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Profile

Legal Counsel – Foreign Affairs Expert – Project Manager

I would describe myself as a very charismatic and stimulating person with strong flexibility, motivation and resilience skills. Thanks to my experiences abroad I developed strong cross-cultural communication and diplomacy abilities, and strengthened my languages proficiency. I had the chance to establish a network of valuable contacts that help me stay abreast of the latest developments in my field. Working abroad certainly forced me to be more resourceful and independent, opening up new creative channels and ideas. My work experiences have involved working both autonomously and with a team-based culture. This grounded me in the skills of leadership, commitment, coordination, planning and organization.

Work Experience

MDF Consulting (Milan)

November 2015 – Today

Manager

Managing business development of big companies. Verifying the regularity and legality of the financial transactions. Analyzing and solving practical problems. Helping improving organizational performance and seizing new business opportunities. Dealing with project management and fundraising.

Acquired skills: problem solving, strategical thinking, entrepreneurial, team leadership, flexibility, managing multiple priorities, counseling, decision making.

European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), European Commission (Brussels)

September 2014 – October 2015

Legal Adviser

Assisting with preparation and monitoring of advice and legal opinions in relation to the interpretation and application of EU legislation referring to structural and agricultural funds. Assisting with the treatment of correspondence on horizontal, policy and legal issues with the different Commission services concerned (SG, Legal Service, AGRI, REGIO, EMPL, MARE and MARKT), other EU Institutions, mainly the European Parliament and the European Court of Auditors, the Member States and candidate countries. Preparing for briefings and speeches, working on parliamentary questions and CIS-Net consultations.

Acquired skills: cross-cultural communication, analytical/research, multicultural sensitivity, teamwork, investigation, knowledge of current governmental affairs.

Marchesi - Fedeli & Partners Law Firm (Milan)

January 2013 – July 2013

Legal Adviser

Ichino - Brugnattelli & Partners Law Firm (Milan)

October 2011 – January 2013

Paid Trainee

Preparing witness, closings, hearings, discovery, pleadings, trials, corporate meetings and exhibit binders for oral arguments and depositions. Investigating the facts of cases and ensuring that all relevant information is considered. Identifying appropriate laws, judicial decisions, legal articles and other materials that are relevant to assigned cases.

Acquired skills: reasoning, analytical/research, adaptability, planning and organizing, result orientation, critical thinking



Education and Training

ISPI, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (Milan)	2013 – 2014
Master in Diplomacy	100/100, Magna cum laude
Scuola di specializzazione per le professioni legali “G. Marconi” (Rome)	2011 – 2013
Post graduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice	70/70, Magna cum laude
Harvard University - Law School (Cambridge, MA)	2010 – 2011
Master in International Law	Honorable Mention
Lumsa - Faculty of Law (Palermo)	2004 – 2009
Law Degree	110/110 e lode, Magna cum laude
United States Mission to the United Nations (New York)	2009 – 2010
Traineeship	
National Collegiate Conference Association (New York)	2010
Honorable Mention as “Best Delegate” for representing USA in General Plenary Assembly, ONU	
Erasmus at Université Catholique de Lille (Lille)	2008

Personal skills and competencies

LANGUAGES

- Italian: Native Speaker
- English: Fluent written and spoken, Master in English (C2), TOEFL test, Language courses
- French: Fluent written and spoken DALF, ERASMUS, Language Courses
- Spanish: Very good command of written and spoken, University courses
- Greek: Basic communication skills, University courses
- Arabic: Basic communication skills, University courses

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

- Experienced use of Apple MacOs X, Windows and Windows Office applications (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access) & Apple Office (Pages, Numbers, Keynote). Regular user of digital visualization tools
- Experienced use of the main browsers

MEMBERSHIPS

- IGLP, Institute for Global Law and Policy at Harvard Law School
- YSI, Institute for New Economic Thinking
- YPPF, Young Professionals in Foreign Policy
- Lean In Milan (the global community established by Sheryl Sandberg and dedicated to helping women achieve their ambitions)
- YWN, Young Women Network
- Voluntary work for Amnesty International and Unicef