

Shanker, Neelu (Canada)

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Curriculum vitae

Education

Juris Doctor, Osgoode Hall Law School. York University	2008-2012
Bachelor of Commerce, International Management/East Asia McGill University. Graduated with Great Distinction	2004-2008
Diploma of Collegial Studies, Pure and Applied Science. Marianopolis College. Graduated with Honours	2002-2004

Work experience

Second Secretary (Political and Legal Affairs), Embassy of Canada to the Netherlands (The Hague)

August 2015-present

- Engaged, both bilaterally and multilaterally, as the Canadian representative to all multilateral legal institutions in The Hague, including the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice, the International Commission for Missing Persons, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, and the Permanent Court of Arbitration.
- Engaged with divisions within Global Affairs Canada and other government departments to coordinate a coherent Canadian position on matters relating to key priorities for Canada's engagement with multilateral legal institutions in The Hague, including Syria accountability and budget and finance.
- Provided key support for the Ambassador of Canada's chairmanship of the International Criminal Court Oversight Committee for the Permanent Premises and informal Drafting Committee of the Bureau Working Group on the implementation of article 97 of the Rome Statute.
- Managed the bilateral relationship with the Netherlands on human rights and cyber-security
- Led in the planning and coordination, as well as logistics for high-level programs for Government of Canada officials to the Netherlands, including the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- Served on the Embassy of Canada's Contract Review Board to review proposed contracts to ensure effective management and oversight of Mission procurement activities by reviewing and approving, prior to signature, contract agreements (or amendments) falling within the Mission's delegated contracting authority in order to ensure that integrity, transparency, fairness and prudence are evident in the process while achieving best value for the Crown.
- Served as alternate member of the Staff Pension Committee of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, established in accordance with article 4(a) and 6(c) of the The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) Regulations to administer the UNJSPF for staff at the Tribunal.
- Founding member of the Women in International Law Network, an informal Hague-based network for female senior officials, advisers, academics and experts aimed at advancing gender equality by fostering connections between women, creating a space for women to support each other, share ideas and knowledge, and providing a forum to recognise their achievements, talents and skills.

**Legal Officer, United Nations, Human Rights, and Economic Law Division (JLH),
Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD)**

August 2013-September 2014 and December 2014 – August 2015

- Engaged with other divisions within DFATD and external colleagues in various departments in the Government of Canada on sanctions reform, with a view to implementing recommendations approved by Cabinet to improve Canada's sanctions regime through legislative and regulatory amendments.
- Coordinated with other divisions within DFATD and the Regulatory Drafters at the Department of Justice to draft new sanctions or amend existing regulations imposed against a number of countries, including Russia and Ukraine, and pass those regulations through the Federal Regulatory Development Process.
- Coordinated with divisions within DFATD and other government departments, including the Department of Justice, to assess applications for delisting from the lists of designated persons in Canada's economic sanctions legislation and ensure that the Department's processing of such applications was made in compliance with principles of international and administrative law.
- Oversaw the espousal of international claims and liaised with divisions within DFATD and other government departments to assess applications requesting Canada's intervention in private legal disputes.
- Assessed shipments detained by the Canada Border Services Agency, as well as applications for export permits to DFATD for compliance with Canada's economic sanctions legislation.

Policy Advisor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York

September 2014 – present

- Contributed to the planning and coordination of high-level programmes during High Level Week at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and facilitated the participation of the Canadian delegation in bilateral and multilateral meetings.
- Engaged both bilaterally and multilaterally as the alternate Canadian representative to the Sixth Committee – Legal of UNGA, attended committee meetings, and coordinated with other divisions within DFATD to promote Canadian interests on a range of issues.
- Reported on debates in plenary and Sixth Committee sessions, as well as the outcome of meetings and the progress of discussions and engagement on specific agenda items.
- Facilitated the participation of the Legal Adviser in International Law Week, including through the coordination of bilateral and multilateral meetings.

**Policy Officer, International Economic Relations and Summits Division (MER),
Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada**

August 2012 – August 2013

- Contributed to the identification and implementation of Canada's priorities and objectives within the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).
- Oversaw Canada's participation in and engagement with the APEC Senior Officials' Meeting Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation and all sub-fora.
- Coordinated with other government departments in promoting Canada's objectives within APEC, and provided briefs and information as needed.
- Drafted briefing and communications material for the APEC Senior Officials' Meeting, the Ministerial Processes, and the Leaders' Meeting.
- Attended APEC meetings as part of the Canadian delegation and facilitated the participation of Canada's Senior Official to the organization.

Trade Commissioner, European Union Commercial Relations Division (GUC),
Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada
June 2009 – August 2010

- Oversaw the bilateral commercial relationship between Canada and the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, and Slovakia and prepared briefing material for bilateral trade issues involving these countries.
- Contributed to the planning of Ministerial visits to Eastern Europe and participated in activities leading up to the signing of the Canada-Slovakia Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection and Youth Mobility Agreements.
- Coordinated the European Union Life Sciences Multi-Country Sector Team, dedicated to ensuring enhanced coordination in Trade Commissioner sector engagement across Canada's embassies and consulates in the EU.
- Volunteered at the Policy, Emergency Planning, and Training Division in the aftermath of the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile.

Summer Student – Marketing, Standard Aero Ltd.
May-August 2007

- Employed by a multinational gas turbine maintenance, repair and overhaul facility with over 2500 employees and annual revenue exceeding \$850 million.
- Worked on Central Marketing projects regarding corporate branding, marketing, and web strategy across the company.
- Conducted focus groups and group interviews, and job shadowed customer service representatives to achieve project goals.

Extracurricular activities

Case worker – the Innocence Project, Osgoode Hall Law School
August 2011-May 2012

- Reviewed case file to determine if a case for innocence could be made and managed the client relationship.
- Prepared documents including notices of application and constitutional question, factums, and affidavits for ongoing cases.
- Conducted legal research and prepared research memoranda on relevant issues relating to ongoing cases.

Project subcommittee member – East Africa,
Fall, 2008-April 2009

International Legal Partnership, Osgoode Hall Law School

- Researched issues of juvenile justice in Uganda and prepared a report on those findings.

Events subcommittee member, International Legal Partnership, Osgoode Hall Law School
Fall 2008-April 2009

- Co-planned club activities with other committee members.

Vice-President Finance, North Korea Freedom Network
Fall 2006-January 2008

- Founded North Korea Freedom Network with a team of four other executive members and co-planned fundraisers, information sessions and documentary screenings
- Managed the club's budget, collected membership fees and donations, and obtained funding.

President, Junior Hong Kong Canada Business Association Montreal
Winter-Fall 2007

- Led an executive team of four in organizing informational sessions and fundraisers.
- Represented the group on the board of the Hong Kong Canada Business Association (Montreal).

VP Internal,
Fall 2006-Winter 2007

Junior Hong Kong Canada Business Association Montreal

- Oversaw internal communications and maintained group records.

Achievements

Instant Award, Global Affairs Canada

January 23, 2017

- In recognition of contribution to the Minister of Foreign Affairs' participation at the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Instant Award, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada

December 14, 2015

- In recognition of dedication, expertise, and accomplishments during the fourteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Called to the Bar of Ontario, The Law Society of Upper Canada

September 2014

Certificate of Commendation, Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet
- 2010

- Dedication to duty and exemplary work accomplished in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti

Graduated with Great Distinction, McGill University

May 2008

Member of the Golden Key Society McGill Chapter,

Fall 2006-

present

Top 15% of Faculty

Honour Roll, four semesters on the Dean's List, Marianopolis College 2004

Skills

Languages: Fluent in written and spoken English and French.
