# ***C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E***

**TITLE: MRS**

**SURNAME: SALLA-WADDA**

**NAME: NACEESAY**

**DATE OF BIRTH: 27TH OCTOBER 1971**

**PLACE OF BIRTH: BANJUL**

**NATIONALITY: GAMBIAN**

**GENDER: FEMALE**

**MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED**

**ETHNIC – ORIGIN: BLACK AFRICAN**

## EDUCATION:

**A. GAMBIA HIGH SCHOOL**, Banjul, The Gambia**: G.S.C.E. ORDINARY** **LEVEL , 1990**.

**DIVISION ONE:** **AGG: 18**.

**EXAMING BOARD: WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATION COUNCIL.**

### PAPERS:

#### **ENGLISH LITERATURE 2**

#### **AGRICULTURE SCIENCE 3**

**ISLAMIC STUDIES 3**

#### **HISTORY 3**

**ART 3**

##### ENGLISH LANGUAGE 4

#### **GEOGRAPHY 7**

**B. GAMBIA HIGH SCHOOL, Banjul, The Gambia: G.C.S.E. ADVANCED LEVEL 1992. THREE (3) ‘A’ LEVELS ACHIEVED IN OCTOBER 1992.**

#### **EXAMINING BOARD: WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATION COUNCIL.**

### PAPERS:

**HISTORY B**

**GOVERNMENT C**

**LITERATURE IN ENGLISH D**

##### C. ANGLIA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY: Bachelor of Laws Degree.

**VICTORIA ROAD SOUTH**

**Chelmsford – Essex Sept. 1994 to June 1997**

**UNITED KINGDOM** **LLB (HONS) 2.2**

**D. SIERRA LEONE LAW SCHOOL BARRISTER AT LAW**

**11 Lamina Sankoh Street PROGRAMME.**

**Freetown from Sept. 1998 to July 1999**

**Sierra Leone** **B.L. 2:1**

**E. CALLED TO THE GAMBIAN BAR ON THE 22ND DECEMBER 1999 AND AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE AS BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE GAMBIA**

### F. LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY: Master of Laws

**Department of Law, Governance and International Degree (LLM)**

**(HON)**

**Relations (LGIR)**

**North Campus Sept. 2006 to Sept. 2007**

**Ladbroke House LLM. (MERIT)**

**London, Human Rights Law.**

**England**

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

**(i) December 1992 to September 1994:** Worked as a **LEGAL CLERK** at The Attorney General’s Chambers, Ministry of Justice. **Attached to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions – which is the Criminal Division of The Attorney** **General’s Chambers and Department of State for Justice** **of The** **Gambia**. Here I was responsible for the recording of all criminal case – files, the filing of substantive cases in court for State Counsel and also the filing of miscellaneous application at the High court registry as well as the deposition to, of affidavits for State Counsel. I also worked at The Department of the Curator of Interstate Estates, of the same Department of State.

**(ii) November 1997 to September 1998:** Worked as a **PUBLIC PROSECUTOR** at the CRIMINAL DIVISION of The Attorney General’s Chambers and Department of State for Justice. My duties included the WRITING OF LEGAL OPINION ON MOSTLY CRIMINAL CASES, DRAFTING OF STATEMENTS OF CLAIM AND DEFENCES, DRAFTING OF INDICTMENTS AND OTHER TYPES OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND THE PROSECUTING OF ALL TYPES OF CASES AT THE MAGISTRATE COURTS LEVEL.

**(iii**) **December 1999 to 2001:** Worked as a **STATE COUNSEL** at the Attorney General’s Chambers & Department of State for Justice. I was still assigned at the CRIMINAL DIVISION of the Department of State for Justice. My responsibilities now included the WRITING OF LEGAL OPINION ON CRIMINAL CASES; DRAFTING OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS ON MOSTLY CRIMINAL CASES; THE PROSECUTION OF ALL TYPES OF CASES AT THE MAGISTRATES COURTS, HIGH COURT, COURT OF APPEAL, AND SUPREME COURT, AND THE GIVING OF ADVISE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON CRIMINAL LAW ISSUES.

**(iv) January 2002 to December, 2003** – Promoted to the position of **SENIOR STATE COUNSEL.** My duties now include, IN ADDITION to those mentioned supra, the leading of junior counsel to court in both Criminal and Civil cases.

**(v) July 2002 -** Deputizing as **ACTING CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES for three month period.**

**(vi) January, 2004 to April, 2005** – Promoted to the position of **PRINCIPAL** **STATE COUNSEL**. My duties included, in addition to those mentioned above, the prosecuting and litigating of high profile criminal cases on my own with little or no supervision.

**(vii)** **April 2005 to DECEMBER, 2005 –** Promoted to Position of **DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**, at The Criminal Division of this Department of State. At that stage, I was working directly and under the supervision of The Director of Public Prosecution. My Duties here included the prosecution of major criminal cases of all types ranging from the following:-

##### Homicide Offences, Other Offences against the Person, Transnational Crimes, Narcotics and other Drug offences, Offences involving child trafficking, Economic Crimes etc.

AT THAT STAGE, I ACTED IN THE CAPACITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, CRIMINAL DIVISION WHEN THE D.P.P. IS NOT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION.

