research.
 - Acts as Secretary for the Supreme Court Criminal Backlog Committee, assists in the development of comprehensive strategies to effectively reduce case backlog.
- July – Nov 2022 **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**, Remote Legal Consultancy
- Researched and summarised select intellectual property (IP) judgments, comprehensively detailed the adjudication procedure of IP disputes, examined and updated the database of legislation in 11 Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member states of WIPO.
- June 2020 - May 2021 **Virtus Chambers**, Junior Attorney. Trinidad and Tobago.
- Prepared compelling submission for an interim application before the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (St. Vincent and the Grenadines) resulting in a unanimous decision
 - Received instructions from senior attorney and clients to draft diverse legal documents pertaining to civil and criminal matters including breach of contract, drug possession and immigration.
- Oct '19 – March 2020 **Invictus Chambers**, In-Service Training / Pupillage. Trinidad and Tobago.
- Drafted legal opinions, correspondence following review of legislation and procedural rules.
 - Matters included terrorism, sedition, judicial review, attempted murder, bail, mental health appeal, passport tampering, breach of contract, wrongful dismissal, immigration violations, charges against police officers, corporate law and applications to extend time.
- Oct '18- Aug 2019 **Emera (Caribbean) Inc.**, Legal Intern. Barbados.
- Reviewed and drafted contracts for the group of companies including master services agreements, purchase orders, NDAs and other supporting legal documents.
 - Assisted in the management of litigation, claims, investigations and disputes.

- July 2018 **No5 Chambers**, Mini-pupillage. Birmingham, U.K.
- Shadowed a criminal barrister during the prosecution of a sexual assault case gaining valuable insights into various aspects of the trial process.
 - Observed case preparation in collaboration with Crown Prosecution Service, defence submissions, handling of vulnerable witnesses with special protection, applications for bad character evidence and past sexual behaviour, other legal arguments, summing up and closing speeches.
- July 2018 **Birmingham Crown Court**, Mini-pupillage. Birmingham, U.K.
- Shadowed a senior Crown Court judge and observed a full trial of death by dangerous driving, actual bodily harm, sentencing for various offences (assault, death by dangerous driving, child abuse). Practiced my approach to cross-examination of the cases and received priceless advocacy lessons from the Judge who trains Barristers in advocacy.
- June – August 2016 **Clarke Gittens and Farmer**, In-Service / Pupillage. Barbados.
- Rotated every two weeks in Corporate, Property (probate, wills), Litigation, Property (mortgage, conveyance) and Commercial Departments gaining exposure to diverse areas of practice. Completed opinions, probate applications, affidavit and preparation of submissions.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- Feb 2013 **High Commission of Canada**, Political and Political Affairs Officer. Barbados
- Monitored and reported on the political climate and foreign affairs of Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean States, British Virgin Islands and Anguilla
 - Prepared press releases, briefs, remarks and speeches for High Commissioner relating to diplomatic relations and development.
- Nov 2010 – Aug 2012 **World Intellectual Property Organisation**, Consultant. Geneva, Switzerland
- Assessed developmental needs of 14 CARICOM member states to develop annual work plans, two-year strategic frameworks including national and regional training programmes and technical assistance to advance the administration of intellectual property in the region.
 - Prepared comprehensive report on WIPO's technical assistance over three years for WIPO-Ministerial Meeting held in Trinidad & Tobago.

SERVICE & AWARDS

- 2013-2021 **Rotary International**
Charter President – Rotaract Barbados West
- 2017 **University of Law: Provost Award of Excellence (Advocacy)**

PUBLICATIONS & CERTIFICATES

March 2020 Contract Breaches and Penalties Amid the Coronavirus Outbreak

Additional articles (10), certificates and additional experience available at www.shalishasamuel.com and at www.linkedin.com/in/shalishasamuel

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