

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Marital Status: Married with Three Children.

1. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- a) 1972: BCL, University of Oxford, Oxford.
- b) 1969: LLB 2nd Class (Upper Division), Univ. of Ghana

2. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

Professional Diploma for Admission to Ghana Bar - 1970

3. AWARDS

I was awarded the Mensah Sarbah Prize for the Best Student in the Professional Law Class in 1970.
In 1991 I was awarded A Commonwealth Fellowship

4. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- i) Member - Ghana Bar Association
- ii) Member - International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)
- iii) Member - International Bar Association
- iv) Member - The African Society of International and Comparative Law.
- v) Member - Ghana Association of Consultants
- vi) Member - Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF)
- vii) Member - Society for International Development (SID)

5. WORK EXPERIENCE

- i) April 2001 to date Acting Director, Ghana School of Law
- ii) Feb. 1996 Associate Professor, Faculty of Law University of Ghana.
- iii) May 1996 to date Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana.
- iv) 1985 Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana.

- v) 1972 - 1985 Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana.
- vi) Sept - Dec 88 Visiting Scholar, Department of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, State University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- vii) May- Sept. 87 Consultant Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Imo State University, Okigwe, Nigeria.
- viii) April. 85 - June 86 Company Secretary and legal Adviser, UAC of Ghana Ltd
- ix) 1984 - 85 Lecturer, Ghana School of Law
- x) Aug 1980-June 1981 Visiting Associate Professor and Research Fellow, Temple, University School of Law, Philadelphia, Penn. USA.
- xi) 1972 - 78 Lecturer, Ghana Workers College.

6. COURSES TAUGHT TO DATE

- i) University of Ghana Contracts, International Law, Labour Law, Criminal Law, Health Law and Police Administration, Gender & the Law, International Human Rights Law.
- ii) Northwestern University Women and Law
School of Law 1999-2001
- iii) May-Sept. 86 Imo State University, Nigeria - International Law
- iv) Jan. - May 81 Temple Law School, Philadelphia- Women and Law

7. FELLOWSHIPS

- April 1991 Awarded a Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship

8. PUBLICATIONS

- Book Editor: Women and Law in West Africa- Situational Analysis of Some Key Issues Affecting Women, 1998

9. CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- I. Improving the Reform Process through Legal Training. In Comprehensive Legal and Judicial Development. Towards an Agenda for a Just and Equitable Society in the 21st Century. Ed Rudolf V Van Puymbroeck. The World Bank. 2001 pp 299 - 308
- II. Legal Literacy and the process of Empowerment- A Personal Experience in Experiences in Capacity-Building for Ghanaian Women ed Florence Dolphyne and Esther Ofei-Aboagye, 2001

pp 9 - 13

- III. Family Law in Ghana And Its Implications for Women - With Esther Ofei-Aboagye in Situational Analysis of Some Key Issues Affecting Women pp.23 - 61
- IV. Violence Against Women in Ghana - With Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeetey in Situational Analysis of Some Key Issues Affecting Women pp.272 - 299
- V. Organizing at the Regional Level - The Case of WILDAF Published in "From Basic Needs to Basic Rights" - ed. M. Schuler Chapter 32.
- VI. The Impact of Structural Adjustment Programmes on Women's International Human Rights: The Example of Ghana Chap. 18 pp. 422 - 436, Human Rights of Women National Perspectives: Ed. By Rebecca J. Cook. University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, 1994.
- VII. Legal Literacy and Law Enforcement Agencies in Ghana: Legal Literacy - A Tool for Women's Empowerment. Part 5 pp 301 - 311 ed. Margaret Schuler and another. Published by OEF International 1992
- VIII. Regional Enforcement of Human Rights: Claiming Our Place: The African System: Working The Human Rights System To Women's Advantage. Pp 95 - 99. Ed. Margaret Schuler. Published by Institute For Women Law and Development.

