

Curriculum Vitae of Dominique Franks

Mini profile

An ambitious and resourceful university graduate with good legal insights and abilities. Also equipped with good communication and public relations skills drawn from five years experience in the retail industry, I am unafraid of meeting new people and rising to new challenges. Conversational in French. A firm believer in self-development, I possess good time management skills and a lot of creativity and initiative. I also recognise the importance of further education and seek a position that will enable me to influence others as I have been influenced. I am looking for employment that will provide a challenging and diverse world as well as the ability to develop and progress in a career.

Achievements and abilities

- **LLM European and International Law (2010)**
London Metropolitan University
- **PGCE Post Compulsory Education (2008)**
Since completing my LLB, I have embarked upon post graduate study to improve my teaching practice. I have gained teaching skills and understanding of what it is to teach.
- **LLB (Honours) Law with French (2005)**
Studying a combined degree, I achieved a practicing law degree from the University of Greenwich and studied a foreign language to degree level, whilst also benefitting from the study of the European Union and its individual nations to give me a broad cultural understanding and perspective.
- **Public speaking and debating training**
A lifelong interest and passion, I have, in personal time, studied and developed good public speaking and oratory skills as well as the ability to organise structured debate. In the United States, I used these skills to compete and succeed at both state and national levels.
- **Member of university moot court team**
In my time at the University of Greenwich, I was invited by my lecturers to be a member of the university moot court team. My role on the team included extensive and in-depth research, very structured organisation and a lot of teamwork in order to be able to argue a case in competition with other universities.

- **Management and training skills**
In my five years in the retail industry, I had the opportunity to effectively manage and organise other members of staff acting as a 'shift leader' in the company for which I worked. As a result of this experience, I was also given the chance to act as an 'in-store trainer' to teach and train new members of staff.
- **Teaching experience**
I have been a lecturer at North West Kent College for six years, and during that time I have taught across a range of subjects and curriculum areas, including my specialism, law at levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (higher education).

Career history

- **Lecturer, North West Kent College, since November 2005**
Since completing my initial law degree, I have worked as a lecturer at North West Kent College in Dartford, Kent. A busy and challenging working environment, I have taught students aged 16 to 50 at a variety of different abilities, from level 1 to university level. Here I have honed my speaking and presentation skills as well as my ability to interact with others, prioritise, time manage and multitask. I have achieved good results over the courses that I have taught and have a deep sense of pride in the success of my students.
- **Waitress, TGI Friday's, October 2000 - November 2005**
Whilst at university, I worked both part-time and full time as a waitress in a very busy restaurant. A vibrant and energetic work-place, I overcame any fears and reservations about interacting with others and developed strong team working skills, as well as the ability to prioritise, time manage, and effectively multitask. I also learned to deal with customer complaints effectively and efficiently without compromising on the level of customer service provided. I met customer expectations wherever possible and managed customer requests tactfully, whilst always endeavouring to respect and adhere to company standards and policy.
- **Secretary, The Mount, June-October 1999**
In the summer after I finished my A levels, I worked as a secretary in a girls' school in North London. During this time, I developed good communication and office skills.
- **Temporary employment**
I have also spent some time in temporary employment for Middleton Murray employment agency. I have gained valuable office skills and an ability to quickly adapt to a variety of different situations.

Learning and development

- LLM European and International Law
This helped broaden my understanding and awareness of modern European and International Law and the corresponding legal institutions.
- PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education), Post-Compulsory Education
Since beginning employment as a college lecturer, I have completed a PGCE, part time, to improve my teaching practice. In accordance with the programme, I have been observed teaching a number of times with good results and I have developed my understanding of the needs of students.
- LLB (Honours) Law with French, University of Greenwich
During my studies at university, I acquired a number of useful legal skills, such as research techniques, the ability to understand and critique legal argument and present findings in a structured and coherent manner. I have worked effectively as part of a team, and used my own initiative when working independently.
- English Literature, French, Law, and Philosophy A levels
I developed broad analytical skills whilst studying my A levels.
- Extensive travelling
Throughout my childhood, my family moved residence frequently. I have lived and attended local schools all over the world and travelled even more extensively. I believe that this has given me the ability to quickly adapt to any situation, to clearly express myself and make myself understood, and to develop my own unique identity. I also feel that these experiences have given me a very broad and in-depth cultural understanding and awareness.