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EDUCATION

City, University of London

London, United Kingdom

Master of Law in Bar Professional Training Course

September 2019 – November 2020

Dissertation titled 'Analysing the Regulatory Hurdles Surrounding the Use of Blockchains in the Commercial Sector' (Published in the City Law Review Volume III).

University of Liverpool

Liverpool, United Kingdom

Bachelor of Law with Honours (Class Two Division One)

September 2018 – July 2019

Media & Communications Executive at the United Kingdom & Ireland Malaysian Law Students' Union.

Brickfields Asia College

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

United Kingdom Degree Transfer Programme (Law)

September 2016 – July 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

Acclime Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur

Group Legal Associate

July 2023 - Present

- Managed legal operations for a group of companies located across 12 jurisdictions, ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Updated the group's data privacy policy in adherence with various data protection legislation such as the General Data Protection Regulation.
- Coordinated and facilitated communication with external counsel and auditors, ensuring timely and accurate exchange of information.

VCI Global Limited Kuala Lumpur

Legal Executive

September 2022 – *June* 2023

- Coordinated due diligence efforts for the company's listing on the NASDAQ stock exchange by managing different stakeholders, resulting in the successful listing exercise.
- Drafted agreements that supported the company's business operations, resulting in improved legal compliance and operational efficiency.
- Oversaw the compliance of the 15 corporate entities within the listed group with various regulations by providing timely and relevant legal advice.

Bursa Malaysia Berhad

Kuala Lumpur

Regulatory Policy & Advisory Protege

September 2021 – August 2022

- Revamped the Sustainability Reporting Framework for the over 900 listed issuers on Bursa Malaysia's Main and Ace Markets, resulting in a more transparent and sustainable capital market.
- Advised on regulatory requirements for various projects from commercial units, resulting in the successful launch of Bursa Carbon Exchange.
- Conducted User Acceptance Testing (UAT) and provided additional regulatory support for the operationalisation of the Bursa Gold Dinar to increase commercial offerings.

LexisNexis Malaysia Sdn Bhd

Kuala Lumpur

Editorial Operations Associate

October 2020 – *March* 2021

- Launched Lexis Analytics, a machine learning tool to assist litigation strategy, providing a more data-driven insight into legal research.
- Enhanced the accuracy of citations for legal authorities in published judgments, resulting in increased legal research accuracy and credibility.

AWARDS

Finalist in Bursa Investment Quiz

November 2022

• Placed in the top 5% among 3000 participants in a quiz on investment knowledge and capital market proficiency.

Best Advocate in Brickfields Asia College Model United Nations

March 2018

• Demonstrated advocacy skills in being named Best Advocate in a hypothetical International Court of Justice simulation of the Iran-Contra affair.

Honourable Mention in Malaysian National Model United Nations

April 2017

• Showcased diplomacy and writing skills by earning a Written Award in portraying the Philippines in a UN Human Rights Council simulation deliberating on abortion rights.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Barrister-at-Law (Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn)
- Six Sigma White Belt (Council for Six Sigma)
- Data Privacy Fundamentals (Northeastern University)
- Introduction to Statistics (Stanford University)
- AI, Business & The Future of Work (Lund University)
- Social Psychology (Wesleyan University)
- Welcome to Game Theory (University of Tokyo)
- Blockchain Scalability and its Foundations in Distributed Systems (University of Sydney)

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

- Round of 16 Participant for the Men's Doubles at Bursa Malaysia's internal Badminton Tournament (August 2022)
- 1st Runner Up at Sparring at the Goju Ryu Kenpo Seibukan Karate Association (Malaysia) inter-dojo tournament (July 2014)

WRITING WORK

WhatCulture UK

- Star Trek Picard: 10 Plotlines Season 3 Should Address
 (https://whatculture.com/tv/star-trek-picard-10-plotlines-season-3-should-address)
 (Adapted into a video for the Whatculture Youtube channel
 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwnAmeIEkKY&list=LL&index=4&t=335s)
- What If Andrew Garfield's Amazing Spider-Man Had Joined The Avengers?
 (https://whatculture.com/film/what-if-andrew-garfields-amazing-spider-man-had-joined-the-avengers?fbclid=IwAR0RZ0YNt4o1ipL-y98p1xNEw6r6Tc9nNC6iL4HqsL4GTNpwfH11iQUtSdM)

SKILLS

Skills: User Acceptance Testing, Quality Assurance, Operations Management, Policy Review, Legal Research, Regulatory Advice, Legal Drafting, Policy Formulation

VOLUNTEERING

• Volunteer at the Malaysian Bar Council's Legal Constitutional Workshop (November 2017).