

Name: Dr. Nkeiru SCOTCHER

Work History

Date From: 1 June 2020 Date To: On-going
Employer: Gothenburg University. Vasagatan 1. Gothenburg, Sweden
Details: **Post-Doctoral Researcher in Ocean Governance and the Law of the Sea.**

I am researching the legitimacy of regional approaches to ocean governance and the law of the sea focusing on Africa's Maritime Strategy and its strategy goals alongside structures and initiatives for sustainable exploitation of the region's marine resources.

Date From: August 2017 Date To: 31 July 2019
Employer: Parker Bullen LLP. Salisbury. SP1 3SS. UK.
Details: **Solicitor- in- Training. England and Wales Jurisdiction.**
I successfully undertook independent and fee-earning caseload with some high net worth clients. I independently assisted clients at Court hearings and case management meetings as well as preparation of Counsels' briefs.
I was formally admitted as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales on 1 August 2019.

Date From: November 2016 Date To: On-going
Employer: Vrije Universiteit Brussel. (VUB). Brussels, Belgium.
Details: **Research Fellow. Centre for International Law.**
With a varied client base ranging from academia to foreign affairs ministries, we advise on public international law matters.

Date From: June 2012 Date To: On-going
Employer: International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
Details: **Member of the Legal Team of ITU/WMO/UNESCO-IOC Joint Task Force**, established by the Rome Call to Action (9 September 2011) to further explore the potential of a submarine climate monitoring and disaster warning systems. https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/climatechange/taskforcesc/Documents/JTF_Members.pdf We meet bimonthly online and in person periodically to discuss new issues and projects.

Date from: January 2009 Date to: May 2015
Employer: Vrije Universiteit Brussel. (VUB). Brussels, Belgium.
Details: **Doctor of Law.**

- Thesis topic: Whither the Freedom of Navigation in the Exclusive Economic Zone: A Jurisdictional Analysis of Legislative and Enforcement Measures by States of the Pacific Islands Forum (under the supervision of Prof. Erik Franckx, Prof Stefaan Smis, Prof. Frank Maes and Dr Koen Van Den Bossche) PhD publicly defended on 11 May 2015.

- Faculty Coach, 2014 Jessup Moot Court International Competition, VUB (VUB team made it to the finals and written submissions were awarded 4th place).
- Participating as a speaker at international conferences.
- Assistant lecturer for the module- Law of International Organisations. Venue: The University of Kent at Brussels, Brussels School of International Studies. <http://www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/>

Date From: May 2014 Date To: July 2014

Employer: University of Naples L'Orientale.

Details: **Visiting Researcher.**

The First MARSAFENET- Training School "Maritime Security and Safety from Theory to Practice" Naples, Italy.

- I undertook research focusing on governance mechanisms and international tools dealing with protection of the marine environment, conservation of marine living resources with particular emphasis on the EU fishery strategy in the Pacific Region as a negotiating approach.

Date From: April 2011 Date To: April 2012

Employer: Office of The Vice President. European Parliament. Rue Weirtz Brussels. Belgium.

Details: **International Law Researcher** dealing with the Arctic and High North with particular focus on Arctic Policy concerning the Spitsbergen Archipelago. We published a policy paper and hosted a conference at the European Parliament to further discuss the research findings.

Date From: January 2010 Date To: March 2010

Employer: The United Nations. 46th Street and 1st avenue. NYC.USA.

Details: **Legal Trainee at The UN Office of Legal Affairs.**

Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) Advance research and writing for publication on marine biodiversity, submarine cables regulation and maritime delimitation.

Date From: September 2007 Date To: December 2007

Employer's name: Helios Media-European Agenda. Brussels Belgium.

Details: **Media & Communications Stagiaire. The Editorial Team.** In this Brussels based media company, I assisted the Senior Editor of the editorial team in database editing, web editing (Microsoft publisher), newsletters and press interviews.

Date from: July 2006 Date To: April 2007

Employer's name: Resurgo trust. SPEAR course <http://resurgo-spear.org>.