10. MAJOR ARTICLES

- i. The Role of Social and Economic Rights of Women in Africa Published in "WILDAF NEWS" - Issue Number 1, 1998 pp.4-9.
- ii. 50 Years of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and The Rights of Women in Africa - Africa Legal Aid Quarterly - July to September 1998 pp 7 - 9.
- iii. Distribution of Property between Spouses or Divorce in Ghana - Vol. 18, University of Ghana Law Journal pp 94 - 108.
- iv. Women and Family Law in Ghana - An Appraisal of the Property Rights of Married Women In Ghana. Vol. 17, University of Ghana Law Journal pp 72 - 99.
- v. Legal Services and Education to Grassroots Women in Ghana - Women, Law and Development in Africa Origins and Issues - pp. 117-125 - Published by OEF International, Washington, 1990.
- vi. Legal Aid Services to Women In Ghana - Women, Law and Development - Action for Change. Pp. 53 - 60 - Published by OEF International, Washington D.C. 1990.
- vii. Alternatives to Custodial Sentences in Ghana - Proceedings of Seminar on the Treatment of Offenders in Ghana. 2 - 4 October 1989, Accra. pp. 70 - 75.
- viii. The Problem of the Persistent Offender in the Ghanaian Panel System. - Vol. 15, University of Ghana Law Journal, pp. 84 - 96.
- ix. Women and Family Law in Ghana - Proceedings of Seminar on Ghanaian Women In Development. - Vol. 1 pp. 316 1978.
- x. Labour Laws on Retirement in Ghana - Ageing and Social Change - 34th Annual New Year School - Editor: Opere Abetia pp. 48 - 52.

11. A SELECTION OF CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 1. July 2000 Economic and Social Rights of Women in Africa - A conference organised by the

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Gender Studies Centre and the Institute for Comparative Politics and International Relations, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.

2. June 2000 World Bank Conference – Comprehensive Legal and Judicial Development: Towards an Agenda for a Just and Equitable Society in the 21st century. Improving Participation in the Reform Process Through Training.
3. May 2000 Parliamentarians for Global Action - 3rd Annual Conference – West African Pilot Programme on Population and Development. Review of Laws affecting Reproductive Health and Rights, Sexual Health and Rights and Family Planning.
4. March 2000 Speakers Breakfast Forum, Accra. The State of Women's Human Rights in Ghana – The Law and Implementation
5. Sept 1999 The Empowerment of the African Woman in Decision –Making –Hope for the 3rd Millennium. Keynote address at the Africa Regional Conference of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations.
6. April 1998 Perceptions About Women in Public Life; Fact and Fiction: The Implications for Legislation - Workshop for Senior Female Civil Servants under the Women in Public Life Project, GIMPA.
7. Dec. 1997 The Role Of Economic And Social Rights In The Achievement Of Gender Equality For Women In Africa And Inter-linkages Of Such Rights With Development: A Regional Case Study - Presented at a UN Division On Advancement Expert Group Meeting in Turku, Finland.
8. Feb. 1996 Platform for Action - Paper presented at a Post Beijing Workshop Organised by Integrated Social Development Centre (ISODEC) Accra.
9. Nov. 1996 Legal Aspects of Drug Prescribing and Treatment Guidelines - paper presented at a Scientific Symposium at the Ghana Medical Association - Accra.
10. Dec. 1996 Making Law Accessible to the Lay Person - The Court System - Paper presented at a workshop organised by the Human Rights Study Centre, Faculty of Law and Konrad Adenauer Foundation - Accra.
11. April 1995 Property Rights of Women in Marriage in Ghana - National International Perspectives Seminar organised by FIDA, Ghana and Friedrich Ebert Foundation on Women's Rights in Ghana - Accra.
12. July 1995 Participation of Women in the Democratic Process in Ghana. Workshop Organised by Associates in Rural Development in Africa. Washington D. C. USA
13. Aug. 1995 University Curriculum, Law and Gender Paper presented at the 25th Triennial Conference of the International Federation of University Women - Yokohama, Japan.
14. Sept. 1995 UN 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing, China.
15. Dec. 1995 A Continental Initiative to rethink Issues of Gender and Human Rights in Africa - Accra.
16. Jan. 1994 General Outline of Ghana's 1992 Constitution and The Extent to Which it Satisfies The Human Rights Obligations Assumed by Ghana. Paper presented at a workshop for Women Members of Parliament, Akosombo.
17. Mar. 1994 Women and Their Legal Rights in Ghana. Paper delivered at a Workshop on Empowerment: Taking Responsibility for Change Abokobi, Ghana.

