**MARYAM ABASS**

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**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED**

* University of Reading, UK (2020 - 2021) - LLM
* Nigerian Law School, Nigeria (2017-2018) - BL
* University of Salford, UK (2013-2017) – LLB (First Class)
* Haven of Peace Academy, Tanzania (2012-2014) – Diploma (A Levels)

**QUALIFICATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS AND CERTIFICATES**

* International Commercial Law and Information Technology Law and Commerce (LLM), 2021
* Accredited International Chartered Secretary and Administrator Nigeria (ICSAN), 2019
* Certificate of National Service, 2019
* EGCL Customer Service & Relationship Management Certificate, 2019
* EGCL Human Resources Management Certificate, 2019
* EGCL Project Management Professional Certificate, 2019
* EGCL Health Safety and Environment Certificate, 2019
* Accredited Agent of The Corporate Affairs Commission of Nigeria (CAC), 2018
* Barrister at Law, BL (Hons), 2018
* Salford Business School Clock Scheme Awards, 2017
* Law with Media and Digital Industries - Bachelor of Laws (LLB) First Class, 2017
* Diploma Certificate, 2014

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Programs Officer and Communications Officer, Tap Initiative (Abuja)** December 2018 – December 2019:

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* Developed programme initiative.
* Conducted research and drafted project proposals/bids for the organisation
* Generated program reports.
* Liaised with Administration Department to oversee program funds, budget and procurement process.
* Drafted memorandum of understandings and partnership proposals.
* Attended meetings and took minutes of meetings.
* Attended conferences and round table meetings on behalf of the organisation.
* Authored blogs for the website and updated social media platforms

**Extern, Chief Magistrate Court (Abuja)** April-June 2018:

* Observed trial proceedings, court rulings and judgments
* Logged every proceeding attended daily into a logbook

**Extern, Abuka & Partners (Abuja)** June-July 2018:

* Read case files
* Drafted court processes, particularly statement of claims.
* Involved in client briefings.

**Intern, Kenworthy’s Chamber (UK)** June-July 2017:

* Shadowed a Barrister at Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court.
* Offered relevant contribution towards cross examination.
* Networked with junior and senior chamber members, solicitors, and clerks.

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Second runner up at the Tech Angels competition (a Greater Manchester based start-up accelerator and angel investment organization) Salford University. (2017)
* Created a personal digital portfolio including updating professional social media presence and creating a digital artefact by means of a website. (2017)
* Volunteered as a Community Legal Companion, at the University of Salford where I assisted clients with tribunal hearings. I was aLegal Representative, CLOCK Pro Bono Scheme, University of Salford, Manchester, UK. (2017)
* Personal community development project *#SAY- Sexually Aware Youth* aimed at providing contraceptive and birthing control methods knowledge to the Nigerian youth. (2019)
* Team Lead: *#OpenTheGates*; Project to release in-mates, especially from a Nigerian Correctional Centre as part of a prison decongestion project, Abuja. (2019)

**SKILL**

* Ability to write cogently and form a sound argument.
* Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and complete projects to schedule.
* Analytical, organisational and communication skills.
* Excellent interpersonal skills
* High sense of commitment and team work ethic.
* Critical thinking, research, and problem-solving skills.
* Emotional detachment, intelligence and instinct.
* Familiar with the Microsoft office packages.
* Self awareness and self management.

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

* English – Fluent, Yoruba – Intermediate, Kiswahili – Intermediate, French – Intermediate

**COUNTRY KNOWLEDGE AND RESIDENCY**

* Nigeria (9 years), Tanzania (10 years), United Kingdom (3 years; and on-going), Kenya (visiting), Madagascar (visiting), Italy (visiting).

**HOBBIES**

* Creative writing, volunteering and travelling.

**REFEREES**

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