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WORK & INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

China Blue Sustainability Institute, Haikou, China

Jan. 2021- Dec.2021

Project Manager (Jan. 2021- Dec.2021)

As the first domestic NGO dedicated to promoting sustainable fishery and aquaculture in China, China Blue Sustainability Institute (shortened as China Blue) is an independent, interdisciplinary research-oriented organization. The content of my work includes do the study on sustainable fishery and provide consultation service for Aquaculture Industry Association.

FRIENDS OF NATURE, Beijing, China

Mar. 2018- Dec.2020

Paralegal Assistant (Aug. 2018- Present)

Intern (Mar.2018- Jul.2018)

As a paralegal assistant, my work include to initial case research, draft legal documents, supporting the plaintiff and lawyer and recording trials, etc. The litigation cases and programmes which I have involved covered:

Environmental Public Interest Litigations:

- Friends of Nature v. Gansu Branch of State Grid Corporation of China
NGO sues the defendant's noncompliance with the *Renewable Energy Law of PRC* provisions on "full purchase of renewable energy power generation" violations, resulting in increased use of fossil energy and unnecessary carbon dioxide emissions. My main job in this case is to study the relevant provisions of the Renewable Energy Law and find more legal basis for the plaintiff 's claims. Participate in court hearings and assist lawyers in drafting legal documents such as cross-examination opinions.
- Friends of Nature v. Shandong Kaima Vehicle Manufacturing Co.Ltd
NGO sues the mobile-pollution-source trucks produced by the defendant emit excess emissions of hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide. Another illegal behavior was falsifying the air pollution control devices of trucks as emission inspection qualified products to sell.

It is also my case at FON. I acted as the litigation representative in lawcourt on behalf

of the plaintiff one time and my role is to assist the plaintiff to communicate with the judge, appraise agency and the defendant, promote mediation agreements based on appraisal reports.

- Friends of Nature v. Hainan R & F Real Estate Development Co.Ltd
NGO sues the defendant implemented illegally reclamation in the Mangrove Nature Reserve Area, causing serious damage to the mangrove wetland ecosystem.
it is a new lawsuit we filed in 2019. I was responsible for desk research, applying for government information disclosure, collecting litigation evidence and preparing the prosecution materials.
- Friends of Nature v. Guodian Shouxian Wind Power Co.Ltd
NGO sues the defendant illegally constructed wind power project in Scenic and Historic Areas, causing severe damage to the local natural ecosystem.
it is a new lawsuit we filed in 2019. Like the last case, I was responsible for the collection of evidence and preparation for prosecution. In addition, assist lawyer to appear in court, communicate with court and defendant to promote ecological damage identification.

Projects: Legislation and Policy Advocacy:

- Led the legislation suggestion seminar among environmental lawyers and NGOs: the suggestions and written proposal focused on Forest Protection Law of PRC, Yangtze River Protection Law of PRC, Hazardous Chemicals Safety Law of PRC the final document was submitted to legislation constitution. The proposal advocates that environmental legislation should be based on ecological protection rather than economic use.
- Collected, edited and published the Monthly Report of Environmental Public Interest Litigation and Policy, which document Chinese EPIL and environmental policy development.
- Wrote the Government Information Disclosure Chapter of The Hand Book on Public Participation in Biodiversity Conservation. The hand book is to help NGOs, who is committed to ecological protection, to solve urgent environmental violations through legal channels.
- Wrote the Chinese Environmental Legal System Overview Chapter of The Hand Book on Environmental Policy Advocacy. The hand book is to support specific guides for NGOs to participate policy advocacy.

- I was the focal point for marine-related cases, in FON, to keep track on new, rebuilt, and expanded marine projects' environmental impact. In 2020, I assisted Rendu Ocean in Ocean Garbage Policy Advocacy, mainly participated in question analysis and facilitate.