18. April 1994 Law and Family Life in Ghana. Paper presented at a Seminar Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage and its effects on Children, Parents, Extended Families, Church and Society - Organised by the Presbyterian Church of Ghana - Abokobi, Ghana.
19. Aug. 1994 The Age of Majority - Women's Rights and Responsibilities. Paper presented at a seminar organised by Law Reform Commission of Ghana - Accra, Ghana.
20. Sept. 1994 Legal Aid and Services to Disadvantaged Women in Ghana. A paper presented at a seminar on Poverty organised by the Conferences and Research Committee of the University of Ghana, Legon.
21. Dec. 1994 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women - Paper presented at a seminar organised by ISODEC (Integrated Social Development Centre) at Abokobi on Gender Equality and Social Development, The Social Summit and the Beijing Women's Conference Process in the Ghanaian Context - Abokobi
22. Oct. 1993 Human Rights in Health Law. Paper delivered at a Workshop organised by the Human Rights Study Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana, Legon - Accra.
23. July 1993 The Legal Status of Rural and Urban Poor Women in Ghana - ICJ/WILDAF/FIDA Workshop on Para Legal Training in Ghana - Accra.
24. July 1993 The Constitution: Women's Rights and Responsibilities. Paper presented at a Workshop for Women Members of Parliament, Ministers and Deputy Ministers on Enhancing the Effectiveness of Women Parliamentarians, Ministers and Deputy Ministers - Accra.
25. June 1993 World Conference on Human Rights - The African System of Human Rights and How it Can be Used to Advance Women's Rights.
26. Aug. 1992 The Impact of Structural Adjustment on Human Rights of Women: The Example of Ghana - Consultation on Women's Human Rights Toronto, Canada.
27. May 1992 UN Expert Group Meeting on Increased Awareness by Women of their Rights including Legal Literacy - A case study.
28. April 1992 Empowerment Strategies in Health Promotion at Household, Community and National Levels - Legal and Policy Issues - Paper delivered at a Sub-Regional Awareness Seminar on Women and Health.
29. Mar. 1992 Trade Union Rights within the Labour Laws of Ghana - Accra, Ghana - West Africa Sub-regional meeting of the International Transport Workers Federation.
30. Jan. 1992 The Participation of Women in Politics in Ghana - A Re-appraisal of the Problems - Accra, Ghana, Conference of Institute of Economic Affairs on Peace and Democracy in Ghana in the 4th Republic.
31. April 1991 Fostering Rights Awareness Among Women - The Ghanaian Experience - Arusha, Tanzania - Meeting of Africa Society of International and Comparative Law.
32. Nov. 1989 Importance of Legal Aid in the Realisation of Peoples and Human Rights - Banjul, Gambia - Seminar on the Judiciary and Human Rights in Africa.
33. Dec. 1987 Protecting the Rights of Women by Law: Notes on the Ghanaian Situation - Jos, Nigeria - Rights and Humanity's first Pan African Workshop
34. 1978 Employment Law and Women in Ghana - Workshop on the Law, Family Welfare and the Status of Women in Anglophone Africa - Nairobi, Kenya.

- 35. 1976 Labour Laws Affecting Ghanaian Women - Africa Regional Conference of the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Accra, Ghana.
- 36. 1975 Legal Channels for Change in the Status of Women in Ghana, National Seminar on Women and Development, Accra, Ghana.

