

EXPERIENCE

Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, September 2016 – present
Cambridge, MA, United States

Fellow

Developing best practices to encourage better cross-disciplinary collaboration in strategic digital rights litigation.

Cyberlaw Clinic Advisor

Supervised students on research and litigation projects concerning freedom of expression, surveillance, and the protection of human rights defenders.

Doughty Street Chambers, London, United Kingdom June 2016 – present

Associate Tenant

Practice areas: international human rights, privacy and freedom of expression rights, European human rights, public international law, and teaching and training.

Media Legal Defence Initiative, London, United Kingdom November 2011 – June 2016

Legal Director since July 2014, previously: Legal Counsel and Senior Legal Counsel

Responsible for MLDI's litigation in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America helping journalists, bloggers and independent media outlets defend their rights. Represented clients before national and international courts and human rights tribunals, including the European Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, UN Human Rights Committee, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, ECOWAS Court of Justice, UNESCO and the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. Obtained the first freedom of expression judgment from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (*Konaté v. Burkina Faso*) and the East African Court of Justice (*Burundi Journalists' Union v. Burundi*). Appeared before the Supreme Court of Rwanda to argue international and comparative law standards on freedom of expression and the right to a fair trial.

Developed and delivered trainings on freedom of expression and national and international litigation strategy for lawyers in Europe, Central Asia, Southeast Asia, East and Southern Africa.

Dutch Section of the International Commission of Jurists, Amsterdam, The Netherlands July 2011 – May 2012

Working Group on International Protection of Human Rights

Monitored legislation and policy in the Netherlands to assess its impact on human rights. Drafted the joint stakeholders' report for the Universal Periodic Review of the Netherlands before the UN Human Rights Council.

De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam, The Netherlands and New York, United States July 2007 – October 2011

Associate and Senior Associate

Litigated on various matters before national courts and international arbitration tribunals. Litigated before the Dutch Supreme Court on national recognition of foreign arbitral awards. Advised on European privacy regulations, outsourcing contracts and e-commerce. Taught an in-house course on international investment arbitration, master classes on record retention and privacy issues and Legal English workshops.

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

Social Media Exchange. Legal adviser on developing a dataset on digital rights legislation in all Arab League countries. Co-developing of methodology and supervision of legal research. Present

Hong Kong University. Trained lawyers and journalists from Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, Mongolia, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Myanmar and Nepal on freedom of expression, defamation, and strategic litigation in Hong Kong. October 2016

Article 19. Drafted an analysis and recommendations for improvement of the privacy and data protection bill of an East African country and the multimedia law of a South Asian country. Analysed the free speech implications of a bill aimed at the prevention of violence against women of a North African country. 2016

Albany Associates. Trained lawyers on freedom of expression, defamation, protection of sources, national security, terrorism, hate speech and protecting the safety of journalists in Juba, South Sudan. Drafted a hand- June – August 2016

book on freedom of expression for South Sudan.

Council of Europe. Trained staff of Moldova's Equality Council and Ombudsman's Office on ECHR and comparative law standards on hate speech and free expression in Chisinau, Moldova. May 2016

Central European University. Co-developed a web-based professional certificate course in media law fundamentals for journalists, civil society activists and lawyers in Central and Southeastern Europe, "European Journalism in the Digital Age: Rights and Risks". March – May 2016

Internews. Consultation with Paradigm Initiative Nigeria as an expert of the Internews Internet Freedom Expert Register. Delivered a keynote speech, "Rights are Rights, Online and Offline", at PIN's Internet Freedom Forum and participated in a panel on national security and internet surveillance. March 2016

International Media Support. Drafted a baseline report, including specific recommendations on IMS' potential role in supporting lawyers and judges intervening in media cases in Tunisia, based on a desk study and country visit to interview various stakeholders. January – February 2016

Thomson Foundation. Delivered a series of trainings in Pristina, Kosovo for lawyers, judges and prosecutors on ECtHR standards on defamation, protection of sources, whistle-blowers and privacy, and coordinated a concluding study tour to Strasbourg visiting various Council of Europe institutions. 2015 – 2016

QUALIFICATIONS

Listed as *Pro Bono* counsel with the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights since June 2014.

Registered *advocaat* at the Bar in the Netherlands since August 2007.

EDUCATION

European University Institute, Florence, Italy July 2016
Summer course in law and logic

European University Institute, Florence, Italy June 2009
Summer course in human rights

General course: Towards a World Court of Human Rights? Specialised course: The UN Security Council and Human Rights

Columbia University School of Law, New York, United States May 2006
LL.M.

