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### EDUCATION

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#### **Columbia University School of Law**, New York, NY

LL.M, May 2010

- Honors: James Kent Scholar (graduated in top 2% of LL.M class)  
Cyprus Fulbright Commission Scholar  
Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law Certificate of Achievement
- Activities: Research Assistant of Professor Lori Damrosch on Comparative War Powers  
Columbia Society for International Law, Career Symposium Committee  
Judge for the 2010 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Northeast Super-Regional  
European Union Law Moot Court team member (Semi-Finalists, Regional Finals, at EUI, Florence, Italy)
- Theses: *Cyprus: A Telling Silence* (LL.M Thesis, Professor Graeme Simpson): presentation at the Sixth Cornell Inter-University Graduate Student Conference (April 2-3, 2010)  
*The Role of the International Criminal Court in Uganda* (Professor Larry Johnson)  
*Turkey's (non)compliance with judgments of the ECtHR in Cyprus* (Professor Lori Damrosch)  
*Mediation in Cyprus (1999-2004): Design and Strategies* (Professor Aldo Civico, SIPA)

#### **University College London**, Faculty of Laws, London, UK

LL.B Law with French Law, June 2009

- Honors: First Class Honors, Dean's List (graduated in top 5% of LL.B class)  
Scholar of the Republic of Cyprus
- Activities: European Court of Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Co-founder and Moots Officer  
Human Rights Bulletin, Writer and Editor  
Student Human Rights Program, Panels Committee, Organiser of Panel Discussions  
Telders International Law Moot Court Competition team member, runner-up in UK (February, 2009)  
Social Debating Competition, Finalist (February, 2007)
- Theses: *Cyprus and the Dog that did not Bark: Confronting the Past* (Professor Colm O'Cinneide)  
*Bioterrorism: Should Public Health and Human Rights Necessarily be in Conflict?* (Prof Freeman)  
*Cyprus: Historic Injustice Superseded?* (Professor Riz Mokal)

#### **Université Paris II Panthéon – Assas**, Paris, France

Certificat Supérieur de Droit Français et Européen, June 2008

Honours: Mention Bien

### EXPERIENCE

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**International Court of Justice**, the Hague, The Netherlands September 2010 – May 2011  
*University Trainee, Columbia Law School Fellow*. Assisting President Owada and Judge Koroma in their tasks, including carrying out public international law research relating to the Court's docket (e.g. *Georgia v. Russia, Nicaragua v. Colombia*, etc); drafting various types of documents, including letters, memoranda and speeches (delivered before the principal organs of the United Nations, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, etc).

**DOMAC Project** (Impact of International Courts on Domestic Criminal Procedures in Mass Atrocity Cases) May – Jul'10  
*Research Assistant to Dr. Silvia Borelli*. Researched, partially drafted and edited the case study on Turkey's Occupation of Northern Cyprus of the "Report on Compliance with the European Court's Jurisprudence concerning Serious Violations of Human Rights committed by State Agents and its Impact on Domestic Investigations and Prosecutions".

#### **The Global Justice Center**, New York, NY

May – July 2010

*Intern*. Drafted United Nations Security Council Resolution and background report calling the 2008 Constitution of Burma null and void; drafted letter addressed to the Ambassador of the U.S. at the UN regarding child soldiers in Burma; organised a meeting of GJC with the Liaison Office of the ICC to the UN as to how to navigate the UN in order to get a referral to the ICC by the Security Council; conducted a brown bag lunch lecture on the Review Conference of the Rome Statute; represented the GJC at the NGO Working Group, and an International Bar Association event on Burma.

#### **Liaison Office of the International Criminal Court to the United Nations**, New York, NY January – May 2010

*Columbia Law School Extern*. Drafted recommendations for amendment of the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the ICC to improve protection of child witnesses; advised how to improve the collaboration and expedient exchange of

information between the ICC and the UN; covered various events taking place at the UN for the ICC, such as the 8<sup>th</sup> resumed session of the Assembly of States Parties, Security Council sessions on peacekeeping operations, and events of the UN Rule of Law Unit.

**Cypriot Delegation to the European Council Working Group for the United Nations, Multilateral Affairs and International Organisations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus**, Nicosia, Cyprus June – July 2009  
*Intern.* Advised on meetings of Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of Cyprus with heads of state world-wide, such as presidents of the U.S., Russia, Turkey during the 64th session of the UN General Assembly; researched and wrote background information about each country and its head of state; drafted recommendations addressed to the Parliamentary Council regarding ratification of various UN Resolutions, such as about non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

**The Royal Courts of Justice, Honorary Mr. Justice Silber of the High Court of England**, London, UK June 2009  
*Clerk.* Researched, wrote and edited judgments in cases regarding administrative law, immigration law, and education law. Wrote a summary of a criminal law case presided over by the President of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission.

