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PROFILE

Current Director of Professional Development at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, leading the strategic development, implementation and management of all professional development and continuing legal education initiatives for the Firm's students and lawyers. Additionally, contributing to mentoring and coaching initiatives to support young lawyers in their career growth and professional development.

EDUCATION

American University School of International Service, Washington, DC

Master of Arts in International Affairs, May 2015

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, May 2014

York University, Toronto, ON

Honors Bachelor of Arts in International Development Studies, minor in Spanish, May 2011

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, Toronto, ON

Director of Professional Development, May 2024 – Present

Knowledge Management Counsel, May 2023 – May 2024

Baker & McKenzie LLP, Miami, FL

Associate, December 2021 – May 2023

Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Toronto, ON

Associate, October 2020 – November 2021

White & Case LLP, New York, NY

Associate, Summer Associate (Summer 2014), September 2015 – September 2020

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

In May 2024, I transitioned to my current role as Director of Professional Development, marking my first move from a legal client-service role to a lawyer-development role. My professional journey has been dynamic and broad-based, characterized by a passion for learning and a results-oriented mindset. I pride myself on being a team player, committed to bringing the best version of myself to work every day. My dedication to corporate citizenship has provided me with unique opportunities for philanthropy, client engagement, and team-building. As a member of White & Case's summer committee, I successfully recruited talented future attorneys, helped plan and execute the firm's summer associate program, and mentored junior associates, contributing to the firm's robust talent pipeline. In my current role, I have refined my skills in collaboration, organization, and strategic planning, focusing on developing and supporting legal talent.

Attending my first Professional Development Institute Conference in December and the NALP Canadian Winter Meeting in November were inspiring experiences that highlighted the welcoming and knowledge-sharing culture of the NALP community. These events deepened my appreciation for the collective commitment to talent management and professional growth and motivated me to play a more active role within this dynamic network. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute as a Conference Planning Coordinator. My passion for fostering growth and creating supportive and engaging environments aligns seamlessly with the role's responsibilities. I am confident that my dedication, experience, and enthusiasm will help deliver a meaningful and impactful Annual Education Conference for all attendees.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

National Association for Law Placement

- *Member*, Attended NALP Canadian Winter Meeting (2024) and NALP Professional Development Institute (2024)