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Education

Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, France

Ph. D. candidate, expected 2017

Field of research: Interactions between Contracts and Bilateral Investment Treaties in International Investment Law

Supervisor: 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 Status of Sovereign Wealth Funds

Supervisor: Professor Mathias Forteau

Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

Master 1 in General International Law, with distinction, June 2008

Professional Experience

Assistant to Professor Alain Pellet (February 2010 to present)

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

- Research on a large range of international law issues for the preparation of presentations and publications.
- Preparation of legal opinions on various international issues including in the relation to the law of treaties, the law of international organizations, international investment law and international criminal law.
- Assistant during the 2009 session of the International Law Commission of the United Nations (research on topics including reservations to treaties, the obligation to prosecute or extradite and the protection of persons in event of disaster).
- Assistant, 2nd Commission of the *Institut du Droit international* (“Precedent in International Law”) chaired by Professor Alain Pellet and Judge Mohamed Bennouna.

Counsel before the International Court of Justice

Obligations concerning Negotiations relating to Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and to Nuclear Disarmament (Marshall Islands v. India)

Junior Counsel to the **Republic of India** (2015 to present)

Maritime Delimitations between Costa Rica and Nicaragua in the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)

Assistant Counsel to the **Republic of Nicaragua** (2014 to present)

Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Colombia)

Assistant Counsel to the **Republic of Nicaragua** (2013 to present)

Question of the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Nicaragua and Colombia beyond 200 nautical miles from the Nicaraguan Coast (Nicaragua v. Colombia)

Assistant Counsel to the **Republic of Nicaragua** (2013 to present)

Construction of a Road in Costa Rica along the San Juan River (Nicaragua v. Costa Rica)
Assistant Counsel to the **Republic of Nicaragua** (2012-2015)

Certain Activities carried out by Nicaragua in the Border Area (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)
Assistant Counsel to the **Republic of Nicaragua** (2012-2015)

Maritime Dispute (Peru v. Chile)
Assistant Counsel to the **Republic of Peru** (2010-2014)

Counsel before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The “Enrica Lexie” Incident (Italy v. India), Provisional Measures
Junior Counsel to the **Republic of India** (2015)

Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal (Bangladesh/Myanmar)
Counsel and Advocate to the **Republic of the Union of Myanmar** (2010-2012)

Counsel before International arbitral tribunals

The “Enrica Lexie” Incident (Italy v. India)
Arbitration under Annex VII of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
Junior Counsel to the **Republic of India** (2015 to present)

Bay of Bengal Maritime Boundary Arbitration between Bangladesh and India (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 to the **Republic of India** (2010-2014)

Other professional experience

Cabinet Manseau Associés, Paris, France
Intern (September 2009 - May 2010 and June - July 2011)

- Research on various issues of international law (enforcement of international arbitration awards and foreign decisions, immunities of states, public international law and private international law)
- Drafting of briefs

French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Paris, France
Intern (September 2008 - October 2008)

- Negotiating and drafting the *Entente France/Québec sur la reconnaissance mutuelle des qualifications professionnelles*

Cabinet Dambrin, Paris, France
Intern (July 2007 - September 2007)

- Research on various labour law issues
- Drafting of pleadings in proceedings before the French *Cour de cassation*

Teaching Experience

Sciences Po (European Franco-German Campus)

- Introduction to International Dispute Resolution (with Laura Zielinski) – seminar in English (2015-2016)

Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense

- Law of State Responsibility – 1st year of Masters tutorial (2011-2012 and 2012-2013)

- International Humanitarian Law – 1st year of Masters tutorial (2009-2010 and 2010-2011)
- Internationalization of law – 3rd year of *Licence* tutorial (2010-2011)

Publications and Presentations

E. Sobenes & B. Samson (eds.), *Nicaragua before the International Court of Justice: Lessons Learnt*, to be published in 2016.

“Law of State Responsibility” (with T. Barsac), in E. Sobenes & B. Samson (eds.), *Nicaragua before the International Court of Justice: Lessons Learnt*, to be published in 2016.

“Délimitation maritime”, in M. Forteau, D. Müller, A. Pellet & J.-M. Thouvenin (eds.), *Droit international de la mer*, Paris, Pedone, to be published in 2016.

“Conseil constitutionnel, décision 78-93 DC du 29 avril 1978, *Quote-part de la France au F.M.I.*”, in A. Miron & A. Pellet (eds.), *Grandes décisions de la jurisprudence française de droit international public*, Paris, Dalloz, 2015, pp. 122-134.

“Le Conseil économique et social des Nations Unies”, in Thouvenin J.-M. & Trebilcock A. (eds.), *Le droit international social*, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2013, pp. 680-688.

“Les contraintes à l’exercice de la capacité contentieuse de l’Union européenne”, Presentation at the symposium “Quelle contribution de l’Union européenne au droit international”, Maison de l’Europe à Paris, 11 January 2013.

“La capacité contentieuse de l’Union européenne”, in Benlolo Carabot M., Candas U. & Cujo E. (eds.), *Union européenne et droit international*, Paris, Pedone, 2012, pp. 394-406.

Other Academic Work

“Legal Engineering for the Creation of an International Centre for the Financial Safeguard of States”, Centre de Droit International (CEDIN), University Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Member of the Drafting Committee.

Draft Convention and Conciliation and Arbitration Rules published in the *ICSID Review* (2016 - <http://icsidreview.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/07/15/icsidreview.siw016.full.pdf+html>) and available online at <http://icefss-cisfe.org/?lang=en>.

Languages

French (native), English (near-native proficiency), German (basic knowledge), Arabic (basic knowledge)