

CHRISTINE BUAMAH-ADUBOFFOUR, S.J.D.

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EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.), May 2018

- Dissertation: Legal Pluralism and the Implementation of International Human Rights Law in Africa: The Case of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Ghana
- Advisor: Professor Ethan J. Leib

Harvard University, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Legal Studies, November 2014

- Concentration: International Human Rights
- Long Paper: State Conformity to International Human Rights Norms: The Acculturation Approach
- Courses: International Human Rights, Global Governance, Human Rights in the UN Treaty Bodies, Comparative Constitutional Law, Law and the International Economy, Legal Research Writing and Analysis, Family Law
- Advisor: Professor Gerald Neuman, J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of International, Foreign and Comparative Law; Co-Director, Harvard Human Rights Program
- Teaching Assistant, Human Rights Clinic: Making Rights Real — The Ghana Project

Ghana School of Law, Accra, Ghana

Bachelor of Law (B.L.) — Professional Qualifying Certificate, October 2010

- Concentration: Industrial Law, Family Law
- Qualified as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana

University of Ghana, Faculty of Law, Accra, Ghana

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), 2008

- Concentration: Conflict of Laws, Gender and Law

University of Ghana, Faculty of Arts, Accra, Ghana

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), 2005

- Concentration: French and Geography & Resource Development

Université Charles de Gaulle (Lille III), Département des Étudiants Étrangers, France

Diplôme d'études en langue française (1er et 2ème degrés)

- Concentration: French as a Foreign Language

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Torts, Criminal Procedure, Disability Law, International Human Rights Law, International Law, Global Law and Governance

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law — Little Rock, AR | 2024 – Present

Assistant Professor of Law

Courses Taught

- Torts I (Since Fall 2024); Added Torts II (Since Fall 2025)
- International Human Rights Law (Since Fall 2025)
- Criminal Procedure: Pretrial Process (Since Spring 2025)

- Disability Law (Since Spring 2025)
- Introduction to International Law (Intersession 2025)

Courses Introduced

- Torts II: Helped expand Torts from 4 credits to 5 credits (2025)
- Introduction to International Law: Introduced this as an Intersession course (2025)
- Comparative Law Fieldwork Study Abroad Program in Ghana: Developed curriculum for Summer International Human Rights Study Abroad Program / Foreign Study Course (ABA approval in progress)

Awards / Nominations / Recognition

- Grant Award: Summer Research Grant (UALR, May 2025): Awarded grant to develop study abroad program for teaching international human rights law in Ghana with fieldwork components
- Award Nomination: Rising Faculty, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law (2025–2026)
- Nomination: SEALS New Scholars Program, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL (July–August 2026)
- Commendation from Dean of University of Kansas School of Law for research paper presented at Central States Law Schools Association Annual Scholarship Conference (October 2025)

Service

- Committee Service: Curriculum Committee (March 2025–Present); Faculty Assessment Committee (March–May 2025); UALR Research Focus Group (December 2025–Present); Academic Technology Committee (2026–Present); Pre-Tenure Faculty Speaker Forum (2025–Present)
- Faculty Governance: Attended 10 faculty meetings; participated in four faculty hiring job talks; Arkansas Bar Association Law School Committee roundtable for new faculty (March 2025); presentation of Ghana Comparative Law Fieldwork at the Arkansas Bar Association Law School Committee Meeting, UALR, Bowen (March 2026)
- Community Engagement: Presentation to Amnesty International Club, Pulaski Academy, Little Rock, AR — "Domestication of International Human Rights" (2025)
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Advisor (July 2025–Present): Advised 8 students on substantive international law, memorial preparation, and oral advocacy

University for Development Studies, Faculty of Law — Tamale, Ghana | 2025 – Present

Adjunct Professor of Law (2025/2026 Academic Year)

- Teaching international law, human rights, and legal research methods courses as part of the inaugural faculty of the University for Development Studies Faculty of Law, Tamale, Ghana

University for Development Studies, Faculty of Law — Tamale, Ghana | 2024 – 2025

Founding Consultant Vice Dean

- Provided strategic academic and administrative leadership to establish the University for Development Studies Faculty of Law in Tamale, Ghana
- Led the successful application for and obtainment of initial accreditation from the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), enabling the Faculty to formally commence operations
- Recruited and finalized the appointment of approximately six founding faculty members, leading the full hiring process including candidate interviews and teaching demonstrations
- Designed and established a three-semester academic program and successfully launched two concurrent streams: a post-first-degree (graduate entry) LL.B. stream and a post-Senior High School (undergraduate entry) LL.B. stream
- Contributed to the development of institutional governance structures, curriculum framework, and academic policies during the Faculty's founding year

WHETU / CLADH Program (Human Rights and International Protection) | 2017 – 2018

Adjunct Professor

- Taught a class on "Legal Pluralism and Implementation of International Human Rights"

Fordham University School of Law — New York, NY | 2016 – 2018

Doctoral Research Fellow

- Research area: Legal Pluralism and the Implementation of International Human Rights in Africa
- Attended the 5th Mid-Atlantic S.J.D. Roundtable, Georgetown University Law Center
- Attended the Harvard Law School First S.J.D. Conference (2015)