Honours: Harlan Fiske Stone scholar; Amsterdam-Leiden-Columbia Program scholarship

Focus: Human rights, humanitarian law, law and development

University of Amsterdam School of Law, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Meester in de rechten (J.D./LL.B. equivalent) International & European law March 2005

Meester in de rechten (J.D./LL.B. equivalent) Dutch civil law January 2005

ADVISORY COMMITTEES & BOARDS

Chair Legal Affairs Committee of the European Center for Press and Media Freedom. 2016 – present

Strategic Advisor to GQUAL, a global campaign promoting gender parity in international bodies. 2015 – present

Project Board Member and since 2016 Executive Board Member of the Public Interest Litigation Project, a pilot project on strategic human rights litigation in the Netherlands. 2015 – present

PRIZES & AWARDS

Shortlisted for the Law Society's Excellence Award for Human Rights Lawyer of the Year. 2015

Columbia University Global Freedom of Expression Prize for Excellence in Legal Services for the brief in *Konaté v. Burkina Faso*, which resulted in a landmark decision on freedom of expression by the African

Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.

LANGUAGES

Dutch (mother tongue), English (fluent), French and Italian (working knowledge), German and Spanish (basic)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Academic and professional publications

with Rosa Curling, State Obligations in the African System: The Obligation to Investigate, Prosecute and Punish Violations of African Charter Rights, chapter in *Judging International Human Rights, Courts of General Jurisdiction as Human Rights Courts*, Springer, publication pending 2017

Denying Genocide or Denying Free Speech? A Case Study of the Application of Rwanda's Genocide Denial Laws, 12 *Northwestern Journal of International Human Rights*, No. 2 (2014)

with Rogier Schellaars, De IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration 2010, *Tijdschrift voor Arbitrage*, nr. 4 (2011) (in Dutch)

with Ambassador Andrew Jacovides (editor), *International Law and Diplomacy, Selected Writings by Andrew Jacovides*, Martinus Nijhoff, 2011

with Lokke Moerel and Jeroen Koëter, U.S. Subpoenas and European Data Protection Legislation, *Privacy & Data Security Law Journal* (July 2009)

Muslim Brides and the Ghost of the Shari'a: Have the Recent Law Reforms in Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco Improved Women's Position in Marriage and Divorce, and Can Religious Moderates Bring Reform and Make It Stick?, 5 *Northwestern Journal of International Human Rights*, 181 (2007)

Unifying Babylon: Can Post-colonial States Successfully Unify a Plural (Legal) Society? A Case Study of the Uganda Law Commission's Efforts to Reform Family Law in Accordance with International Law and Its Effect on Women's Property Rights, 16 *Widener Law Journal*, 71 (2006)

Recent online publications

with Almut Rochowanski, [Does BBC News training hold women to a different standard?](#), Women's News Network, 20 March 2017

with Jonathan McCully, [Where Speech Goes, Repression Follows: The Global Trend of Criminalizing Online Speech](#), Council on Foreign Relations Net Politics Blog, 3 April 2017

with Jonathan McCully and Catherine Anite, [Trump's 'war with the media' means modern democracies need independent courts more than ever](#), PEN America blog, 3 April 2017

[The Unique Jurisdiction of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights: Protection of Human Rights Beyond the African Charter](#), Doughty Street International newsletter, 27 February 2017

[A French court case against Google could threaten global speech rights](#), Washington Post, 22 December 2016

[Press Freedom and Africa's Regional Courts: A Positive Model for Transparency and Accountability](#), Just Security, 22 December 2016

[The European Court of Human Rights and Access to Information: Clarifying the Status, with Room for Improvement](#), Harvard Law School's Cyberlaw Clinic blog, 22 November 2016

[Nigeria and Digital Rights: Important Decisions Ahead](#), TechCabal, YNaija and Ekekeee.com, 24 April 2016

[A zero-sum game? Rwanda withdraws and Benin allows individual access to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights](#), IntLawGrrls, March 2016

[Police Shootings, Helicopter Crashes, and Bystanders with Cameras: Weighing the Rights of "Accidental Journalists"](#), Global Voices Online, 22 June 2015

[Lost in the Web: Navigating the Legal Maze Online](#), Global Voices Advocacy Blog, 19 May 2015

with Flutura Kusari, [ECtHR Vindicates Hidden Camera's Role in Watchdog Journalism](#), Strasbourg Observers Blog, March 2015

[The Power of International Law](#), World Policy Journal blog, February 2015

[The Prince, His Mistress and His Lovechild – A Feminist Perspective on the Couderc and Hachette Filipacchi Associés v. France Grand Chamber Referral](#), IntLawGrrls, February 2015