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##### Summary

* Experienced international private sector development specialist with a proven track record of designing, developing, and implementing innovative programs that support economic growth in developing countries
* Strong legal, analytical, and business acumen, with expertise in investment climate, regulatory reform, and corporate compliance
* Proven ability to manage high performing global teams and communicate effectively in cross-cultural environments with a variety of stakeholders

##### Skills

* Program design and management (assessment through implementation)
* Legal analysis, risk management and regulatory reform
* Stakeholder management, fundraising and cross-cultural communications
* Investment climate reform for business operations, agribusiness, and regional integration, including through gender and informality lenses
* Thirteen+ years living and working as an expat, including in developing, fragile and conflict affected country environments

##### Experience

International Private Sector Development Specialist

* **International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) -** 2006 to 2020
	+ Designed and led delivery of multiple investment climate advisory programs in challenging environments (developing nations and fragile and post-conflict states) across Sub-Sahara Africa; supervised 6 East Africa country program managers to deliver investment climate programs across the region
	+ Led East & Southern Africa Core Strategy Committee to improve the quality of program design and reach of the team’s investment climate regional portfolio; developed and managed client, development partner and private sector stakeholder relationships; spearheaded fundraising for multiple technical assistance programs
* As part of small global agribusiness team, leveraged expertise across the World Bank Group to support country project teams in design and implementation of integrated solutions for inclusive and sustainable agribusiness development; led and/or contributed to agribusiness value chain assessments for countries in the Caribbean, Middle East, Central and South America

Regulatory Compliance Officer and Corporate Attorney

#### **Prudential Financial** – 1996 to 2003

* + Oversaw employee/agent licensing, registration, and pre-hire functions
	+ Supervised duties and performance of 70 compliance professionals
	+ Facilitated due diligence assessments of prospective mergers and/or acquisitions of global financial services targets
	+ Developed compliance manuals and standard operating procedures for internal business lines
* **Various Law Firms** – 1989 to 1996
	+ Represented clients in a variety of corporate, real estate finance and merger & acquisition transactions
	+ Conducted due diligence and drafted and negotiated numerous contracts and agreements
	+ Researched, drafted, and presented legal analyses, white papers and appellate briefs
	+ Converted several opportunities into new firm business

##### Education, Languages and Licensing

* Juris Doctor, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC
* Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
* Certificates - *International Affairs*, New York University; *Program Management*, George Washington University
* Languages – English (native); Spanish (advanced low)
* Licensed to practice law in New York

##### Volunteer and Civic Engagement

* Spelman College Alumnae Association, Washington DC Chapter
* Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Washington DC Alumnae Chapter – 2022-2024 Chair, Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully (GEMS) (*teen leadership development program*)
* Shining Hope for Communities, Nairobi, Kenya – Mentor, 2011-2015
* Carter Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - Election Observer/Legal Consultant, Fall 2005
* International House, Playa del Carmen, Mexico – English as a Second Language Teacher, 2004