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- I am qualified in both common and civil law jurisdictions - called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2010 where I am currently a practising barrister in my own set of chambers, but also admitted to the Buenos Aires bar (Argentina) in 1995.
- As a junior, I gained experience in transactional work and in international commercial arbitration and litigation through involvement in corporate matters and contract disputes in the areas of oil and gas, conducted under the ICC rules.
- I have a strong academic and professional background in international law with a wide experience in leading projects and people across jurisdictions on human rights matters.
- I am also a practising mediator, accredited by the CEDR.

In summary, educated at the top institutions in the world, I have used my talent with passion to advance human rights, as evidenced in the last few years by my work in the Caribbean region. Prior to this, I was a Principal Lecturer in law, and, until March 2010, the Head of the Law Division at Canterbury Christ Church University, where I designed and implemented two qualifying law degrees (a BA/BSc in Legal Studies and a LL.B.) and set-up the first mediation clinic within an English university.



A brief description of my recent work follows:

Impact of criminalisation and discrimination against LGBTI people: Over the last five years I have conducted with Professor Raúl Zaffaroni, Justice of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, a research project in the Caribbean and Latin America (sponsored by the ILANUD and the International Bar Association). The purpose of this work was to assess the socio-legal impact of mechanisms of criminalisation and discrimination against LGBTI people in the region. A report was published in March 2021.

LGBTI equality in British Overseas Territories (BOTs) in the Caribbean region: I am currently working in the BOTs where discrimination and segregation of LGBTI people is rife. My clients have included individuals, NGOs and professional clients. As part of this work, I acquired experience in British colonial constitutional law, particularly in relation to Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos, and Bermuda. I advised the same-sex couple that challenged the definition of marriage in the Cayman Islands, the couple was represented in court by a QC. I have also advised professional clients in relation to immigration rights of same-sex couples in Turks and Caicos. I have experience in assisting NGOs to petition governments, making representations to the UK parliament and intervention before the Privy Council. Some examples of this work include, working on behalf of NGOs with members of the APPG on Global LGBT Rights and submitting written evidence on behalf of NGOs to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee during the 2018 inquiry regarding the future of the BOTs. This submission was used by the Committee in its conclusion published in February 2019. In addition, I have experience in drafting of both primary and secondary legislation. I have also published in my area of practice and have appeared on TV and radio shows to give my legal views and analysis on matters facing the LGBTI community.