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Education

University of London	PhD, International Relations *The role and governance of multinational corporations in post-conflict reconstruction* (Focal countries, Azerbaijan, Bosnia, Rwanda)
Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution	Accredited Mediator training
Oxford University	MA. Modern History

Digest of key experience

Human rights, modern slavery and labour conditions

Helping companies and others to understand and respond to the challenges they face operating in, or procuring from emerging markets:

- Advised the World Bank on its work with Almajirai young men in northern Nigeria. We developed a skills training project to provide a pathway to employment. The aim of this was to reduce recruitment of these people into Boko Haram. The political and religious sensitivity of this programme was considerable.
- Worked on human and gender rights challenges associated with exporting raw materials such as gold and coffee from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Advised a number of organisations, including Nespresso, and USAID. Key issues include the close links between specific villages and armed groups, and the particular risk to women associated with this.
- Acted as human rights and conflict adviser to the British Embassy in Cairo. At that time, Egypt was facing a number of issues including terrorist attacks by Da'esh in Sinai, anti-government riots, and increasing poverty in the south. I advised the Embassy senior team on the human rights, political and conflict implications of these issues.
- Acted as political advisor to Diageo in the Balkans. My role was to help the regional director to navigate the complex political, ethnic and social tensions in the region. This involved developing relationships with local organisations and groups and supporting Diageo in addressing operational challenges which emerged.

Economic development

Designing and implementing strategies to create economic development in developing countries, particularly in fragile environments. Some examples include:

- I advised the Asian Development Bank on their private sector strategy for Vietnam. This work formed part of a larger strategy within the Bank to develop the Mekong Delta.

- Political economy advisor to the IFC's programme in Nigeria working its flagship land, tax and investment reform programme. My role was to understand the social, political, cultural and other societal factors relevant to making reforms work in practice.
- I sit on the Advisory Board of Nestle's €1.3bn 'Income Accelerator Programme" to drive economic development and farmer incomes in countries from which they source, for example Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.
- Developed the post-Ebola economic development strategy for Sierra Leone on behalf of the international agencies based in Freetown. Analysed the impact of the outbreak on different aspects of the economy, and how far the economic challenges were caused by EVD or by up existing weaknesses. The strategy became the key tool for the reconstruction process.

Expert witness

By leveraging my considerable experience of emerging economies, their political and social systems and of international relations I am able to act as an expert witness. I am able to provide insight into a number of areas particularly in relation to asylum/ trafficking cases, and into proceeds of crime matters. I also advise in on issues relating to the UK Modern Slavery Act. Examples include:

- Supporting an asylum claim in relation to allegations of religious abuse in Egypt. My advice, on behalf of the claimant was able to demonstrate the risks they would face if repatriated there. The asylum claim was successful.
- Providing evidence about the challenges relating to recovering assets from Zimbabwe in a proceeds of crime action. This included advice on the challenges that would be faced, and if and how these might be overcome.
- Supporting a claim by an elderly lady from China for indefinite right to remain. My evidence demonstrated that the healthcare and other support she needed would not have been available. Her claim to remain was successful.

Sustainability/ ESG

Supporting clients in designing and implementing tangible activities to get things done and develop policies to bring things to scale. Examples include:

- As research director of the Sustainable Wine Roundtable I work on all aspects of sustainability in wine, including viticulture, labour rights and packaging. I developed the 'Bottle Weight Accord' to reduce the weight of wine bottles, which form around 50% of the total carbon footprint of wine. The Accord now covers 2.5 bn bottles, and in two years has mitigated 440,000 tonnes of carbon.
- I sit on the Advisory Board of Nestle's €1.3bn 'Income Accelerator Programme" to drive economic development and farmer incomes in countries from which they source, for example Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire. This is part of Nestle's wider sustainability efforts in the region.
- I am a member of the sustainability working group for the OIV, The International Organisation of Vine and Wine. Working with member governments, the group's work is to ensure that sustainability is embedded across the whole wine sector.