

Curriculum Vitae

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Date of Birth: 18 May 1971

Education

2004: Masters of Environmental Law (MEL), School of Law, The University of Sydney, Australia.

1997: Certificate in Legal Training, Papua New Guinea Legal Training Institute.

1996: Bachelor of Law (LLB), Faculty of Law, University of Papua New Guinea.

Research Experience

2017, June: Team Leader and domestic observer (Namatanai Open Electorate) in Papua New Guinea Elections, 2017

2015, May: Team member, for a joint District Assessment with Care International and Obura-Wonenara District, Eastern Highlands, led by DPA/ANU Assoc. Prof. Dr. Richard Eves.

: produced an assessment report for Care International on the findings of this assessment.

2014, February: National team member, for a three-country UNDP-DFAT project, led by Dr Graeme Smith, on development needs for PNG, Samoa and Tonga. SSGM/ANU

: produced a PNG country report to UNDP-China, and DFAT representatives in Beijing on findings on this project

2013, June - August: Team leader, for Namatanai Open Electorate, team member for the 'Political Gifting' research in Papua New Guinea. SSGM/ANU;

: assisted in design of the methodology on 'Political Gifting' study

2012-2013, Aug- April: National team member, responsible for data collection in the 'Cost of Crime and Violence against Businesses in Papua New Guinea'

study, with the World Bank Group's Social Development Department, and Justice Reform Unit (LEGJR).

- 2012: May-Aug: Team leader and domestic observer (Namatanai Open Electorate) in the Papua New Guinea General Elections, 2012.
- 2012-2011 (Aug-Feb): Lead investigator, 'Gender and Economic choices in PNG' study, a qualitative assessment and field research that covered ten provinces in PNG, and producing a national report to feed into the national dialogue on Country Gender Assessment, Institute of National Affairs/World Bank Group, Papua New Guinea
- 2011- December Team member, Ok Tedi Community Mine Continuation Agreements (with particular focus on the role of women), Justice for the Poor, World Bank Group, Papua New Guinea.
- 2010-2011, Dec-March: Team leader to the INA-led rapid qualitative 'Assessment of Gender Differences in Making Economic Choices' in six provincial sites and producing a national synthesis to inform the WDR 2012, INA/World Bank Group, Papua New Guinea.
- 2010, March- April: Team leader in Namatanai Open Electorate, for the INA/World Bank's 'Political Economy of Local Development Planning, Resource Allocation and Benefit sharing' study covering nine Districts in Papua New Guinea, INA/World Bank Group, Papua New Guinea
- 2008-December: Team member, Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit's two-week intensive study of coastal fisheries and marine resource management in three countries- Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Samoa; and contributing to findings published in two reports in 2009

Other academic experience

- 2010, July –September: Visiting fellow, State Society and Governance in Melanesia, ANU. Worked on producing a report for Justice for the Poor on the "Political Economy of Local Development Planning, Resource Allocation and Benefit Sharing" study in Namatanai with Dr. Nicole Haley.

Work experience

- Researcher in Papua New Guinea (women's political participation) 2014-current.
- Team Leader- Political Gifting Research, State Society and Governance in Melanesia, ANU, Papua New Guinea, July- August 2013
Main Task: team leader for Namatanai Open Electorate, and team member on the 'Political Gifting' survey covering five Open Electorates in the country.
- Consultant, (STC), Social Development Department, and Justice Reform Unit, World Bank Group, Papua New Guinea, August 2012- April 2013

Main task: national team member, responsible for data collection in the 'Cost of Crime and Violence against Businesses in Papua New Guinea' study, liaising with partners and groups and assisting in the national dialogue on understanding the socio-economic costs of crime and violence in PNG.

- Team Leader, Gender and Economic Choices in PNG, Institute of National Affairs/World Bank Group, Papua New Guinea, August 2011- February 2012

Main Task: lead investigator for qualitative assessment and field research covering ten provinces in PNG, and producing a national report to feed into the national dialogue on Country Gender Assessment.

- Team Leader, Domestic Observations, Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia) P/L via Electoral Support Program Phase 3, Papua New Guinea, May- August 2012

Main task: team leader and domestic observer (Namatani Open Electorate) in the Papua New Guinea General Elections, 2012.

- Team Leader for Qualitative Research (Qualitative Assessment of Gender Differences in making economic choices in PNG), Institute of National Affairs/World Bank Group, Papua New Guinea. December 2010- March 2011.

Main Task: team leader to the INA-led rapid qualitative assessment in six provincial sites and producing a national synthesis to inform the WDR 2012.

- Consultant, Justice for the Poor, East Asia and Pacific Programme (World Bank Group), (Papua New Guinea) March 2009- March 2013.

Main Task: Contributing to and providing local analysis on programme documentation for Pacific wide programme; team member to the World Bank on missions into Port Moresby, providing country context and knowledge and facilitating dialogue between the national agencies and at community level, providing advice on the scope, thematic focus and implementation of the Justice for the Poor Programme in the Pacific.

- Environmental Legal Consultant, Wildlife Conservation Society, (Papua New Guinea) September – October 2009,

Main task: Team member to the WCS Village-REDD consultative process in Manus, and New Ireland Provinces, providing legal and policy analysis on Village-REDD+ related issues under PNG legal regime and contributing to the report on proposed Village demonstration REDD+ project.

