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SUMMARY

Senior Lawyer with a Master of Laws in Family Law, currently finishing a Master of Legal Practice. Advanced software development skills and fluent in web development frameworks such as Angular, React, Vue.js, HTML, and CSS. Intermediate Spanish and Hebrew speaker, fast learner, and a born leader. 11+ years of leadership experience in the not-for-profit sector representing my community to international politicians, dignitaries, and academics. Exceptionally fast learner and highly adaptable.

EXPERIENCE

Product Manager
DocuStream Pty Ltd   **September 2019 – March 2020, Sydney, NSW**
· Was approached by the Founder of DocuStream to become their first employee, in the role of Product Manager.
· Successfully re-built the DocuStream Website, and built the products Contract Builder and Contract Instructor by programming the front end of both products.
· Moved the company from using PHP and Smarty to Angular and Bootstrap for their web development.
· Designed and implemented the Company's Roadmap.
· Created marketing products for the business such as HTML emails for clients, Videos, and web pages for each of its products.
· Designed and implemented a complete redesign of the company's websites and advised on the technical requirements so as to ensure the product was scalable and sustainable.

Senior Solicitor
Spectrum Legal Group   **April 2018 – September 2019, Bondi Junction, NSW**
· Managed the Spectrum Legal Family Law Department, assisting with current and new clients.
· When the principal had an unexpected heart attack, I joined the firm to assist them in managing the practice and with their current matters.
· Ran several matters to Final Hearing, including an international relocation matter that had been to Final Hearing, was later Appealed (which was successful), and Remitted for Second Final hearing. I appeared in that matter on an urgent Family Court Application on Christmas Eve, where the other party sought a stay of the Orders after we were successful in the Second Final Hearing.

Senior Solicitor
Farrar Gesini Dunn   **February 2017 – April 2018, Sydney, NSW; Canberra, ACT; Melbourne, VIC;**
· Opened the Sydney office of Farrar Gesini Dunn, growing its Sydney office from 1 to 5 staff in its first 9 months of operation.
· Was promoted to the role of Senior Solicitor (the equivalent of Senior Associate) within 3 months of employment with the firm.
· Averaged approximately 4 personal referrals each month to the firm.

Family Lawyer
Armstrong Legal   **July 2014 – February 2017, Sydney, NSW**
· Ran my own practice within Armstrong Legal with approximately 35 active matters at any one time.
· Successfully represented international clients including foreign politicians and business people, in 'big-money' and parenting matters.
· Prepared and ran numerous Interim Hearings, Conciliation Conferences, Mediations, and Case Assessment Conferences without needing to engage Counsel. This includes preparing my own detailed Case Outlines and submissions.
· Instructed Counsel and prepared numerous big money matters for Final Hearing.

Summer Clerkship
Slater and Gordon   **December 2012 – January 2013, Sydney, NSW**
· Drafted Legal documents, parsed contracts, summarised vast volumes of material produced in family law and medical law subpoenas.
· Assisted principal in Medical Law team with managing and preparing for litigation and mediations by preparing schedules for each matter.
· Drafted costs agreements and attended file management for Family Law, Motor Vehicle Accidents, and Medical Law practice areas.

Law Clerk
Forbes Smith & Company Lawyers   **Monty 2010 – Month 2011, Burwood, NSW**
· Assisted the Principal with Family Law mediations and Court appearances.
· Attended to filing Court documents and undertook legal research.

PROJECTS

Luncheon with Visiting Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu
· During the Prime Minister's visit to Australia in 2017, attended a luncheon with the Prime Minister and Australian Community Leaders and Politicians

Nomination for Young Adult Community Award, B'nai Brith NSW
· Nominated for this award in recognition for my involvement in numerous Jewish Community Organisations.

Attended World Union of Jewish Students Conference in Jerusalem
· Represented Australian Jewish Students at the World Union of Jewish Students Conference in Jerusalem.
· Met with several diplomats, academics, and student leaders from around the world in order to build upon my skills and to teach these skills to Jewish Students in Australia.

Selected as a participant on the Australasian Union of Jewish Students' International Leadership Development Program to the Netherlands, Israel, and to the United States.
· Selected as part of an exclusive group of 14 students to attend a leadership development program, that is designed to upskill future leaders of our community.

EDUCATION

Master of Legal Practice
Australian National University · Canberra, ACT · In Progress

Master of Laws in Applied Law | Family Law
College of Law · Sydney · 2019

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice
Australian National University · Canberra, ACT · 2014

Bachelor of Laws
University of Technology, Sydney · Sydney, NSW · 2014

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies | Spanish Language and Culture
University of Technology, Sydney · Sydney, NSW · 2014

Diploma of Spanish Language – B1
University of Málaga · Málaga, Spain · 2013

INVOLVEMENT

NSW Board Member
Sydney, NSW · Jewish National Fund (NSW) · 2017 – 2019

Elected General Franchise Deputy
Sydney, NSW · NSW Jewish Board of Deputies · 2010 – 2017

NSW Board Member
Sydney, NSW · Zionist Council of NSW · 2011 – 2012

NSW Chairperson
Sydney, NSW · Australasian Union of Jewish Students · January 2010 – December 2010

Campus President
University of Technology, Sydney · Australasian Union of Jewish Students · February 2009 – December 2009

SKILLS

Front End: jquery, CSS, Git, Wordpress, Bootstrap, React, React-Native, Typescript, HTML, Ionic, AngularJS, Sass, HTML5, Swift, LaTeX

Back End: Firebase, REST API

Other Programming Skills: SSH, Command Line Bash/Shell

Software: Pixelmator Pro, Sketch, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, VS Studio, Action Step, HotDocs, Aderant, Practice Evolve, LEAP

Legal Skills: Family Law, Contract Law, Technology Law, Commercial Law, Wills and Estates Law, International Law (Public and Private), Civil Procedure, Evidence, Legal Ethics

Other Skills: Leadership, Negotiation, Technology, Management, Strategic Advisory, Policy Development, Aviation, Client Relationship, Scalability and Efficiency.