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**NATIONALITY:** Cameroonian

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:** English-excellent, French – good

**EDUCATION:**

July 2011-Present *Community Law Centre (CLC), Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa*

- Doctoral Research: *Decentralisation(Devolution) as a conflict management tool in Africa: Legislative and institutional progress towards consolidating democracy and development in Cameroon*
- Assist on projects with the Local Democracy, Peace and Human Security Project at the CLC ([www.ldphs.org.za](http://www.ldphs.org.za) )

Jan -Dec 2003 *Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of law, University of Pretoria, South Africa in partnership with the American University in Cairo Egypt,*

- Master of Laws with specialisation in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa
- Received a diploma for course on International Law organised by the *Pretoria Good Governance Academy, South Africa*
  - Clinical group member of the CD-Rom on the African Regional Human Rights System
  - Interned at the Human Rights Center for the Assistance of Prisoners in Egypt ([www.hrcap.org](http://www.hrcap.org)) and prepared a project paper on “A legal analysis of prison jurisprudence in Africa with reference to South Africa and Kenya.” Assisted in preparing for a human rights contest sponsored by the French Embassy in Cairo. Also assisted in the proofreading of op-eds, press releases and research material.
  - Went on study/field trip to the Kigali office of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Ministry of Justice, genocide sites and University of Butare, Rwanda.
  - Prepared thesis on “*Equal educational opportunities for the girl child in Africa: A necessary revisit of the discrimination factor with reference to Egypt, South Africa and Cameroon*” in partial fulfillment for an LL.M. in human rights & democratisation in Africa, 2003

1999-2002 *National School of Administration and Magistracy, Cameroon,*  
Professional Diploma in Public Administration

- Training on management of catastrophies, election monitoring, project management, public service administration and the principles of decentralisation
- Interned at the Mezam Divisional Office, North West Province, Cameroon.
- Prepared ‘*An end of training report on civil service administration in the Mezam Division, North West Province, Cameroon*’ in partial fulfillment for a professional diploma in Public Administration

1996-1999 *Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon,*  
Licence en Droit Privé (First Degree in English Private Law)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**June 2011-Present-** Permanent Legal Consultant, Franks International West Africa, oil drilling subsidiary in Cameroon of United Kingdom based Franks International. <http://www.franksinternational.com/> Legal advice on taxation law, security matters and general legal matters of the subsidiary. Contact person *Luke Mason*, E mail: *luke.mason@franks.co.uk*

**Jan 2010- Present** – Associate with Ghanaian based *Africanliberty.org*, an economic liberty think tank initiative by the US based Atlas Economic Research Foundation <http://atlasnetwork.org/> and Cato Institute [www.cato.org](http://www.cato.org) . I write articles for this think tank mostly on economic liberty, peace and freedom in the Central African region. [www.africanliberty.org](http://www.africanliberty.org). Contact person *Franklin Cudjoe*, Email: *franklin.cudjoe@gmail.com*

**Dec 2006-June 2011** -Prime Ministerial appointment as Second Assistant Prefect; Manyu Division. Focal point for political, cultural and social affairs especially land disputes/conflicts in the four sub divisions (Mamfe Central, Akwaya, Upper Bayang and Eyumojock) of Manyu Division. Presently on a three year study leave from government service.

**Jan 2002–Dec 2003**-Senior Executive Officer, *Department of Political Affairs, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation, Yaoundé, Cameroon* (MINATD). Contributed in daily administrative tasks of the department. Member of the proof reading Commission for the dual Municipal and legislative elections of 2002. Was on study leave from Jan 2003 to Jan 2005.

**Jan 2004-Sept 2004** - Research intern/assistant, *Center for Educational Freedom, Cato Institute* Washington, D.C. USA. Major achievements include research and organisation of an international conference on school choice. Other duties include organising forums and luncheons on contemporary issues such as promoting educational freedom, advancing civil society, and free markets at the institute and on Capitol Hill [www.cato.org](http://www.cato.org)

**March 2001- July 2008** - Consultant, *Foundation for Peace and Solidarity, Cameroon*. Supervision of legal, development and peace projects of the foundation. Assisted in designing projects on Human Rights Education in Schools and Colleges as well as other human rights projects. Trainer on elections. Mention in the “We the Peoples” Initiative (WPI) report of 2003 of activities during international day of peace <http://www.wethepeoples.org/welcome.php>

**April 1999- Feb 2002**- Human resources officer, *African Human Rights Campaign, Cameroon*. Staff supervision, monitoring, evaluating, preparation of project reports, overseeing human rights especially on HIV/AIDS and community development programs with focus on gender and education.