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Aduboffour Law Firm — Little Rock, AR & Plano, TX | 2022 – Present

Law Clerk

- Assist attorney in general civil legal practice
- Manage personal injury cases including negotiations with insurance companies
- Prepare and file legal documents in immigration, criminal, civil, and family law matters
- Draft correspondence to opposing counsel and demand letters on behalf of clients
- Manage client intake, conferences, and case files

Uzowihe Law Firm — Dallas, TX | January 2022 – April 2022

Legal Assistant

- Assisted attorney in general legal practice

Fears Nachawati Law Firm — Dallas, TX | 2019 – 2021

Contract Attorney / Legal Intern / Law Clerk — Mass Torts Department

- Worked on the Xarelto, Round Up, Opioid, and Talcum Powder dockets
- Reviewed client records to identify qualifying usage and injury evidence; worked on over 300 Talcum Powder cases and thousands of Round Up cases

Florence Youth Development Program — Dallas, TX | December 2018 – October 2019

Volunteer Director

- Developed project to assist academically promising but financially needy African children pay for tuition and skills training

Arlington Independent School District — Arlington, TX | March 2019 – April 2019

Substitute Teacher

Constitution Review Commission of Ghana — Accra, Ghana | 2010 – 2012

Counsel / Associate Researcher — Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the 1992 Constitution of Ghana

- Processed over 83,000 submissions; organized regional and national constitutional conferences; produced a 1,000-page report with proposals for constitutional, legislative, and administrative reform
- Specifically assigned the review of the human rights chapter of Ghana's 1992 Constitution
- Wrote the human rights briefs and the final human rights chapter of the Commission's report, including recommendations to Government on possible constitutional amendments
- Led district-level consultations in the Ashanti Region and organized a regional consultation attended by over 1,000 participants; conducted diaspora consultations in Botswana and Italy
- Engaged as service provider to finalize the Commission's Research Project Reports; subsequently engaged by the Ministry of Information to educate media on the Commission's report

Law & Development Associates (formerly Atuguba & Associates) — Accra, Ghana | 2008 – 2013

Researcher / Deputy General Counsel

- As Deputy General Counsel: accepted, assigned, and directly supervised cases and legal services of all lawyers in the firm

- Provided critical legal research support to the Government of Ghana before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in the ARA Libertad case (detention of an Argentine warship); appeared before the Supreme Court of Ghana in the related ex-parte motion for the vessel's release
- Argued human rights case before the Human Rights Court of Ghana: GFD v. Attorney-General, Ghana Highways Authority, and Millennium Development Authority — representing the Ghana Federation of the Disabled over highway safety for persons with disabilities
- Argued real property case before the Court of Appeal of Ghana
- Led reform of Ghana's National Health Insurance Laws through nationwide consultative process; drafted the New National Health Insurance Act of Ghana (passed 2010)
- Led nationwide consultations on forestry and wildlife policy reform; helped draft the new Forest and Wildlife Bill and the Timber Resources Management (Legality Licence) Regulations (passed 2012)
- Trained Forestry Commission officials as criminal prosecutors (2013)
- Trained STAR-Ghana Education Grant Partners on Public Policy Advocacy (2012–2013)
- Analyzed legality of the Government of Ghana's Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) program
- Formulated a 10-point strategic plan for improving the University of Ghana's International Student Program
- Provided research support for teaching manuals for non-law graduate students at the University of Ghana under World Bank TALIF project (2006–2008)
- Prepared technical proposal for UNICEF project: Strengthening Child Protection Systems in Ghana

Legal Resources Centre — Accra, Ghana | 2006

Intern — International Human Rights and Lawyering Internship Project

- Worked with student interns from Harvard Law School and with communities and NGOs in Ghana on health rights issues

African Literature Association Conference — Accra, Ghana | 2006

Translation Facilitator

- Provided French-to-English translation services during the 32nd Annual Meeting and Conference of the African Literature Association

Opérations Extérieures — University of Ghana & French Embassy — Accra, Ghana | 2005 – 2006

Assistant to Director

- Supported outreach program of the French Embassy at the University of Ghana to facilitate teaching of the French language at various Ghanaian institutions; organized training sessions for program institutions

Mensah Sarbah Hall, University of Ghana — Accra, Ghana | 2007 – 2008

Judicial Committee Member

- Served on student judicial panel determining a contested student election matter; panel held in favor of the aggrieved student

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed / Law Review Articles

- Buamah, C.N.T. (forthcoming). The Pluralism Gap: Rethinking State Conformity Theory Through the CRPD in Ghana and Kenya (submitted to *Scholastica* for publication.)
- Buamah, C.N.T. (forthcoming). Beyond State-Centered Implementation: Indigenous Knowledge Systems as Tools for Domesticating International Human Rights in Africa. Accepted for publication by *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Also accepted, *Intercultural Human Rights Law Review* (ranked 6th globally among human rights journals.)
- Buamah, C.N.T. (2021). Revisiting Legal Pluralism Discourse in America and Lessons for Domesticating International Human Rights in African States. Research Square (Pre-Print).
- Buamah, C.N.T. (2018). Compliance with the CRPD in States with Multiple Internal Legal Systems: The Case of Ghana. *Australian Journal of Economics and Management Science*, 9(1), 235–244.

