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LLM Students



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Adelanke Y.

Aremo earned her LLB and BL over a decade ago and transitioned into the development sector to pursue a career in human rights. Since then, she has played a significant role in advancing and protecting human rights both in Nigeria and globally.

Her work includes

high-profile strategic litigation aimed at challenging systemic injustice and defending fundamental freedoms. Notably, she was instrumental in challenging the unlawful Twitter ban in Nigeria and advocating for the amendment of Section 24 of the Cybercrimes Act, 2024, both landmark efforts in safeguarding digital rights and free expression. Currently, Adelanke is an LLM candidate at the University of Saskatchewan, where she is conducting research under the supervision of **Professor Dwight Newman**. Her thesis builds upon her enduring commitment to the promotion of global human rights standards.

Passionate and driven, Adelanke continues to leverage legal tools and advocacy to create lasting impact in the field of human rights.

Mariam

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completed her LLB at Osun State University with a First Class (Distinction) and had another First Class (Distinction)

at the Nigerian Law School with multiple awards. Her undergraduate long essay was on human rights and primarily focused on child rights. She trained as an Associate at Olaniwun Ajayi LP, where she advised on Nigerian and multi-jurisdictional project financing, power and infrastructure, as well as contract management and analysis.

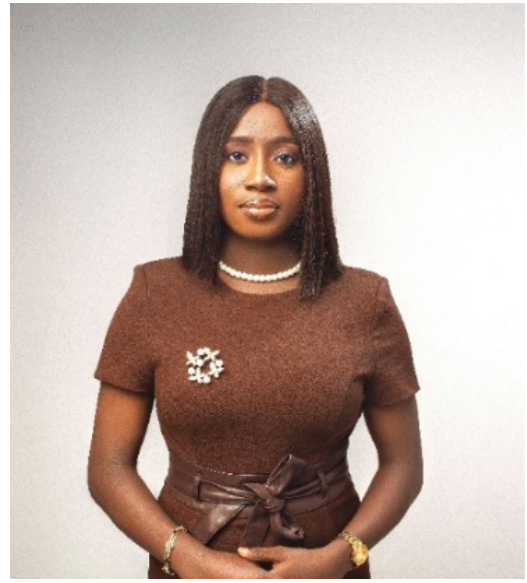
Mariam now joins the College of Law as a graduate student to continue her pursuit in Human Rights. She will be supervised by **Professor Sarah Burningham**. Her thesis analyzes state responsibilities in addressing economic inclusion and domestic violence. She aspires to be a global advocate for economic inclusion and other impactful policies to positively improve women and children rights via national and international platforms and organizations.





Julianne Labach is an LLM candidate at the University of Saskatchewan. Her thesis, supervised by **Professor Dwight Newman**, explores land conflicts and international law.

Julie previously completed both her Bachelor of Commerce (2018) and her Juris Doctor (2022) at the University of Saskatchewan. After graduating from law school, she clerked for Justices Georgina Jackson, Brian Barrington-Foote, and Meghan McCreary at the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan. Julie now works as a litigator at MLT Aikins. Outside of law, Julie runs track and has competed internationally as a member of Team Canada.



Mary Olawuyi is an LL.M student at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. She holds a First Class LL.B from Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria. She is a qualified lawyer admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. Her academic interests include natural resources law, environmental law, human rights law, and international law.

Mary has served as a Research Associate to the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, contributing to research on corporate accountability, sustainable development, and human rights practices across Africa. She has published scholarly work on climate change, corporate responsibility, and environmental justice.

Mary will be supervised by **Professor Ibironke Odumosu-Ayanu**. Through her research, she aims to promote stronger environmental accountability and responsible corporate conduct in resource-rich developing countries.



Samuel Cyrus Rezazadeh is an LLM student at the College of Law, the University of Saskatchewan (USASK). Sam graduated from the Juris Doctor program at USASK in



2023. He is a lawyer at Panko Collaborative Law & Mediation, focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution and collaborative processes to assist his clients. Sam moved to Canada 10 years ago from Iran to pursue his graduate studies. As a newcomer, he has always been interested in the Canadian immigration system and its role in shaping the country's social fabric.

Since Sam submitted his first immigration application as an international student a decade ago, the landscape of Canadian immigration laws and regulations has changed significantly. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) now utilizes Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, advanced analytical software, and automated decision-making systems to process applications for temporary and permanent residency programs. With the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its expanding applications for government use, Sam's thesis, under the supervision of **Professor Felix Hoehn**, will examine the effects, implications, and risks of employing AI and automated decision-making tools through an Administrative Law perspective to assess the reasonableness, fairness, and legality of such practices by the Canadian federal government in processing immigration applications by foreign nationals.

Eberechukwu Ugwu is an internationally trained lawyer with expertise in legal advocacy and immigration law. She earned her LL.B. from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and was called to the Nigerian Bar. She represented clients in tenancy disputes, personal injury claims, human rights



violations, and corporate governance matters, gaining significant courtroom experience and developing a strong commitment to defending individual rights.

Her extensive experience with NGOs advancing the rule of law, ensuring access to justice for disadvantaged individuals, managing tenancy-related cases, and handling U.S. immigration matters, including asylum and humanitarian relief, has deepened her understanding of systemic barriers faced by vulnerable populations. A passionate human rights advocate, Martha supports community-driven legal education and initiatives that promote access to justice. Her LLM Thesis at the University of Saskatchewan, supervised by **Professor Sarah Buhler**, focuses on a comparative analysis of legal frameworks and community advocacy for tenants' rights in Nigeria and Canada. Martha brings a unique perspective to examining how law, policy, and community engagement can work together to strengthen tenants' rights and housing security for marginalized populations.

