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Boston University School of Law (2026–2027)

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

S.J.D. (PhD.) in Law | Chicago, Illinois

Doctoral Thesis: Resolving Economic Disputes in Africa: Assessing the
Role of International Courts and Arbitral Bodies

Winner of the SIEL-Hart Prize 2024

**Academy of International Economic Law & Policy (AIELPO) —
European Public Law Organization (EPLO)**

LL.M. in International Economic Law and Policy (IEL) | Athens, Greece

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

LL.M. in International Law & Alternative Dispute Resolution | Chicago,
Illinois

Kenya School of Law

Advocates Training Programme | Nairobi, Kenya

Admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya

University of Nairobi

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B., Hons.) | Nairobi, Kenya

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Boston University School of Law

08/2026 – Present

William & Patricia Kleh

Visiting Professor Boston University School of Law

(2026-2027) | Boston, MA, USA

- Teach courses and deliver guest lectures in international law and international economic law.

- Conduct research on international economic law, African regional integration, and Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL).
- Collaborate with faculty on interdisciplinary research projects and scholarly publications.
- Mentore graduate students and participated in research workshops and faculty seminars.
- Present research at academic conferences and institutional colloquia.
- Strengthen international academic partnerships through collaborative research and professional engagement.

Kabarak University Law School

01/2026 – Present

Associate Dean | Nakuru, Kenya

- Leads development and implementation of the school's teaching and curricular programmes.
- Develops and implements the Law School's strategic plan, administers operations, and chairs Board meetings.
- Supports and enhances research programmes; encourages external collaboration.
- Oversees recruitment of academic and non-academic staff, examination processes, and academic audits.

Kabarak University Law School

01/2026 – Present

Senior Lecturer | Nakuru, Kenya

- Lectures in international law courses; supervises and academically advises students.
- Trains moot court teams for national and international competitions.
- Conducts research in international law; leads curriculum development and review.

Luxembourg Centre of European Law (LCEL) – University of Luxembourg

01/2024 – 12/2025

Postdoctoral Researcher | Luxembourg

- Lectured on international law courses and conducted high-level scholarly research.
- Authored peer-reviewed articles and provided editorial oversight across international law and dispute settlement topics.

Kabarak University Law School

09/2021 – 12/2025

Adjunct Lecturer & Moot Court Coach | Nakuru, Kenya

- Lectured in Public International Law and International Trade Law.

- Trained and coached moot court teams in national and international competitions.

Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European, and Regulatory Procedural Law 02/2021 – 12/2023

Doctoral (Ph.D.) Research Fellow | Luxembourg

- Conducted research, wrote scholarly articles, and performed editorial work on international law and dispute settlement.

Strathmore University Law School 12/2015 – 08/2019

Assistant Lecturer & Moot Court Coordinator | Nairobi, Kenya

- Lectured in International Economic Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Trained and coordinated moot court teams for national and international competitions.

Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre 12/2015 – 08/2019

Mediator & Trainer | Nairobi, Kenya

- Delivered ADR training programmes for corporate clients including East Africa Portland Cement Company (Sept. 2017) and Kenya Power (Nov.–Dec. 2017).

Holland and Knight LLP 06/2015 – 08/2015

International Law Summer Intern | Washington, D.C.

- Provided research assistance and drafted memoranda in international investment law and arbitration.

A.F. Gross Advocates 01/2017 – 07/2017

Trainee Advocate (Pupillage) | Nairobi, Kenya

- Trained in litigation, commercial practice, conveyancing, and contract drafting.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. International Economic Dispute Settlement in Africa: Courts and Arbitral Tribunals as Socio-Legal Actors (Hart Publishing, 2026), <https://www.bloomsbury.com/ca/international-economic-dispute-settlement-in-africa-9781509992874/>

Book Chapters

1. The Inequalities of Sovereign Equality, in Mohsen al Attar & Claire Smith (eds), *Emancipating International Law: Confronting the Violence of Racialised Boundaries* (Oxford University Press, 2026).
2. Sovereign Debt in Antony Anghie (ed) *Research Handbook on Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL)* (Elgar Publishing, 2025) (with James T. Gathii).
3. International Trade Solidarity Governance Splits: Bretton Woods Solidarity vs. Bandung Solidarity, in Cecilia Marcela Bailliet (ed), *Research Handbook on International Law and Solidarity* (Edward Elgar, 2024).
4. Green Energy Purchasing and the Evolving Sovereign Debt Crisis in Africa, in James T. Gathii, Adebayo Majekolagbe & Nona Tamale (eds), *Climate Change and Reform of the Global Financial and Debt Architecture* (Sheria Publishing Press, 2023).
5. Reference Guide to Africa's International Courts: An Introduction, in James T. Gathii (ed), *The Performance of Africa's International Courts: Using International Litigation for Political, Legal, and Social Change* (Oxford University Press, 2020).
6. The East African Court of Justice's Human Rights Adjudication Mandate: A Display of Judicial Craft and Lawmaking (forthcoming 2026, in Francois-Xavier Millet (ed)).