I also headed the HOMICIDE UNIT of the Criminal Division at the Attorney General’s Chambers.

I also served as the Desk Officer/Legal Adviser for certain institutions such as **Women’s Bureau Desk** and my responsibilities here included the giving of legal advice on gender issues, interpretation and analyzing of International Conventions such as the **CONVENTION ON THE ELIMATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST** **WOMEN (CEDAW**), **the 1997 CONSTITUTION and other laws of The Gambia and also any other legal matter that may arise.**

**I also worked in the preparation of the instruments of ratification of The Rome Statute creating the International Criminal Court (ICC) by The Republic of The Gambia and therefore attended the First Assembly of State Parties to The International Criminal Court held at the United Nations Headquarters In New York between the 3rd and 10th of September, 2002.**

**FURTHERMORE, I WAS THE DESK OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACITIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT/ASSEMBLY OF STATE PARTIES – (ICC/ASP) AT THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS AND THE OTHER AD – HOC TRIBUNALS SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING:-**

* **I.C.T.R. – THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA;**
* **I.C.T.Y. - THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA;**
* **THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE.**
* **THE SPECIAL COURT FOR IRAQ.**

I also acted as the Desk Officer on The Advisory Committee on Government Records.

**December 2005 to September 2006:**- Appointed as the **ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL AND LEGAL** **SECRETARY** at the Attorney General’s Chambers and Department of State for Justice and my duties included advising the Government of The Gambia and Government Departments on a wide range of legal issues as well supervising the administration of the Ministry of Justice.

**September 2006 to September 2007** – Obtained a **CHEVENING** **SCHOLARSHIP** from the British Council through the **Department for International Development** (**DFID**) to pursue a one year’s Master of Laws (LLM) Program in **HUMAN RIGHTS LAW** at the **LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY** in London, the United Kingdom.

**October 2007 to December 2010**- Appointed as a **JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT** and served in several Divisions of the High Court such as in the CRIMINAL DIVISION, MICELLANEOUS & FAMILY DIVISION, BRIKAMA DIVISION and presently assigned to the COMMERCIAL DIVISION.

January 2011 to Date – Appointed as Justice of The Gambia Court of Appeal.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Decorated with the Insignia of the **MEMBER OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE Gambia (M,R,G,)** by His Excellency the President of The Republic of The Gambia, Sheikh Proffessor Alhaji DR. Yayha A.J.J. Jammeh.

## OTHER CERTIFICATES:

1. Certificate of Participation in **Human Rights Education & Training** Awarded by the International Society for Human Rights/Social Alert Network.
2. Certificate in the “**Introduction to Intellectual Property Course** - MAY 1ST TO MAY 31ST, 2001 organized by the WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANISATION (WIPO) BASED IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.
3. Certificate of Attendance in the WIPO – AUSTRIA TRAINING COURSE on **Patent documentation** **and Information** from June 11th to 22nd 2001 at the AUSTRIAN PATENT OFFICE IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA.
4. Certificate of completion from the **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** **LAW INSTITUTE (IDLI)** based in Italy on a **Public International Trade Law** **Course** held at the University Of Stellenbosch, Cape Town, and Republic of South Africa from **June 24th to July 12th 2002.**
5. **Certificate of Attendance in The High Level training Course In International Criminal Law held in Florence, Italy at the EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, ROBERT SCHUMAN CENTRE FOR ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES, 16TH – 27TH FEBRUARY, 2004.**
6. **Certificate of Attendance and Completion in Legislative Drafting Conducted by INTERNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE (ILI) in consultation with THE GAMBIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FINANCE & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS And The WORLD BANK, May 17th to June 11th,2004.**
7. **JUDICIARY OF THE GAMBIA UNDER THE LEGAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (LCBP).**

Certificate of Participation at a Sensitization Workshop on **ALTERNATIVE** **DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) MECHANISM** organized by The

**8**. Certificate of Participation at a workshop organized **by G.I.A.B.A. – INTER -**

**GOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA and the U.N.O.D.C. - UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME in collaboration with THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (I.M.F.) at a** GIABA Evaluators Training Seminar **for the fight against MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCING OF TERRORISM, held in COTONOU – BENIN, 23 – 27 May 2005.**

**9. BUILDING ON COUNTER MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORIST FINANCING organized by THE CENTRAL** **BANK OF THE** **GAMBIA and U.N.O.D.C. - THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON** **DRUGS AND CRIME held in BANJUL,** **THE GAMBIA – JUNE 15 – 17, 2005**.

**10.** **CERTIFICATE AS AN ADR PRACTITIONER** AFTER HAVING SUCCESSFULLY PARTICIPATED IN **COURSES OF STUDIES** IN **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION** IN **2004 AND 2005**.

**HOBBIES**

My Hobbies are reading, going on outings, driving and pursuing career interests.

**REFEREES:**

1. **Hon. Justice E. A. Agim ORG**

**Chief Justice of the Gambia**

**Office of the Chief Justice**

**Independence Drive**

**Banjul**

**The Gambia**

**Hon. Lamin A.M.S. Jobarteh**

1. **Attorney General & Secretary of State for Justice**

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