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OC - (ILA-14117) - A DECADE OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION: THE AFRICAN COURT AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

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Summary

I am an experienced lawyer with a demonstrated history of working in the judiciary and the academia. I am skilled in international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international refugee law, general international Law, peace-building and democratic governance and the economic analysis of law. I have solid experiences in research, legal counseling, teaching, project management, report writing and organizing conferences. I am a strong, passionate and motivated legal professional with great enthusiasm for learning and change.

WORK EXPERIENCE

29 September. 2017- present: Senior Legal Officer, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

05 August 2018- 12 January 2019, Consultant (Juvenile Justice), International Institute for Justice and Rule of Law, Valletta, Malta

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15 Dec. 2014- Sept. 2015: Researcher (External Consultant), Oxford University Consulting

15 August- 15 Dec. 2014: Research Scholar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

15 Sept. 2007-Aug. 2014: Assistant Lecturer, Jimma University (until 2010 full time and afterwards, part time lecturer).

April 1, 2011 – Sept. 2011: Researcher, Africa Progress Panel , Geneva

EDUCATION

PhD in International law (Dissertation-Magna cum Laude/ with great honor/ and defence- Summa Cum Laude/with greatest honor/), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland: September 2011- Dec. 2016

LLM in Law and Economics jointly from University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands (with Great Distinction), University of Ghent, Belgium (with Greatest Distinction), University of Haifa, Israel (MA in Laws): October 2012- Sept. 2013

Advanced Masters in International Humanitarian Law (with Merit), Geneva Academy of International humanitarian law and Human Rights: December 2011- May 2012 Sept. 2010- Sept. 2011

LLB degree (Distinction), Jimma University: Sept. 2003- July 05, 2007

INTERNSHIPS

March 1, 2014- June 16, 2014: Internship in the Executive Office of the UN Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva

April 1, 2011 - Sept 2011: Research Intern for Geneva Conventions Commentary Project at the Geneva Academy of Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Geneva

May 1, 2007- June 30, 2007: Practical attachment in the Prosecutor office of the Federal First Instance Court, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Revisiting the Rule of Non-Refoulement in International Refugee Law: Does Article 33(2) of the 1951 UN Refugee

Convention require the application of the principle of proportionality? African Yearbook of International Law (2019) (under consideration)

The legality and limits of security detention in international humanitarian law, International Review of the Red Cross, Cambridge University Press (2016), 98 (3), 961–993 (2018).

Delimiting the Normative Terrain of Refugee Law: A Critical Appraisal of the Ethiopian Refugee Proclamation No. 409, Addis Ababa University International Law Series Vol. 1 (2017)

National Security in International Law: The Meaning and Application of National Security in International Human Rights, International Refugee and International Humanitarian Law (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 2016)

ICRC's Confidentiality Rule and the Fight against Impunity (Lambert Publishers, Germany, 2011)

Zelalem Teferra, et.al Online Debates and Elections in Ethiopia. Report One: A Preliminary Assessment of Online Debates in Ethiopia (Oxford University Consulting, 2016)

"The Dublin System of Refugee Admission: Law and Economics Analysis"

Amnesty for International Crimes in international law (2014)

Freedom of Movement and Foreign (Oversea) Terrorist Fighters (FTF) under International Law (2014)

"Return and Reintegration of IDPs in Post-Conflict Situations" (2012) available at

< http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2180226>

Protection of Refugees in International Humanitarian Law (2012)

Some Reflections on the Classification of Goods under the Ethiopian Civil code (2011)

UN Peacekeeping in Somalia (2010)

Human Rights Indicators of Right to Participation (2010)

Ethiopian Criminal Law Teaching Module for Distance Students (Jimma University Distance and Summer Education Publication, 2009)

"Citizens' Complaints against Decisions of Courts in Jimma Town" (Sponsored by UNDP, Ethiopian Ombudsman, 2009)

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Trainer, African Legal Counsel, Arusha, May 2018 and June 2017

Judge, First African Governance Architecture (AGA) Moot Court Competition among African Law Schools, held in 2015

Representative of Transparency International, Jimma Zone, Jimma Ethiopia, 2008-2010

Registrar, Jimma University Law School, (2008-2010)

Secretary of the Editorial Board of Jimma University Law Journal (2008- 2010)

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Abstract

In comparison to many regional and international courts, the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights is relatively a very young institution. It was established in 1998 by law but became operational only later in 2006. As a late comer, the Court has got the unique advantage of referring and applying the much-developed and rich jurisprudence of other 'older' courts and quasi-judicial institutions. All the same, the African Court has avoided a complete dependence on the jurisprudence of other courts and whenever contexts warranted, it has taken its own path that do not necessarily reflect the position of the other courts. On some occasions, the Court has also adopted quite progressive positions that expanded the content of some norms of international human rights law relating to, inter alia, matters of election, freedom of expression, and the right to a fair trial. This article seeks to highlights the major normative contributions of the African Court to international human rights law in its decade of human rights protection in Africa.

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