12. A SELECTION OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS ATTENDED

- 2001 March Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative Conference on Human Rights and The Alleviation of Poverty. Wilton Park, Wilton House, West Sussex, England.
- 2000 July A Conference organised by The Gender Studies Centre and the Institute for Comparative Politics and International Relations of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2000 June World Bank Conference on Comprehensive Legal and Judicial Development: Towards an agenda for a Just and Equitable Society in the 21st Century.
- 1998 March Commission on the Status of Women - Resource Person to observe and report on the negotiations for the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.
- 1998 June Attended the World Bank Meeting in Washington DC on Women and Law in East Africa, as a Resource Person.
- 1997 Dec. UN Division On The Advancement Of Women Expert Group Meeting on The Role Of Social And Economic Rights In The Achievement Of Gender Equality.
- 1996
 - (1) Feb.: Post Beijing- Looking at the Platform for Action. Poverty Reduction in Ghana
 - (2) May: International Seminar on Modernity - Oxford, England.
 - (3) Nov.: a) Problems of Drug Prescribing in Ghana - Accra.
b) Assistance for Self-Help Initiatives - Accra.
 - (4) Dec.: The Judicial System and Human Rights in Ghana - Accra.
- 1995
 - (1) April: Property Rights of Women in Ghana - Accra
 - (2) July: Gender Democracy in Africa - Washington D.C. USA
 - (3) Aug.: 25th Triennial Conference of the International Federation of University Women - Yokohama, Japan.
 - (4) Sept.: 4th UN Conference on Women - Beijing, China.
 - (5) Dec.: Continental Initiative - Gender and Human Rights in Africa Accra
- 1994
 - (1) Jan.: Workshop for Women Members of Parliament - Akosombo, Ghana
 - (2) March: Women and Their Legal Rights in Ghana. Paper delivered at a Workshop on Empowerment: taking Responsibility for Change - Abokobi, Ghana.
 - (3) April: Seminar on Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage and its Effects on Children, Parents, Extended Families and the Church - Abokobi, Ghana.
 - (4) August: Seminar on the Age of Majority in Ghana - Accra
 - (5) Sept.: Seminar on Poverty - Accra.
 - (6) Dec.: Seminar on Equality and Social Development - Abokobi, Ghana.

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- 1993
 - (1) June: World conference on Human Rights - Vienna, Austria.
 - (2) July: Workshop on Legal Services for Rural Women and Para-Legal Training, Accra, Ghana.
 - (3) July: Workshop for Women Members of Parliament on Enhancing their Effectiveness.
 - (4) October: Human Rights and Health Law - Workshop organised by Human Rights Study Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana.
- 1992
 - (1) January: Institute of Economic Affairs: International seminar on Prospects for Peace, Prosperity and Development in Ghana.
 - (2) March: West African Sub-regional Meeting of International Transport Workers Federation.
 - (3) August: Consultation on Women's Human Rights - Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Canada.
- 1991
 - (1) Feb. - Mar. Train the Trainers for Legal Literacy Meeting of Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAP) - Harare, Zimbabwe.
 - (2) Mar. - April Annual Meeting of African Society of International and Comparative Law, Arusha, Tanzania.
 - (3) April: Annual Meeting of Commonwealth Legal Education Association, Cumberland Lodge, England.
 - (4) May-June International Consultation on the Role of Missions - Jerusalem, Israel.
 - (5) October: Conference of Human Rights - organised by the Legal Resources Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- 1990
 - (1) February UNDP Seminar on Women in Consultancy
 - (2) February African Regional Conference on Women, Law and Development, Harare, Zimbabwe.
 - (3) April UNDP Seminar on University Consultancy for Economic Development.
 - (4) June International Consultation on the Role of Missions, GWATT, Switzerland.
 - (5) June: Workshop on Developing Appropriate Handbook on Legal Literacy for Women organised by OEF International- Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.
- 1989
 - (1) April First Planning Meeting of Women, Law and Development in Africa - Harare, Zimbabwe.
 - (2) June Inter-Regional Meeting on Women, Law and Development - Washington D.C., USA.
 - (3) Oct. Seminar on the Treatment of Offenders, Accra, Ghana.
 - (4) Oct. National Seminar on Women, Law and Development - Accra, Ghana.
 - (5) Nov. Seminar on the Judiciary and Human Rights in Africa - Banjul, Gambia.

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| | (6) Dec. | Final Planning Meeting of Women, Law and Development in Africa – Nairobi, Kenya. |
| 1988 | Oct. | Joint Workshop – Ghana-Nigeria on Legal Literacy to Grassroots Women – Accra, Ghana. |
| 1987 | Dec. | Rights and Humanity's First Pan African Workshop, Faculty of Law, University of Jos, Nigeria. |
| 1986 | June | 23 rd Convention of International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) – Brussels, Belgium. |
| 1983 | June | Operation Cross Roads Africa – Role of Professional Women in the United States |
| 1980 | June | Consultation on Prostitution by Ghanaian Women – Accra, Ghana. |
| 1978 | (1) | Seminar on Women and Development, Accra, Ghana. |
| | (2) | Conference of International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) – Nigeria. Workshop on the Law, Family Welfare and the Status of Women In Anglophone Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. |
| 1976 | (1) | African Regional Conference of International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) – Accra, Ghana. |
| | (2) | Workshop on the ACP – EEC Convention, Accra, Ghana. |