Journal Articles

1. The African Development Bank's Role in Financing the Green Transition, 61 *Canadian Yearbook of International Law* (2025).
2. Preliminary Ruling: East African Court of Justice, *Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Law* (2024).
3. Benign and Radical Africanization in International Investment Law and Investor-State Dispute Settlement in Africa, 24 *Journal of World Investment and Trade* (2023).
4. Reform and Retrenchment in International Investment Law: Introduction to a Special Issue, 24 *Journal of World Investment and Trade* (2023) (with James T. Gathii).
5. Trade Remedies as Emancipatory Mechanisms for Competitive Price Differentiation Challenges Within and Outside the AfCFTA, 2:1 *African Journal of Commercial Law* (2023).
6. Case Commentary on *British American Tobacco v. Attorney General of Uganda* (EACJ) and *GETMA International v. Republic of Guinea* (OHADA CCJA), *African Journal of International Economic Law* (2020).

7. Assessing Kenya's Cooperative Model of Devolution: A Situation-Specific Analysis, 46:1 Federal Law Review (2018) (with James T. Gathii).
8. Combating Unjustified Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in the African Tripartite Free Trade Area: SPS-Plus or SPS-Minus? 58:4 Hungarian Journal of Legal Studies (2017).
9. Discrete Discretion and Moderate Moderation in Judicial Sentencing: A Commentary on Kenya's Sentencing Policy Guidelines 2016, 3:3 Strathmore University Law Journal (2017).
10. Engendering Rule of Law in Health Care Delivery in Kenya, 35:1 Wisconsin International Law Journal (2017) (with Smith Ouma & Cynthia A.M. Amutete).
11. Implementing the Right to Health under the Constitution of Kenya, 2010: A Critical Analysis, 5:1 Kenya Law Review (2016).
12. The Fission and Fusion in International Use of Force: Relating Unlawful Use of Force and the War Crime of Disproportionate Force, 48:1 Case Western Reserve University Journal of International Law (2016) (with Emmah Wabuke & Smith Otieno).
13. The Merged African Court of Justice and Human Rights as a Better Criminal Justice System than the ICC, 8:1 University of Nairobi Law Journal (2015).

Book Reviews & Case Notes

1. Book Review: Sara Dezalay, *Lawyering Imperial Encounters: Negotiating Africa's Relationship with the World Economy* (Cambridge University Press, 2024), 24 World Trade Review (2025), 662–666.
2. Proportionality on the 'Lite': The Kenyan Supreme Court's Fatalism in the Fatma Athman Abud Athman Abud (FAAF) Case, Kabarak Law Review (2026).

Reports

1. Sovereign Debt as Subordination to Global Finance, in Antony Anghie (ed), *TWAIL Reader* (Elgar Publishing, 2025) (with James T. Gathii).
2. Report on the Establishment of a Focal Point on Human Rights and Sovereign Debt within the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (Forthcoming 2026, *Afronomicslaw Quarterly Report*) (with Moyo).

Select Blog Posts

1. Afronomicslaw: Hidden in Plain Sight: Kenyan Supreme Court Shooting its Own Foot on Merits Review and Appellate Jurisdiction in Continuing Supremacy Battle with EACJ (2024).
2. Afronomicslaw: Exit is the Only Way Out: A Polemic Response to John Nyanje's 'Hegemony in Investor-State Dispute Settlement' (2020).
3. Afronomicslaw: Existing in the Eternal Twilight Zone of WTO Consistency: The Case of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (2019).
4. Oxford Human Rights Hub: The Fulcrum for the Invalidation of Kenya's 2017 Presidential Election: Section 83 of the Elections Act (2017).

RESEARCH FIELDS

1. International Economic Law
2. Public International Law
3. Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL)
4. International Courts and Tribunals
5. African Regional Integration
6. Business and Human Rights
7. International Investment Law
8. Climate Change Law and Finance

COURSES TAUGHT

1. Contracts Law
2. Tort Law
3. Public International Law
4. International Economic Law
5. International Trade Law
6. Alternative Dispute Resolution
7. International Commercial Arbitration
8. Administrative & Constitutional Law
9. Moot Court Practicum