- Consultant and team member, Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit Study Tour of fisheries management by coastal marine communities, (Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Samoa) November 17- Dec 1, 2008, Commonwealth Foundation

Main Task; representing Papua New Guinea on a Commonwealth Foundation study tour, and conducting an intensive two-week study of coastal fisheries and marine resource management in three countries- Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Samoa; and contributing to findings published in two reports in 2009

- Environmental Law Consultant, Wildlife Conservation Society (Papua New Guinea Marine Programme), August 2008- November 2008, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea.

Main Task: Facilitating a process towards development of local-level government law on marine resource management and protection; conducting consultative meetings with various government offices, stakeholders, coastal communities and conservation NGOs and collating information and views; and producing a draft proposed local-level government law on coastal marine resource management and protection.

- Consultant, Review on effectiveness of NGO representation on the Papua New Guinea Provincial Forest Management Committee, Papua New Guinea Eco-Forestry Forum Inc, (PNG EFF), August 4 -17 2008, Port Moresby. Papua New Guinea

Main Task: Conducting interviews with provincial forest officers, NGO representatives and leaders, collating information and producing a desktop analysis on the effectiveness of NGO representation on the Provincial Forest Management Committee (statutory sub-committee of the Papua New Guinea National Forest Board).

- Programme Officer, Women and Environment and Rural & Indigenous Women Programmes of Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law & Development (APWLD), March 2007- November 2007, Thailand.

Main Tasks: Coordinating 2006-2008 action plans for the two programmes - Women and Environment, and Rural and Indigenous Women Programmes with member organizations in 8 different countries per programme.

- Policy & Programme Manager- Papua New Guinea Eco-Forestry Forum Inc. (PNG EFF) April 2005-February 2007, Papua New Guinea

Main tasks: Managing the organization's sustainable forest policy development program; specifically responsible for coordinating the forest law enforcement and governance project, acting as instructing Solicitor in major forestry litigation matters over two of PNG's largest forest concessions; acting as convener between Forum Secretariat and its members on legal and policy matters; Liaising with national government agencies and preparing submissions to the relevant PNG Government authorities on governance issues.

- Legal Consultant, Department of Environment & Conservation-IUCN Papua New Guinea World Heritage National Strategy March- May 2006, Papua New Guinea.

Main Task: Producing three specific items as commissioned: Papua New Guinea National World Heritage National Strategy; a desktop study of potential PNG World Heritage areas List; and the National Executive Council Submission on PNG World Heritage Areas List.

- Director and Principal Lawyer , Environmental Law Centre and Public Interest Environmental Lawyers, 2002-2003, Papua New Guinea

Main tasks: Principally responsible for organization's strategic programmes, managing and administering the organization, fundraising, drafting proposals and budgets; representing the organization at regional and international and regional in various roles.

Main Task: responsible for maintaining clients' matters, providing litigation and legal advice, and acting as instruction solicitor to overseas counsel; and managing the PIEL Law Firm and its practice.

- Environmental Lawyer, Environmental Law Centre Ltd, 1999-2002

Main Task: Providing legal assistance to affected landowner communities in logging, mining and large-scale fisheries areas; representing the organization at regional and international level in various lobby and advocacy activities.

- Environmental Law Consultant, Transparency International Inc. Project on Freedom of Information (FOI) Drafting Instructions, Port Moresby, 2001.

Main Task: Conducting desktop research, providing a comparative analysis on FOI legislation and enforcement mechanisms from within the region, conducting discussions, consulting with major partners and relevant government authorities, and

drafting, producing and submitting, with assistance of PNG First Legislative Counsel, Papua New Guinea's FOI Drafting Instructions.

- Lawyer, Individual & Community Rights Advocacy Forum Inc., Papua New Guinea 1998-1999

Main Task: Providing legal aid to and representing affected citizens in human rights cases including, police brutality, domestic violence/violence against women; liaising with government agencies and women's groups on issues affecting women; providing community legal awareness; assisting affected communities in logging and mining areas.

- Lawyer, Harricknen Lawyers, Papua New Guinea, December 1997-September 1998

Main Task: providing legal assistance to clients.

Boards, councils and committees

2012-2018: Board member, ActNOW PNG, Papua New Guinea

2003: Board Member, NGO Watch Group, Papua New Guinea

1998-1999: Board of Trustees, Alice River Trust, Ok Tedi, 1998-1999, Papua New Guinea

Reports

2015: SSGM/ANU Joint District Assessment and Political Context Analysis: Obura-Wonenara (August 2015)

2014: PNG Country report to UNDP-China on 'Development Needs of Pacific Island Countries Report, (September 2014).

2012: PNG Country Report: Gender and Economic Choices in PNG

2012: PNG national synthesis: 'Assessment of Gender differences in Economic choices'

Publications

2014: The Development needs of Pacific Island Countries (UNDP 2014)

2010: Incorporation of land groups and registration of customary land: Recent developments in PNG (Tararia and Ogle), published in *In Defence of Melanesian Customary Land*, (Aidwatch)

Other activities

1998-2013: professional member, Environmental Lawyers Alliance Worldwide

1997-2003: professional member, PNG Law Society

Referees

1. Dr. Nicole Haley, Convenor, SSGM, Coombs Building, ANU. Email: Nicole.haley@anu.edu.au

2. Mr. Nicholas Menzies, Justice Reform Specialist, The World Bank, Email: nmenzies@worldbank.org, p [+1 202 458 4176](tel:+12024584176)