Details: **Project Assistant. Traineeship. Tutoring and Coaching.** I was primarily in charge of preparing resources and course delivery at this employment action NGO.

Education History

Date From: September 2016 Date To: August 2017
 Place of Study: University of Law, Bristol, UK.
 Details: **MSc (Masters) LPC Honours in Law, Business and Management.**
 Qualification for Legal Practice in England and Wales Jurisdiction with extra Masters Degree MSc honours.

Date from: January 2009 Date To: May 2015
 Place of Study: Vrije Universiteit Brussel. (VUB). Brussels. Belgium.
 Details: **PhD Public International Law.**
 Doctoral thesis successfully defended privately December 2014 and publicly on 11 May 2015.

Date From: 29 June 2009 Date To: 17 July 2009
 Place of Study: Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy. University of Virginia. <http://www.virginia.edu/colp/rhodes-academy.html>
 Details: **Rhodes Advanced Scholar Certificate in Oceans Policy.**

Date from: September 2007 Date To: June 2008
 Place of Study: Brussels School of International Studies. (University of Kent at Brussels).
 Details: **LL.M International Law & International Relations achieving a distinction for my LL.M Thesis.**

Date from: September 2003 Date To: July 2006
 Place of Study: London Metropolitan University, London, E1 7NT, UK
 Details: **LL.B Law. Upper Second Honours.**

Professional Affiliations

- Member: The Honourable Society of Grays's Inn. UK.
- Solicitor: Solicitors regulation Authority.

Publications

- Contributing Author to Commentary. ANNEX IX. Participation by International Organizations. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) A Commentary (Edited by Alexander Proelss). Feb 2017. Beck/Hart Publishing.
- Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Report for MARSAFENET. An Analysis of the EU Fishery Strategy in the Pacific region adopted on 8 October 2013 by the European Parliament. 2014. COST Action IS1105 Reports.
- The Sovereignty Dilemma in "The Spitsbergen Treaty: Multilateral Governance in the Arctic", Arctic Paper Series, Volume: 1, pp: 21 – 33. Published by: Conexio Public Relations, ISBN-ISSN: 978-952-67622-0- 3. 2011.
- The Naming of Maritime Features Viewed from an International Law Perspective, China Oceans Law Review, Issue: 1, Volume: 11, pp: 1 - 40, ISBN-ISSN: 1813- 7350, 2011.

- The Freedom of Navigation in International Law and the Utility of International Society Discourse, US-China Law Review, Issue: 8, Volume: 7, pp: 54 - 64, ISBN-ISSN: 1548-6605, 2010.

Public Speaking & Press Interviews

- "Submarine Cable Regulation in International Law." Paper presented at The Advanced Submarine Cable Network for the Telecom Industry Conference. London. 22- 23 November 2012.
- "The International Law of the Sea and the Notion of Specific Content in Maritime Delimitation." Paper presented at the Rethinking International Law and Justice Conference in TC Istanbul Kültür University. 24-26 September 2012.
- Rohstoff Krimi im Eismeer um Spitzbergen (Raw material thriller in the Arctic Ocean around Spitzbergen) interview given to Deutsche Welle and also published online here <https://www.dw.com/de/rohstoff-krimi-im-eismeer-um-spitzbergen/a-15985722-2>
- "Spitsbergen or Svalbard: Treaty Area or State Territory." Paper presented at the 18th International Seminar on Sea Names. Asian and European Perspectives. 7- 9 March 2012.
- "The Freedom of Navigation in International Law and the Utility of International Society Discourse." Paper presented at the World Institute for Research and Publication (WIRP) Law Conference 4- 6 June 2010.
- "Changing Africa's Connectivity: One Cable at a Time." Presentation delivered at Africa Gathering Nairobi, Kenya, on 22 December 2009.
- "Staying Connected to Africa: The Solutions Temptation and Undersea Cables." Presentation delivered at Africa Gathering London on 25 April 2009.
- "Widening the Debate: The Maritime Dimension in International Security." Paper Presented at the Brussels School of International Studies Guest Lecture Conference in Brussels. 7-8 May 2008.