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Statement of Qualifications

Date of Birth:	31 January 1961
Place of Birth:	Banjul, The Gambia
Nationality:	Gambian
Status:	Married with children

Education

1990-1991:	Master of Laws, International Maritime Law, UN/IMO International Maritime Law Institute.
1986-1987:	Barrister-at-Law, Nigeria Law School, Lagos, Nigeria.
1983-1986:	Bachelor of Laws (Honours), University of IFE (Now OAU University), Ife, Nigeria.

Language knowledge

Wollof, English, French: Good knowledge.

Professional Experience

2002- Oct. 04:	Senior Legal Adviser/Trial Attorney, ICTR, Kigali, Rwanda.
2002:	General Manager, International Bank for Commerce Limited, Banjul, The Gambia.
2000-2002:	Private Legal Practitioner, Ya Sadi Chambers, Bensouda and Co. Leman St. Banjul, The Gambia

- 1998-2000: Attorney General and Secretary of State for (Minister of) Justice of the Republic of The Gambia.
- 1997-1998: Solicitor General and Legal Secretary of the Republic of The Gambia.
- 1993-1997: Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Republic of The Gambia.
- 1992-1993: Principal State Counsel.
- 1990-1992: Senior State Counsel.
- 1988-1990: State Counsel.
- 1987-1988: Public Prosecutor.
- 1980-1982: Clerk of the Court, Judicial Department.

Other Professional Training

- 2001: Diploma: Volunteerism, International Olympic Committee, New York, USA.
- 1998: Certificate: Computer and Information Technology, Management Development Institute, The Gambia.
- 1994: Certificate: Oxford Conference on Mutual Legal Assistance, Oxford, England.
- 1993: Certificate: Conference on Judicial Independence and Judicial Accountability, The Gambia.
- 1989: Certificate: Human Rights Training for Commonwealth Public Officials, Banjul, The Gambia.
- 1988: Certificate: International Law Programme, International Court of Justice, The Hague, The Netherlands.

Memberships in Professional Organizations

Member, International Association of Prosecutors.

Member, The Gambia Bar Association.

Member, Nigeria Bar Association.

2000-present: Member, International Advisory Council, International Board of Maritime Healthcare.

2000-present: Member, Professional Women's Advisory Board.

1998-2000: Member, Advisory Board, The African Centre For Democracy and Human Rights Studies.

Other Related Activities

1994-present: Member, Executive Committee of The Marina International School, The Gambia.

1992-1995: Member, Gambia High School Board of Governors.

-1ST Vice President, Gambia National Olympics Committee (GNOC).

-Member of Board of Directors, Gambia Committee on Harmful Traditional Practices GAMCOTRAP- (National Branch of The Inter African Committee).

Conferences

-Delegate to The Asian African Legal Consultative Committee Meeting, 39th Session for Justice Ministers 19–23 February 2000, Cairo, Egypt.

-Inaugural Meeting of Women Ministers of Justice by Council of Women World Leaders and the United Nations, New York, November 1999.

-Delegate of The Gambia to Preparatory Commission meetings on the Establishment of the International Criminal Court, New York, USA, 1999.

-Representative to The Commonwealth Law Minister's Meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad, 3-7 May 1999.

-Representative to The OAU Ministerial Meeting on Human Rights in Africa Grand Baie, Mauritius 12–16 April 1999.

-Part of Gambian delegation to the UNDP International Conference on Good Governance, UN, New York, July 1997.

-Official to the Meeting of Law Ministers of Small Commonwealth Jurisdictions, Barbados, 28 July –1 August 1997.

-The Gambia's delegate to the United Nations Conference on Crime Prevention and Treatment of Offenders, Preparatory Meeting, Kampala, Uganda, 1995.

-Member of delegation to the 9th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Treatment of Offenders, Cairo, Egypt, 1995.

-Ministry of Justice permanent delegate to ECOWAS series of meetings on:

- The ECOWAS Treaty,
- The West African Parliament,
- The ECOWAS Tribunal.

-Legal Expert to the Sub-Regional Commission on Fisheries meeting on the Convention on the Rights of Hot Pursuit, Guinea Conakry, 1993.

Miscellaneous

-Special Envoy of His Excellency, The President of The Republic of The Gambia, to His Excellency, The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, May 1999.

-Special Envoy of His Excellency, The President of The Republic of The Gambia, to His Excellency, The President of Zambia, October 1999.

-Assigned by His Excellency, The President of The Republic of The Gambia, to oversee the Department of State for Local Government, Lands and Religious Affairs, June 1999.