INTERNATIONAL COURTS LITIGATION

East African Court of Justice

No.	Case	Status
1.	Reference No. 33 of 2023 – Minister of Justice of the DRC v. Attorney General of Rwanda	<i>Ongoing</i>
2.	Reference No. 43 of 2023 – Atlas Logistics Ltd v. Ogefrem & Attorney General of DRC	<i>Concluded</i>
3.	Reference No. 50 of 2024 – Kalali Steven v. Ministry of Justice of DRC	<i>Pending</i>
4.	Reference No. 8 of 2026 – Muhoza Kalebu Damien v. Democratic Republic of Congo	<i>Pending</i>
5.	Reference No. 49 of 2023 – Hope for Humanity African (H4HA) v. Attorney General of DRC	<i>Ongoing</i>
6.	Appeal No. 4 of 2024 – IPEACE v. Uganda	
7.	Appeal No. 2 of 2026 – Attorney General of Rwanda v. Minister of Justice of DRC	<i>Ongoing</i>
8.	Reference No. 10 of 2024 – CLEP East Africa & Another v. Attorney General of Kenya & Secretary General of the EAC	<i>Ongoing</i>
9.	Amicus Brief – PALU Request for Advisory Opinion No. 001/2025	<i>Ongoing</i>
10.	Amicus Brief – Reference No. 32 of 2024 – Peter Odiwuor Ngoge v. Attorney General of Kenya	<i>Ongoing</i>

COMESA Court of Justice

No.	Case	Status
1.	Reference No. 1/2025 – Tewodros Getachew Tulu v. The Secretariat and Secretary General of COMESA and 2 Others	<i>Concluded</i>

No.	Case	Status
2.	Appeal 2/2025 – The Secretariat and Secretary General of COMESA and 2 Others v. Tewodros Getachew Tulu	<i>Concluded</i>

EDITORSHIPS & PROJECTS

American Journal of International Law (AJIL) Unbound

08/2026 - Present

Managing Editor

Oversees the editorial process, coordinate symposia, and ensure timely publication of high-quality scholarship.

AfronomicsLaw

01/2024 – Present

Associate Editor

Review, editing, proofreading, author coordination, and research.

Jumuiya — East Africa Law Journal

2024 – Present

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Africa Sovereign Debt Justice Network (AfSDJN)

2022 – 2024

Researcher & Session Chair

Chaired sessions, tracked, researched, and wrote on international and domestic sovereign debt litigation involving African states.

Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law

2021 – 2023

Editor

Served as peer reviewer, copy editor, and rough checker.

Journal of World Investment and Trade

2023

Special Issue Guest Editor

Reviewed and edited ten (10) articles for a special issue on reform in international investment law.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. 9th Society for International Economic Law (SIEL) Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, July 2025. Paper: The African Development Bank's Role in Financing Development.

2. American Society of International Law (ASIL) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2024. Paper: Litigation in 'Africa's Never-Ending War' — The Public and Private Lawfare Dimensions of Conflict in the Eastern DRC.
3. 6th African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) Conference, GIMPA Faculty of Law, Accra, Ghana, June 2023. Paper: Green Energy Purchasing and the Evolving Sovereign Debt Crisis in Africa.
4. 7th Biennial SIEL Conference (Online), Milan, Italy, July 2021. Paper: Rethinking and Reforming International Settlement of Investment Disputes in Africa: A Plea for Critical Africanization.
5. AfIELN Conference, Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya, July 2019. Paper: Sharpening the Only Arrows in the Quiver — How African States Can Improve the Use of Trade Remedies.

GRANTS

- EOI NO. AMREF/19/09/2025/020-01: Eastern and Southern African Regional Climate-Health Research Hub (2025-2028): Co-Principal Investigator
Proposal Title: Quantifying the Hidden Health Costs of Climate Change for Equitable Health System Adaptation in Eastern and Southern Africa (Co-Principal Investigator). USD 250, 000
- University of Luxembourg Institute for Advanced Studies — Brainstorm Projects Grant, 2026. Project: GLOJPES: Beyond Political & Legal Settlement — The Global Rise of Judicial Conflict Resolution in Peace and Security. USD 20,000

AWARDS

- Winner, SIEL-Hart Prize 2024 — awarded biennially to an outstanding early-career scholar in International Economic Law (sponsored by Hart Publishing and the Society of International Economic Law).
- Coach of the first African team to win the John H. Jackson Moot Court on WTO Law (formerly ELSA Moot Court on WTO Law), 2019.
- Best Oralist, Grand Finals — African Regional Rounds, ELSA Moot Court on WTO Law, 2017.
- Best Oralist, Semi-Finals — African Regional Rounds, ELSA Moot Court on WTO Law, 2017.
- Best Oralist, Preliminary Rounds — African Regional Rounds, ELSA Moot Court on WTO Law, 2017.

- Runners-Up, 2nd Edition, Benjamin E. Ferencz Essay Writing Competition, 2015.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Public International Law (including International Economic Law)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- International Human Rights
- English and Kiswahili Literature

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Law Society of Kenya
- East Africa Law Society
- Society for International Economic Law (SIEL)
- Law and Society Association

REFERENCES

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