13 CONSULTANCIES.

1. A Legal Sector Reform Project - Collating Reports of 8 Consultants into one document and Preparing A Strategic Plan for the Sector. 1999
2. Women's Health and Violence - A WHO Perspective, A concept paper for WHO, HARARE, Zimbabwe 1998
3. Draft Policy on HIV/AIDS for Ghana - NACP 1997 & 1999
4. A Survey of Libel cases in Ghana from 1993 -1996 - Institute for the Development of Democracy and Media's - Montreal Canada - 1996.
5. Availability of Credit for Small Scale Women Entrepreneurs in Ghana. EQUALITY NOW - NEW York Dec. 1995
6. Opportunities for Women Consultants in Ghana UNDP - 1991

14. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- i. Chair person, National Executive Board, Women in Law & Dev In Africa (WILDAF)
- ii. Member, University of Cape Coast Council
- iii. Member of the Presidential Commission that investigated the 9th May 2001 Stadium Disaster in Ghana.
- iv. Member, Board of Trustees, Ghana Society for the Blind.
- v. Member, Board of Directors, Great Commission Movement, Ghana
- vi. Member, Board of Directors, Barclays Bank, Ghana Limited.

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- vii. Member of Board of Trustees, Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology and Applied Research - Akropong, Akwapim.
- viii. Member of the Inter Church and Ecumenical Services Committee - Presbyterian Church of Ghana.
- ix. Chairperson - WILDAF Board of Directors 1995 to December 1997. Member of the Board from 1991 - 1998.
- x. Member - Board of Directors, Ghana Legal Literacy and Resource Foundation.
- xi. Member - Board of Directors, Ghana Legal Aid Board - 1992 to 1996
- xii. Member - Board of Directors, Graphic Corporation - Oct 1985 to Sept. 1997 & Oct 1998 to date.
- xiii. Member - Board of Directors of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development - Montreal, Canada June 1993 to October 1997.
- xiv. Member - Board of Directors, Women, Law and Development Institute, Washington D.C. USA 1993 to date.
- xv. Chairperson, Ridge Church School Management Committee - March 1991 - March, 1996.
- xvi. Chairperson - FIDA Legal Aid Steering Committee, 1988 - 1994
- xvii. 1st Vice-President, Ghana Association of Consultants, July, 1991 to June, 1993.
- xviii. Editor, University of Ghana Law Journal, 1986 to December, 1992.
- xix. Member, Board of Trustees, Child Education Fund, Ghana - 1988 - 1993
- xx. Member, Disciplinary Committee of the General Legal Council of Ghana - March, 1983 to December, 1992.
- xvii. Deputy Warden, Volta Hall, University of Ghana - December, 1987 to April, 1990
- xxii. President, International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) Ghana - November, 1986 - March 1989
- xxiii. Chairperson, Ridge Church School Parent Teacher Association - October, 1986 to October 1987.
- xxiv. Deputy Senior Tutor, Volta Hall, University of Ghana - 1977 to 1980

15. CURRENT RESEARCH AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- i) I am working on a book with a colleague from Northwestern University School of Law, on Women and Law in Africa. Publication date: December 2002
- ii) I am currently, co-ordinating a major research initiative on Women and Law in Anglophone West Africa. The countries involved are Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and the Gambia. The project has produced its first publication: A Situational Analysis of Some Key Issues Affecting Women, Edited by Akua Kuenyehia. The team is working on the second publication: Gender Relations In the Family in West Africa.
- ii) Training Women Leaders from community based organisations to carry out Rights Awareness and Legal Literacy programmes both in Ghana and in other parts of Africa e.g. Uganda, Kenya, Liberia to date.

- iii) January 2002: I was part of a team from the Ghana National Petroleum Company that negotiated a Deep Sea Exploration Petroleum Agreement with a Texas based company on behalf of the Government of Ghana

16. OTHER ACTIVITIES

17. HOBBIES

Gardening and Reading

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