**CURRICULLUM VITAE (CV)**

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**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Nationality: Ghanaian

Sex: Male

**EDUCATION**

**Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi**

Master of Laws (LL.M), November, 2018

**Ghana School of Law, Accra, Ghana**

Professional Law Qualifying Certificate (BL), 2011

Licensed to practice as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana

**Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana**

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B, Second Class Upper Division), 2009

**Oppon Memorial Senior High School, Kokofu-Ashanti, Ghana**

Senior Secondary School Certificate, 2004

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi**

***Assistant Lecturer* (**August, 2020 – Present)

Responsibilities:

* Lecture various Law subjects in the department of Public law.
* Assist with monitoring and evaluating students’ progress in class
* Train Law students in Law Clinic and Mooting
* Research and publications

**Faculty of Law, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi**

***Principal Research officer*** (August, 2013 – August, 2020)

Responsibilities:

* Lecture service law courses at various departments in the university, particularly: Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Community Health, department of Sports and Exercise Science, department of chemical engineering and department of food science.
* Undertake research in various areas of the law for purposes of Lecturing and also for legal publications at the Faculty of law
* Assist lectures and conduct tutorials in Criminal Law.
* Assist with preparation of course outline and lecture notes in criminal law.
* Assist with monitoring and evaluating students’ progress in class
* Train Law students in Law Clinic and Mooting.

**Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana**

***Volunteer* (August 2012 - June, 2013)**

Responsibilities:

* Assisted with lectures in criminal law and constitutional law
* Helped lecturers with research in criminal law and constitutional law
* Conducted tutorials in Criminal Law and constitutional law.
* Assisted with preparation of course outline and lecture notes in criminal law and constitutional law.
* Assisted with monitoring and evaluating students’ progress in class

**Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.**

***Teaching Assistant (National Service)* (October. 2011 - August, 2012)**

Responsibilities:

* Conducted tutorials in criminal law
* Assisted with preparing course outline and lecture notes in Criminal Law.
* Assisted substantive lecturers with research work
* Assisted with monitoring and evaluating students’ progress in class

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Sarpong & Associates (Adom Chambers), Kumasi**

***Associate (Barrister/Solicitor)* (*April 2012 – present)***

Responsibilities:

* Conduct cases in court
* Represent clients in various negotiations
* Write legal opinion for clients
* Draft agreements
* Prepare relevant court documents/processes
* Write legal submissions on cases
* Draft all sorts of legal documents including Commercial Agreements (Contracts), Wills, and Conveyances.

**Sarpong & Associates, Kumasi (October 2011 – April 2012)**

***Pupil***

Responsibilities:

* Assisted seniors-in-chambers(lawyers) to conduct cases in court
* Prepared relevant court documents/processes
* Undertook research for lawyers in the firm
* Wrote legal submissions on cases for seniors
* Wrote legal opinions for clients of the firm
* Drafted all sorts of legal documents including Commercial Agreements (Contracts), Wills, and Conveyances.

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Constitution Review Commission, Accra.**

***Research Assistant*****(July, 2010-October,2010)**

Responsibilities:

* A member of the team responsible for District and community consultations in the Brong –Ahafo Region
* Undertook public legal education on the operations of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana in the Brong Ahafo Region.
* Elicited views of people in the Brong- Ahafo Region on possible reviews or reforms of the Constitution.
* Collated views and prepared reports

**Leitner Center for International law and Justice at Fordham Law School, New York City (UN Millennium Development Goals Implementation in Ghana Program, held at KNUST in cooperation with the Sustainable Development Legal Initiative of the Leitner Center for International law and Justice (2008))**

***Intern/participant***

Responsibilities:

* Was a member of a team of Student Interns who undertook public legal education on inheritance and succession in the Adansi North District in the Ashanti Region of Ghana.
* Assisted indigents of the various communities in registering their customary marriages and writing Wills.
* Facilitated amicable settlement of inheritance disputes among members of the communities.

**Center for Human Rights and Advanced Legal Research (CHRALER), Kumasi, Ghana (June-September, 2008)**

***Intern***

Responsibilities:

* Conducted Public legal education for some organized group and also on radio stations
* Undertook research for public interest litigations

**Center for Human Rights and Advanced Legal Research (CHRALER), Kumasi, Ghana (June-September, 2007)**

***Intern***

Responsibilities:

* Conducted Public legal education for some organized group and also on radio stations
* Undertook research for public interest litigations

**RESEARCH/PUBLICATION**

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* Stephen Ofori, **‘Enforcing Health And Safety Regulations In The Downstream Oil And Gas Industry In Ghana: An Examination of The Institutional Framework’.** (Final draft submitted to Oil, Gas and Energy Law Intelligence Journal ( OGEL) for publication)
* Stephen Ofori, **‘Piercing the Corporate Veil: Lessons for the Ghanaian Courts from the approach manifested in Prest v. Petrodel Resources Ltd’.** (Submitted to Commonwealth Law Bulletin on 25/5/2020 for publication – Manuscript number RCLB-2020-0086. The Paper is undergoing peer review)
* Stephen Ofori, ‘**The implication of the statutory limitation period for negligence action on third party insurance claims: A call for law reform’ (**ongoing research paper)
* Stephen Ofori, ‘**Legal Redress for pollution arising out of the activities in the downstream petroleum sector: A case study of Ghana.’ (**Ongoing research)

**DISSERTATIONS**

* Stephen Ofori, ‘Ghana’s Downstream Oil and Gas Industry: An Analysis of the Legal Framework on Health, Safety and Environmental Protection**.’ (LL.M thesis**, KNUST 2018)
* Stephen Ofori, ‘The Accomplishment of Ghana’s National Reconciliation Commission and its Legal Implications: A critical Assessment.’ (**LLB thesis**, KNUST 2009)

**TRAINING/SEMINAR ATTENDED**

* Continuing Legal Education on Effective Application and Procedure for Witness Statements, Pre-trial Checklist and Case Management Conference organized by the Ghana Bar Association (Ashanti Branch) (April, 2017)
* A one-day Sensitization programme on Court-Connected Alternative Dispute Resolution (CCADR) for selected lawyers organized by the Judicial Training Institute, ( August 2014)
* Writers Clinic under the theme ‘Essentials of Writing’ organized by the Library and Editorial Board of the Baptist Students’ Union – KNUST (April, 2008)

**SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

**Faculty of Law, KNUST**

* **Member,** Moot Court Committee (2016 - 2018 )
* **Member,** Committee to report on the Research Activities at the Faculty of Law (June, 2016)
* **Member,** Publicity and ProtocolCommittees in organizing the 13th Law Week Celebration and the Faculty Excellence Award Ceremony. (February, 2016)
* **Member**, committee to work on the revision of the LLM programme accreditation documents (October, 2015)
* **Member,** Alumni Committee (December, 2013)

**SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

* **Patron** **and Legal advisor**, ‘DISABILITY TALKERS’ (a students’ organization focused on advocacy on matters affecting people with disability) at the Center for Disability and Rehabilitation Study, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (October, 2015 – 2017)

**MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

* A Member of the Ghana Bar Association

**COMPUTER SKILLS:**

MS Word, PowerPoint, Internet Usage

**OTHER SKILLS DEVELOPED**

* Excellent networking skills.
* Ability to combine different tasks to achieve effective results
* Good communication and interpersonal skills.

**REFEREES:**

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1. **HIS LORDSHIP DR. RICHMOND OSEI-HWERE**

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