Program highlights include:

- Helped implement Environmental Public Interest Litigation Support Network Construction. In 2018, I acted as the focal point person in three EPIL seminars in Suzhou, Wuhan, and Fuzhou to establish and maintain an EPIL support regional network in East, South, and Central China. The network aims to share information on environmental misconduct at local levels, pollution data collected by individual organizations, and to provide legal supports to each other, especially the new beginner NGOs in EPIL practices.
- Implement Environmental Law Clinic Courses Project cooperating with Renmin University of China Law School. This is a long-term cooperation project aimed at enlightening and cultivating the environmental legal awareness of young law school students. I am the person in charge (2019-2020) and coordinate the communication with Renmin University of China Law School on curriculum arrangements and instructing college students to practice how to do in environmental public interest litigation cases.
- Organize write and publish the Annual Observation Report of EPIL. The report collects and analyzes the materials of EPIL filed by social organizations during the year, with a view to recording the stage experience and development process of EPIL. In 2018, I was responsible for the proofreading and publishing of the 2016 Annual Report, and from 2019 until now, I have been responsible for the 2017-2018 Annual Report including collecting the case's materials from NGOs, coordinated the flow of information of experts, volunteers, publisher, and other resources.
- Participate in the National Park Law Legislation Research Project and Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute Training. One of the most important research I did is how the development system protects indigenous people's rights in Chinese National Park Law. The issue does also apply to other Mekong countries. The research findings from my work was shared with junior lawyers, advocator and campaigners from Mekong countries during the training.

PEKING ICOURT TECHNOLOGIC CO. LTD, Beijing, China *Sep.2017- Feb.2018*

Intern (Sep.2017- Feb.2018)

This is a technology company focused on the development of legal big data products. *The content of my internship included* assisted engineers in capturing the Issuance of Judgments on the Internet by the People's Courts and conducted the summary analysis of the main points of judgments follow legal logic.

AXA HONG KONG SL GROUP, Hongkong, China

Jan.2017- May.2017

Intern (Jan.2017- May.2017)

The content of my internship included assisted macro analysis of the consumer markets of China mainland, Hongkong and Japan through economic indicators; Made comparative analysis based on the fund reports and assist in the construction of auxiliary hedge fund construction.

PRIMARY PEOPLE'S COURT, Hainan, China

Jan.2016- Mar.2016

Intern (Jan.2016- Mar.2016)

The content of my internship included assisted judges sort out case materials and made the trial records.; assisted the Service of Judicial Documents and put litigation documents into archives.

EDUCATION

TIANJIN UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC (TJUFE), Tianjin, China

Bachelor of Law & Economics, June 2018

Honors:

- The Second Prize of TJUFE Scholarship and Jiangping Scholarship
- TJUFE Excellent Trainee
- Enactus Active Student Certificate
- The Third Prize of 5th National Market Investigation and Analysis Competition
- The Second Prize of Tianjin College Micro Webpage Design Competition
- The Best Debater of TJUFE Debate Competition

Activities: Debating Team and Legal Assistance Centre

SOCIAL WORKS

Leader of Hainan College Student Volunteer Association, organized and participated in two College Entrance Examination of Exchange Meeting in Winter 2014 & 2015; organized and participated in Volunteer-Teaching Camp in Chinese rural area in Summer 2015.

Member of 21st National College Student Green Investigate and Research Camp, had a field-trip studied on water demand and usage of Dunhuang, a tourist city with water shortages in northwestern China in Summer 2016.

Volunteer of Guangxi Biodiversity Research and Conservation Association, collected and analyzed Chinese Judgements about marine wildlife animal illegal trade during 2013-2019.

Project Officer of TJUFE Enactus (formerly SIFE- Students in Free Enterprise), helped older generations of traditional New Year painting artists to use commercial methods to promote the fading art revival like jointly holding the intangible cultural heritage exhibition with enterprise and other universities.

Core Member of Green Camp Tianjin Group, organized and participated in three three-day natural experience camps during 2016-2017 in Tianjin, aimed to cultivate campers build environmental protect idea by feeling the peace and love of nature.