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BACKGROUND

Bilal is an effective and driven graduate lawyer with strong analytical, research and organisational skills. Whilst undertaking a double degree in Economics and Law at the Australian National University Bilal has maintained a sound academic record and a heavy involvement with student societies and extracurricular pursuits. Bilal has advanced communication skills, the ability to approach work creatively and is highly organised. As a result, Bilal achieves outcomes effectively and efficiently.

Bilal has worked in several professional settings including with ACT Legal Aid and PricewaterhouseCoopers. Since 2012 he has been employed by the ANU as a Student Ambassador. This role has seen him develop and demonstrate advanced interpersonal and team skills in acting as a representative of the ANU. He quickly progressed to a senior position and is now tasked with the responsibility of leading and training incoming staff members.

Bilal recently finished a 6-month secondment to the Department of Human Services, working as the dedicated litigation paralegal. In this role, Bilal was responsible for the review of Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) decisions and independently providing advice on further administrative review. He exercised his skills in statutory interpretation and application of relevant legislation, analysing evidence and conducting legal research on a wide variety of areas of law. His duties also included the preparation of sensitive evidence briefs for Chief Counsel, the Secretary and Minister. Bilal was able to quickly familiarise himself with the litigation team's practice and has undertaken a heavy caseload as part of his responsibilities. This role saw him develop skills in case management and familiarity with the AAT review process.

Bilal has represented the ANU at regional and national championships in football, futsal, lawn bowls and snowboarding. Nearing the completion of his legal studies, he has successfully studied a wide variety of legal topics including public, administrative, evidence, contracts, torts and intellectual property law as well as litigation and civil procedure.

LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXPERIENCE

Paralegal - Legal Aid ACT 2014

Legal Internship – ANU College of Law 2015

Summer Internship – PricewaterhouseCoopers, Economic and Policy Consulting 2015

Litigation Paralegal Secondment – Australian Government, Department of Human Services 2016

Legal Research Skills

Bilal has demonstrated his highly effective legal research skills through his studies and his previous experience as a paralegal. As a paralegal, he has undertaken independent legal research, prepared legal briefs, conducted

interviews and trained incoming paralegals on administrative responsibilities. He worked on cases related to family, employment, contract, social security and criminal law.

As part of a legal internship with the ANU College of Law he conducted a major research project on recent developments in Australia's secrecy laws framework and its implications for Australia's international human rights obligations. This project saw Bilal independently produce recommendations for reform which would achieve the purpose of the legislation in a manner more consistent with international obligations.

Bilal recently participated in an ANU College of Law program in Geneva, Switzerland and interacted with several UN Agencies, NGOs, other international bodies and local educational institutions. As part of this program, he undertook a major research project on The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and its impacts on access to medicines for the developing world.

Analytical skills

Bilal has proven his ability to successfully and efficiently conceptualise and solve complex problems. During his internship in Economic and Policy Consulting with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Bilal was able to quickly produce a comprehensive background on the private and public components of the Victorian Forestry industry to facilitate the development a cost-benefit analysis. Bilal also effectively interpreted data from several sources in providing commentary on key economic indicators, for publication by the firm.

As part of a student consulting project with 180 Degrees Consulting, Bilal was successful in leading a team of students working with a major international aid agency to review their social media strategy, research methods of improvement and recommend creative social media proposals. The recommendations provided have since been implemented as part of the organisation's social media strategy to engage more effectively with certain demographics.

In his current secondment to the Department of Human Services litigation team, Bilal has demonstrated his ability to critically analyse decisions of the AAT and relevant evidence in producing advice on further administrative review. Bilal has effectively undertaken casework on a range of legal areas in this role and has independently analysed complex matters with confidence.

Communication skills

Bilal possesses outstanding interpersonal and communication skills. His position as a senior Student Ambassador for the ANU demonstrates these abilities and highlights ANU's confidence in him to be an independent representative on campus as well as at local and at inter-state events. This role has seen Bilal meet with prospective students, families, other global university representatives, and various other parties in the promotion of ANU.

During his time at Legal Aid, Bilal regularly prepared legal briefs, interviewed clients independently and corresponded with clients and other parties by phone, in person and email. He has also participated actively in the negotiations competitions run by the Law Students' Society at the ANU, in developing his dispute resolution skills.

Team work and leadership

Bilal is an effective team player and possesses impressive leadership qualities. These skills have been demonstrated through his position as President and co-founder of the ANU Lawn Bowls Association (LBA) where he was responsible for the creative vision and direction of the student club. This position saw him lead a small team to effectively communicate with a wide range of stakeholders to successfully develop one of the largest student clubs at the ANU. The LBA grew to hold sustainable sponsorship agreements and events which led to its nomination for ANU's Best New Club of the Year Award for 2015.

Further, his responsibilities as an ANU Student Ambassador extend to training, mentoring and leading junior team members. Bilal's time at Legal Aid ACT also saw him gain the trust of supervising solicitors to train and mentor incoming paralegals.