**COMPUTER SKILLS:** Microsoft word, Microsoft excel, Internet, PowerPoint

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Challenges of Incorporating and Enforcing a Bill of Rights in the Cameroonian Constitution* Cameroon Journal on Democracy and Human Rights [www.cjdh.org](http://www.cjdh.org) vol.2 No.1- June 2008 pp 68-72
- *Revisiting British and French Influence: Unification of Cameroon’s Legal System and a Commitment to Human Rights* Cameroon Journal on Democracy and Human Rights [www.cjdh.org](http://www.cjdh.org) vol.2 No.2- December 2008 pp 21-30

- Challenges in Achieving 'The United States of Africa *International Training Programme on Peace building and Good Governance for African Civilian Personnel- ITPPGG Newsletter* <http://www.ug.edu.gh/itppgg/nletter.html> N° 4 September 2009 pp 15-20
- Reflections on Cameroon's 2011 Budget (4 August 2011) <http://africanliberty.org/node/1214>
- Curbing Road Transportation Carnage in Central Africa (25 July 2011) <http://www.modernghana.com/news/341785/1/curbing-road-transportation-carnage-in-central-afr.html>
- Untangling Central Africa for Business (7 Sept 2010) <http://www.bookerrising.net/2010/09/chofor-che-untangling-central-africa.html> , <http://africanliberty.org/node/1086>
- Can the Market instead of the government provide potable water Cameroonians? <http://africanliberty.org/node/1183>

#### **DISTINCTIONS/SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS:**

- *German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)* scholarship for additional funding of the 2003 Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.
- Tuition scholarship for the *August 2003 Cato University* in San Diego, USA (Personal experience at the Cato University/Cato Institute quoted on page 40, *Cato Institute's 2003 Annual Report*)
- *Revisiting debates revolving around sweatshops in the contemporary world: A need to strike a balance between labor rights and economic prosperity* Honourable mention cash prize of \$250 for 'aworldconnected fall 2003 essay contest' Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, USA
- Sponsorship of J1 visa and health insurance for Cato Institute internship by the Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) International Career Advancement Program (YMCA Multinational Leadership Program) of Greater New York, 2004
- First prize winner (\$800) of 2010 Frederic Bastiat's Anniversary Essay Contest on economic liberty by Africanliberty.org <http://africanliberty.org/node/1064>
- Honourable mention award (\$100) of IPN-Africanliberty.org 2010 Essay Competition <http://africanliberty.org/node/1143>
- Ford Foundation full scholarship for Doctoral Studies 2011 at the CLC, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

#### **SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:**

- *German Academic Exchange Service(DAAD)* support for *Summer School on Peace and Development*, Institute for Development Research and Development Policy, Ruhr University, Bochum/ *DAAD Higher Educational Forum on Capacity Building and Development Research in Sub- Saharan Africa*, ZEF, Bonn, Germany (25 Sept-7 Oct 2005).
- *Election Observation Course*, Training Programme on Peacebuilding and Good Governance for African Civilian Personnel, Legon Centre for International Affairs (LECIA), University of Ghana, Legon(14-25 Nov 2005).
- *Foundation course on Good Governance and Peace Building for African Civilian Personnel*, LECIA, the International Training Programme for Conflict Management of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna-Italy, the Kofi Annan International Peace Keeping Training Centre, Accra, Ghana. (1-19, May 2006).
- Trainer of Trainers (ToT) Course for African Civilian Personnel on Conflict Management (22-26, May, 2006) LECIA, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna-Italy, Training done at LECIA, Accra, Ghana.
- Full scholarship for First International Human Rights Moot Court competition, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa ( December 2010).
- Tuition and accommodation scholarship for Summer School on Research Methods, African Doctoral Academy, Stellenbosch University, South Africa (17-28, January 2011).
- Pretoria Doctoral Winter School in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa (15-25 August 2011).