

Curriculum Vitae

TESSA ROSE MITCHELL

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LLB and LLM graduate with a wide range of practical experience - including in law firms, law clinics and humanitarian organisations.

EDUCATION

2020 (June – September)

Irish FE 1 Law Courses, Law School.ie, Dublin

- Completed four courses in preparation for Nov 2020 FE 1 examinations.

2018 – 2019

Master of Advanced Studies In International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights (LLM), Geneva Academy, Switzerland

- Graduated Cum laude.
- With distinction in Institutions of Criminal Justice and International Refugee Law.

2015 – 2017

Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Rhodes University, South Africa

- Dean's List for Academic Merit (2017).
- With distinction in Company Law, Labour Law, Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Criminal Procedure, and Law of Evidence.
- Semester Study exchange, Utrecht University, The Netherlands.

2012 – 2014

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Rhodes University, South Africa

- Majors: Legal Theory and Psychology.
- Minors: Sociology, Classical Civilisation, and English Literature.

2006 – 2011

National Senior Certificate, Uplands College, South Africa

- Independent Examinations Board (IEB) University entrance obtained.
- Matriculated with distinction for English, Geography, Life Orientation.
- Awarded Colours for Community Service.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2019 (6 months)

Intern, UNAIDS Headquarters, Switzerland

- I worked in the Gender and Human Rights Team in the Community Mobilisation, Social Justice and Inclusion Department.
- Conducted research, analysed comparative legal frameworks, drafted reports and prepared talking points on HIV/Aids, human rights and gender issues.
- Supported and facilitated conferences and meetings.
- Organised panellists and promoted discussions on the social media initiative #BeTeamWomen, a joint UNAIDS, UN Women and civil society partnership.

2016 – 2017 (part-time)

Student Legal Intern Mentor, Rhodes University Law Clinic, South Africa

- Assisted the Law Clinic supervisors.
- Provided advice and guidance to the student legal interns.

2016 (4 months)

Student Legal Intern, Rhodes University Law Clinic, South Africa

- Assisted the Law Clinic supervisors in civil law matters including: maintenance claims; welfare claims and property disputes.
- Consulted with clients, reviewed evidence, drafted correspondence; managed case files.

2014 (3 weeks)

Vacation Legal Intern, Venn, Nemeth & Hart Attorneys, South Africa

- Gained practical legal experience, including in property law and litigation.
- Attended arbitration meetings, gaining a greater understanding of pre-trial settlement.

2013 (3 weeks)

Vacation Legal Intern, Wheeldon, Rushmere & Cole Attorneys, South Africa

- Accompanied the attorneys to the Magistrate's Court.
- Researched legal issues. and supported preparation of legal documents; delivered and received files from the High Court.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2018 (2 months)

Volunteer Women's Space Co-Coordinator, We Are Here Community Centre, Greece,

- Volunteered for a non-profit organisation in Nea Kavala refugee camp.
- Facilitated the Women's Space and provided language assistance and support.
- Initiated collaboration with a psychosocial organisation to expand services provided.

2016

Student Mentor, LLB Penultimate Year Mentor Programme, Rhodes University

- Supported and advised undergraduate law students.

2012

Rhodes University Legal Activism Member, Legal Activism Society, South Africa

- Worked in a team to host advocacy workshops and provide advice to the local community on wills and estates.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Co-author** of the South African chapter of the revised *Study on the Impact of the United Nations Human Rights Treaties on the Domestic Level* (2020, forthcoming).
- **Author** of *The continued relevance of the principles of proportionality and necessity in modern warfare*, Rhodes University Law Paper: *In Camera* (2017).

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

- Art, painting and visiting galleries and exhibitions.
- Member of the ATLAS Network, an international organisation supporting women in law
- Environmental and sustainable practices, gardening and vegetable growing.
- Outdoor activities, including hiking, cycling, and swimming, participated in the Midmar Mile Swim, South Africa.

REFERENCES

Details provided on request.