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Research Assistant in Law at the Civil Law Section of the Faculty of Law at Ottawa University, 1995- 1999.

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Delegate at the Fifty-Fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Item 34 "Oceans and the Law of the Sea'' and at the UN Open-Ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans Affairs and Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS), First meeting, United Nations New York

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Researcher and Legal Advisor for Newfoundland and Labrador in the Dispute Concerning the Offshore Boundary Delimitation against Nova Scotia: I was in charge of Policy analysis and legal research on international maritime boundaries delimitation, 2001

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