**Garvey Schubert Barer**, Portland, OR Summer, 2008, 2009, 2010  
*Clerk.* Researched and drafted three articles published in Oregon law reviews, one on Oregonian legislation protecting farmland, another on legislation protecting forestlands in Oregon, and a third one on public facilities and services.

**Immigration Law Department, Treasury Solicitors, Government Legal Service**, London, UK June 2008  
*Intern.* Drafted briefs on House of Lords and Court of Appeal cases concerning the right to privacy and the freezing of assets of suspect terrorists; drafted a memorandum advising the UK government on right to privacy of immigrants.

**Commission of Socio-Economic Rights, Amnesty International**, Paris, France October 2007 – May 2008  
*Intern.* Liaised between London headquarters and French Secretariat to create international photography exhibit, demonstrating the inter-dependence of socio-economic rights and civil rights, focusing on slums in Mexico, Egypt, Nigeria, Macedonia and India. This resulted in the publication of a book entitled “Dignity, Human Rights, and Poverty”.

**Doughty Street Chambers**, London, United Kingdom September 2007  
*Mini-Pupil.* Wrote official summaries of court proceedings for leading British civil rights barristers’ chambers involving due process in criminal proceedings, privacy rights in extradition cases, and prisoners’ rights.

**Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP**, London, United Kingdom July 2007  
*Intern.* Real Estate Finance and Corporate Finance International departments: drafted contracts and memoranda.

**Chrysses Demetriades & Co Law Firm**, Limassol, Cyprus June 2007  
*Intern.* Company & Commercial Law Department, researched and drafted memoranda, attended client conferences.

**Yiola Stylianides Law Firm**, Limassol Cyprus Summer 2006  
*Intern.* Researched negligence cases; assisted in client conferences; briefed family law cases (divorce and custody issues).

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Stetson Law School International Environmental Moot Court Competition, <i>Judge</i>	February – March 2011
Israel Law Review, <i>Peer Reviewer</i>	February 2011
Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, <i>Judge at the Russian National Championship</i> , February 2011	
World Jurist Association, <i>Member</i>	December 2010 – Present
International Journal of Transitional Justice, <i>Peer Reviewer</i>	November 2010
Interdisciplinary Journal of Human Rights Law, <i>Assistant Editor</i>	August 2010 – Present
American Bar Association, Section of International Law, <i>Member</i>	August 2010 – Present
American Society for International Law, <i>Member</i>	July 2010 – Present

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. A. Solomou, Case Report on Demopoulos & Others v. Turkey (2010) 104(4) *American Journal of International Law* 628-636.
  2. A. Solomou, "Cyprus: A Telling Silence", to be published in the *International Journal for Transitional Justice* in 2011.
  3. S. Borelli And S. Lyngdorf, "Compliance with the European Court’s Jurisprudence concerning Serious Violations of Human Rights committed by State Agents and its Impact on Domestic Investigations and Prosecutions: Case Studies of

- Russia Actions in Chechnya, Turkey and PKK, Turkey's Occupation of Northern Cyprus, and Action of the United Kingdom in Northern Ireland", *DOMAC Report*, forthcoming in 2010. Contributor.
4. E. Sullivan and A. Solomou, "Alternative Dispute Resolution in Land Use Disputes - Two Continents and Two Approaches", to be presented at a conference on "International Arbitration and ADR -The Impact on the Rule of Law" hosted by the World Jurist Association in April 2011.
  5. E. Sullivan and A. Solomou, "A 'Timely, Orderly and Efficient Arrangement' of Public Services and Facilities in Oregon", to be published in an American Law Review in 2011.
  6. E. Sullivan and A. Solomou, "Lost in the Trees -- Oregon's Odyssey with Land Use Controls to Protect Forest Lands", to be published in the *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation* in 2011.
  7. Amnesty International, *Dignité, droits humains et pauvreté* (2010, Coédition Textuel). Contributor.
  8. E. Sullivan E., and R. Eber, "The Long and Winding Road: Farmland Protection in Oregon 1961-2008" 18 *San Joaquin Ag. L. Rev.* 1 (2009). Contributor.
  9. Interviews with key actors in the human rights field, in *University College London Student Human Rights Bulletin*:
    - a) Manager of Corporate Accountability Project of the Business and Human Rights Resource Center, Sif Thorgeirsson (January, 2009)
    - b) European Court of Human Rights Judge of Luxembourg, Dean Spielmann (December, 2008)
    - c) Human Rights Policy Director of JUSTICE, Eric Metcalfe (November, 2008)
    - d) Author of *Torture and Democracy* (Princeton, 2007), Professor Darius Rejali (October, 2008)
    - e) Executive Counselor of Mercy Corps, Mignon Mazique (September, 2008)