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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATOR APPOINTMENTS

- 2020** *Glencore International A.G., C. I. Prodeco S.A., and Sociedad Portuaria Puerto Nuevo S.A. v. Republic of Colombia* [ICSID Case No. RB/19/22]
- 2019** *UP and C.D Holding Internationale v. Hungary* [ICSID Case No. ARB/13/35]
- 2018** *Baymina Enerji Anonim Şirketi v. Boru Hatları ile Petrol Taşıma Anonim Şirketi*
[ICSID Case No. ARB/14/35]
- 2017** *Orascom TMT Investments S.à r.l. v. People's Democratic Republic of Algeria*
[ICSID Case No ARB/12/35]
- 2017** *Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited v. Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited*
[ICSID Case No. ARB/10/20]

BAR ADMISSION & BENCH CALL

- 2009** *Master of The Bench:* The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
- 1993** *Barrister:* The Bar of England and Wales
- 1993** *Barrister:* The Bar of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

PANEL LISTINGS

- 2020 – present** *Arbitrator:* Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
 - Main Panel for Senior Arbitrators
 - Panel of Emergency Arbitrators
- 2020 – 2026** *Arbitrator and Conciliator:* The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Nominated by the Govt. of The Bahamas
- 2018 – present** *Arbitrator:* Panel of the Insurance Commission of The Bahamas

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- 2016 – present** *Arbitrator:* Panel of the British Virgin Islands International Arbitration Centre (BVIIAC)
- 2013 – present** *Arbitrator:* CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement
- 2012 – 2018** *Arbitrator and Conciliator:* The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Nominated by the Govt. of The Bahamas

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020** Coordinator of Advocacy Group for The Bahamas to implement the standard tools of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiatives (EITI)
- 2020** Organised workshops for The Bahamas Judiciary Education Institute for Judges in The Bahamas and several Caribbean jurisdictions in collaboration with ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICCA & eminent International Arbitrators and Mediators
- 2019 – 2020** Organised ADR Legislative Reform Working Group under the direction of the Chief Justice of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas for the implementation of UNCITRAL Model Law for Commercial Arbitration & Mediation and Adjudication, Financial Services & Youth ADR.
- 2019 – present** *Council Member:* Caribbean Hub of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- 2017 – present** *Honourary Consul:* Republic of Botswana, The Bahamas
- 2015 – 2016** *Consultant:* International Arbitration Development, The Bahamas Ministry of Financial Services, Nassau, The Bahamas
- 2004 – 2016** *Legal Advisor:* Galmir Advisory Services Ltd (affiliate company of Mirabaud Group), Nassau, The Bahamas
- 1999 – present** *Managing Partner:* Rousseau & Cooper Law Firm, Nassau, The Bahamas
- 1995 – 1999** *Associate:* Cooper & Co, Nassau, The Bahamas
- 1995 – present** *Door Tenant:* 3 Hare Court (formerly 1 Crown Office Row), London, England
- 1994 – 1995** *Pupil:* 1 Crown Office Row, London, England
- 1987 – 1991** *Executive Officer:* The Bahamas High Commission, Maritime Division, London England

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- 2021 *Advisor* – MediateGuru Global Advisory Board
- 2020 *Fellowship (FCI Arb)*: The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, U.K.
- 2020 *Fellowship (MI Arb)*: The Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators
- 2017 *Harvard Negotiation Master Class*: Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School
- 2017 *CEDR Mediator (Investor-State Disputes)*: Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution
- 2016 *Mediating Disputes*: Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School
- 2016 *Masterclass for Arbitrators*: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- 2008 *Arbitration*: The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, U.K. (CI Arb)
- 2007 *General Securities Representative Examination (Series 7)*: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Washington DC, USA

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1986 *Researcher*: Glenbar Forwarding Agency Hamburg, Germany, topic: *The Port of Hamburg and the Free Economic Trading Zone*
- 1984 *Legal Researcher*: The Law of the Sea Division, United Nations, New York, US, topic: *The Maritime Delimitation of The Bahamas*
- 1984 *Delegate*: European Economic Community and the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries Short Course for Diplomats and Policy Makers at the European Economic Commission, Brussels, Belgium

EDUCATION

- 1992 – 1993 The Council of Legal Education, The Inns of Court School of Law, London, England
- 1987 – 1991 Bachelor of Laws, University of London, London, England
- 1983 – 1985 Studies in Maritime Law (3e Cycle), Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Brest, France

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- 1982 – 1983** Masters in International Relations, Institut Libre d'Etudes des Relations Internationales, Paris, France
- 1979 – 1982** Bachelor's in International Relations, Institut Libre d'Etude des Relations Internationales, Paris, France
- 1979 – 1981** Université Paris-Sorbonne, French Language Certificates in Elementary, Intermediate and Advance Levels, Paris, France

LANGUAGES **English** (native); and **French** (ability to read, write Awards and speak)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020** *ADR Legislative Reform in The Bahamas*, 2nd Edition of the International Webinar: “Post-Covid Mediation Charting the path of the Future (Resolving instead of Adjudicating)” organised by Supreme Court Mediators of India, Commonwealth Lawyers Association and Youth Bar Association of India
- 2018** *Investment and Arbitration in the Caribbean*, 17th Annual Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop, Faculty of Law of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Nassau, The Bahamas
- 2014** *ADR Mechanisms in Caricom & Cariforum*, Caribbean Arbitration Practitioners' Course, University of Miami School of Law International Arbitration Institute, Miami, Florida
- 2014** *The Unchartered Waters of the Caribbean*, African Arbitration Round Table, International Centre for Arbitration & Mediation Abuja, Abuja, Nigeria
- 2012** *The Bahamas: A Bridge for International Arbitration in the Americas*, Miami International Arbitration Society, Miami, Florida
- 2011** *Women Entrepreneurs in The Bahamas*, Women Entrepreneurship Unplugged!!, 2nd Women Entrepreneurship Conference, New Delhi, India
- 2011** *The Bahamas & market trends in developing African nations*, Kingdom Convention, Gates of Praise Christian Centre, Gaborone, Botswana
- 2010** *The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators & the Development of Arbitration in The Bahamas*, Annual Meeting at the International Maritime Organization, The Bahamas Shipowners Association, London, England
- 2010** *The Development of Arbitration in the Caribbean*, President's Conference, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Dublin, Ireland
- 2009** *Poised for Success: Arbitration in The Bahamas*, Annual Conference, International Bar Association, Vancouver, Canada

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Women's International Shipping and Trading Association, (WISTA) – Bahamas Chapter Vice President
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)
- London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)
- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
- Academy for Professional Family Mediators (APFM)
- National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA)
