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Ibukunoluwa Ajala is an LLM student at the University of Saskatchewan. She earned her Bachelor of Laws degree from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, then attended the Nigerian Law School before she was called to the Bar as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 2019.

She began her legal practice as a litigator, representing numerous clients in all courts of record. She used her advocacy to represent indigent women in and out of court under the auspices of the Federación Internacional de Abogadas. She is also a member of the Young Scholars Initiative, a community of next-generation thinkers, where she uses her legal and policy administration skills to advance policymaking. She later transitioned to corporate law after 6 years of active practice, where she has been instrumental in minimizing legal risks for corporate institutions.

Her thesis, under the supervision of **Professor Robin Hansen**, focuses on the legal protection that international law provides to victims of violations of human rights where the territorial state fails to protect them. Her thesis also discusses the tension between international law and institutional politics around international order, involving the UN Security Council and the P5 members.

Toluwani Folorunso is an LLM student at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree with Second Class Honours (Upper Division) from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, and was called to the Nigerian Bar after graduating with Second Class Honours (Upper Division) from the Nigerian Law School.



Toluwani has gained experience in corporate and commercial law, dispute resolution, legal research, and regulatory compliance through her work with law firms in Nigeria. Her practice has involved advising clients on commercial transactions, drafting and reviewing contracts, conducting legal due diligence, and representing clients in dispute resolution matters.

Under the supervision of **Professor Heather Heavin**, Toluwani's research examines Risk Assessment Approaches in ADR and Litigation: A Comparative Study in Commercial Transaction Disputes. Her research explores how risk assessment frameworks influence strategic decision-making in commercial disputes, comparing the use of alternative dispute resolution and litigation to identify approaches that promote efficient, cost-effective, and commercially sound outcomes.

Through her graduate studies, Toluwani hopes to contribute to the development of practical and evidence-based approaches to commercial dispute resolution while advancing scholarship at the intersection of litigation, alternative dispute resolution, and commercial law.



Oluwatosin Mariam Akinteye is a Nigerian trained lawyer who earned her Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree from Olabisi Onabanjo University and was subsequently called to the Nigerian Bar after completing her studies at the Nigerian Law School. Her professional experience

includes legal advisory, project management, data privacy, and corporate consulting, with a focus on regulatory compliance, risk management, and the evolving relationship between law and emerging technologies.

Oluwatosin is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) who has led and contributed to digital initiatives that support business growth and innovation. As an LLM student at the University of Saskatchewan, her research under the supervision of **Professor Felix Hoehn** aims to explore the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on user autonomy, privacy, and corporate accountability, with a focus on developing legal frameworks for responsible AI governance.

Through her research, Oluwatosin hopes to contribute to the advancement of data protection, privacy, and technology law, particularly within emerging digital economies.

Bárbara Barcelos Araujo is a Visiting Research Student at the University of Saskatchewan, where she is conducting research as part of her Master's degree in Law at the Federal University of Uberlandia, Brazil. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the same institution and is a practicing lawyer in Brazil, with professional experience particularly focused on Family Law.



Her current research examines access to justice for immigrants, focusing on the gap between the formal recognition of rights and their effective realization. Through a comparative analysis of Brazil and Canada, her research explores the legal and institutional mechanisms available to immigrants and the structural, socioeconomic, linguistic, cultural, and institutional barriers that may affect their effective access to justice.

During her research stay at the University of Saskatchewan, she is supervised by **Professor Jamesy A. Patrick**. Through this research, she aims to contribute to a better understanding of how legal systems can move beyond the formal recognition of rights toward more effective and inclusive access to justice for immigrant populations.

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