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PROFILE

Hello! My name is Ahmad, I'm a multi-passionate professional who recently made the move into tech after completing a software development bootcamp. With a background in law and a newly acquired skill set in coding and programming, I'm eager to bring my diverse expertise to my next opportunity.

I'm excited to apply my technical skills to develop innovative solutions and contribute to cutting-edge projects. While my focus is on coding and programming, I'm also interested in exploring opportunities where I can leverage my legal expertise at the intersection of law and technology.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Otago in December 2020 and was later admitted to the bar in March 2022. As an optimistic individual with a strong work ethic and a continuous desire for self-improvement, I am passionate about doing my best and never afraid to take a leap of faith to develop my skills.

EXPERIENCE

Trainee | Dev Academy Aotearoa
JANUARY 2023 – MAY 2023

- Completed a 17-week full immersion software development bootcamp that closely mimicked real-life development team dynamics.
- Gained proficiency in modern web development technologies including HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, React, Redux, Knex, SQLite3, Node.js, and Express.js.
- Participated in hands-on challenges and constructed web applications through pair programming exercises. As well as, developing skills in unit testing, asynchronous programming techniques, RESTful APIs, and version control using GitHub.
- Emphasised human skills, empathy, and well-being, with opportunities to provide and receive growth feedback and work in teams using agile methodology.
- Contributed to the creation of SubMinder, a subscription tracking app, as part of a team for the final project. Implemented authentication and sign-in functionality, set up email reminders using SendGrid API, and designed a form to add new subscriptions.

Legal Counsel / Legal Assistant | Phoenix Law Limited
AUGUST 2021 – DECEMBER 2022

- Managed multiple legal matters in a fast-paced environment, meeting deadlines and communicating effectively with clients to achieve optimal outcomes.

- Conducted legal research in public, constitutional, Treaty of Waitangi, and International Law areas to formulate solutions for contested issues.
- Worked as part of a team, collaborating with colleagues to develop strategies and approaches for litigation procedures.
- Demonstrated professional communication skills, including liaising with clients, following up on Court and Tribunal directions, and filing legal documents.
- Developed problem-solving skills in the context of legal matters, finding efficient and effective solutions to complex issues.

Volunteer | Community Law Otago
JULY 2017 – AUGUST 2021

- Joined as a part of the general shifts team, improving independent work and team problem-solving skills in a fast-paced environment.
- Enhanced client-contact and social communication skills, identifying legal issues and conducting research to provide accurate advice to clients.
- Appointed as shift leader in 2020, organizing and guiding other volunteers while maintaining confidentiality and trust
- RILAS program
  - Started as an Arabic/English interpreter and evolved to managing former refugees' immigration files, gaining local legal experience.
  - Took on additional responsibilities, helping other volunteers, organizing and prioritizing work efficiently.
  - Developed a positive attitude and good information gathering skills, maintaining confidentiality and trust with clients and legal supervisors.

Interpreter | Southern District Health Board (SDHB)
JANUARY 2017 – AUGUST 2021

Working as an Arabic-English interpreter involves confidentiality, excellent interpersonal skills to deal with problems and misunderstandings between people, as well as complete proficiency in the Arabic and English languages. Interpreting requires conflict resolution skills in addition to understanding and working with people of different cultures and exercising empathy.

SKILLS

- Language Proficiency: Fluent in English and Arabic, with a strong awareness and understanding of different cultures and backgrounds.
- Conflict Resolution: Skilled in resolving conflicts and misunderstandings in a diplomatic and well-tempered manner, promoting positive communication and relationships.
- Adaptability: Enthusiastic and fast learner, able to quickly adapt to new situations and environments, with a flexible mindset to handle changing circumstances.
- Stress Management: Able to stay calm and collected in high-pressure environments, maintaining composure and making sound decisions under pressure.
- Organization and Time Management: Diligent and organized, with the ability to set priorities and manage time effectively, ensuring efficient completion of tasks and projects.
- Team Player: Possess strong teamwork skills, collaborating effectively with colleagues, contributing to a positive work environment, and achieving common goals.

EDUCATION

Level 6 Certificate in Applied Software Development | Dev Academy Aotearoa
JANUARY 2023 – MAY 2023

Professional Legal Studies Course (PLSC) | College of Law
FEBRUARY 2021 – MAY 2021

Bachelor of Laws | University of Otago
FEBRUARY 2017 – NOVEMBER 2020

Bachelor of Laws (incomplete) | Damascus University
AUGUST 2011 – MARCH 2014

I finished around three years of study for a Bachelor of Laws in Syria. Unfortunately, I was unable to complete it due to unforeseeable situations. This gave me an opportunity to be exposed to the legal and political atmosphere in the Middle East.

ACTIVITIES

One of my favorite pastimes is exploring new places to discover their unique character, nature, and diversity. I enjoy taking walks along serendipitous paths or trying out new or creatively prepared dishes at restaurants or cafes. During my breaks, sitting by the harbor with a cup of tea or coffee is a cherished activity for me.

I also have a passion for films with captivating narratives and intriguing world-building elements. I find it fascinating how the settings of a movie can influence character development. Exploring the process of self-justification and behavior rationalization in alternative universes with their own morals, sociology, and psychology is one of the many aspects I appreciate about the beauty of the film industry.

REFERENCES

References will be provided upon request