- Buamah, C.N.T. (2018). Reassessing Ghana's Statutory Compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. *British Journal of Interdisciplinary Research*, 9(1), 021–029.
- Buamah, C.N.T. (2017). State Conformity with International Human Rights Norms: Evidence from Ghana. *European Journal of Contemporary Research*, 6(1), 255–265.
- Buamah, C.N.T. (2017). Relevance of Acculturation to Human Rights Domestication: Revisiting Goodman and Jinks's Acculturation Theory. *American Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*, 5(2), 502–511.

Co-Authored Articles

- Asante Antwi, H., Buamah, C.N.T., & Xinlong, X. (2018). Protection of Migrant Workers under New Chinese Labour Law: A Critical Review. *European Journal of Contemporary Research*, 7(1).
- Asante Antwi, H., Buamah, C.N.T., & Tian, Z. (2018). The Foxconn Experience and Lessons for the Protection of Human Rights of Migrant Workers in China. *Canadian Journal of Applied Science and Technology*, 5(2).
- Asante Antwi, H., Buamah, C.N.T., & Tian, Z. (2018). China's "Left Behind Children" and the Consequences of Distributive Injustice: A Systematic Review. *American Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*, 7(1).
- Asante Antwi, H., Buamah, C.N.T., & Tehzeeb, M. (2018). Democratization or Victimization of Critics in China's Public Sphere: A Critical Review. *British Journal of Interdisciplinary Research*, 8(1).

Book Project

- Rooting Rights: Indigenous Knowledge Systems and the Domestication of International Human Rights in Legally Pluralistic Africa (proposal submitted to Cambridge University Press; completion target: Summer 2027)

Research Support for Publication

- LIDS White Paper on Inclusion in Early Childhood Education, Harvard Law School Project on Disability (2014)
- "The Legal Profession in a Globalized World" by Professor Raymond Atuguba (presented at the 2008 Ghana Bar Association Conference)
- Chapter on "Comparative Health" by Professor Raymond Atuguba in *Right to Health*
- Chapter on Human Rights — Constitution Review Report of Ghana (December 2011)
- Teaching manuals for non-law graduate students, University of Ghana, under World Bank TALIF project (2006–2008)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentations

- Conference Presentation: Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Conference, New Scholars Program (July–August 2026): *Legal Pluralism and the Limits of State Conformity: Domesticating CRPD Norms through Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Ghana and Kenya*
- Conference Presentation: Central States Law Schools Association Annual Scholarship Conference, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS (October 2025): *Beyond State-Centered Implementation: Indigenous Knowledge Systems as Tools for Domesticating International Human Rights in Africa* — received commendation from the Dean of Host Institution.
- Amnesty International Club, Pulaski Academy, Little Rock, AR — "Domestication of International Human Rights" (2025)

Conference Attendance

- SEALS Annual Conference, New Scholars Program — Omni Amelia Island Resort, FL (July–August 2026)
- Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Conference — Little Rock, AR (June 2026)
- New Law Teachers Workshop — Washington, DC (June 2026)
- 120th ASIL Annual Meeting — Washington, DC (April 2026)
- 119th ASIL Annual Meeting — Washington, DC (April 2025)
- 119th AALS Annual Meeting — San Francisco, CA (January 2025)
- Central States Law Schools Association Annual Scholarship Conference — Lawrence, KS (October 2025)
- Symposium on Defenders, Interpreters, and Veterans' Treatment Courts in Arkansas (November 2025)

- Harvard Law School First S.J.D. Conference — Cambridge, MA (2015)
- 5th Mid-Atlantic S.J.D. Roundtable, Georgetown University Law Center — Washington, DC (2015)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Nominated: SEALS New Scholars Program, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (2026)
- Nominated: Rising Faculty, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law (2025–2026)
- Summer Research Grant, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (May 2025)
- Commendation from Dean of University of Kansas School of Law, Central States Law Schools Association Conference (October 2025)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ADMISSIONS

- American Society of International Law (2024)
- International Bar Association (2019)
- American Bar Association (2018)
- Ghana Bar Association (2010) — Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana
- Texas General Lines Insurance License — Life, Accident, Health and HMO (2022)
- First Elected President and Founding Member, Catholic Law Students' Guild, Ghana School of Law (2008–2010)
- Judicial Committee Member, Mensah Sarbah Hall, University of Ghana, Legon (2007–2008)

LANGUAGES

- French — Fluent
- Italian — Working Knowledge
- Ghanaian Languages (Twi, Ga) — Native Speaker

REFERENCES

Professor Gerald Neuman

J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of International, Foreign and Comparative Law; Co-Director, Harvard Human Rights Program, Harvard Law School

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