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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Lawyer practising international law with a diverse background in public international law ('PIL'), international humanitarian law ('IHL'), international criminal law ('ICL'), and international human rights law ('IHL'). Committed to advancing justice and accountability for serious violations of international legal norms.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Global Rights Compliance Foundation

Deputy Team Lead and Legal Advisor, Centre Mobile Justice Team

Jun 2023 – present

Ukraine specific

- Advising Ukrainian authorities on domestic investigation and prosecution of core international crimes (including applicable concepts of IHL, ICL, and PIL; building national and thematic strategies; evidence and pattern analysis; case building and reviews; interpretation and reform of domestic legislation)
- Supporting strategic efforts of evidence, incident, and case mapping, aggregation, and prioritisation to build command or other superior cases (in particular concerning detention and fair trial rights related cases affecting prisoners of war and civilians)
- Assisting Ukrainian authorities in cooperation with international independent fact-finding missions, human rights bodies, and tribunals
- Member of the Aggression Cluster and Genocide Cluster of the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group (advising and assisting specialised Aggression and Genocide Units within the Ukraine's Office of the Prosecutor General)
- Conducting training of local justice actors on best international practices in the investigation and prosecution of international crimes, the law of genocide, and the law of responsibility of commanders and other superiors
- Maintaining communication and cooperation with national authorities (Office of the Prosecutor General, regional prosecutor's offices, Security Service of Ukraine, National Police of Ukraine), civil society, and international organisations (including implementing partners within the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group)
- Supervising and guiding junior lawyers in completing legal products

- Implementing internal workshops to foster the development of legal knowledge and information exchange within Global Rights Compliance

Non-Ukraine specific

- Preparing reports on corporate accountability for human rights violations
- Producing internal advisory notes on legal guidelines applicable to various subjects of IHL, ICL, IHRL, and PIL for legal coordination within Global Rights Compliance

Consultant with Payam Akhavan (international legal counsel and Special Advisor on Genocide at the ICC)

Legal Consultant

Jul 2019 – Jun 2023

- Conducted legal and investigative research to support submissions before the International Court of Justice in the *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (The Gambia v. Myanmar)* case and the *Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)* case
- Prepared legal memoranda on topics of ICL and PIL in support of research and investigation for litigation before international and domestic tribunals
- Researched for and edited academic publications
- Organised public international law and international criminal law courses

Yazidi Legal Network

Pro bono Legal Consultant

Apr 2023 – Sep 2023

- Built a suspected perpetrator database for international crimes committed against the Yazidi community to support extraterritorial investigations and prosecutions
- Provided access to justice guidelines and tools in foreign jurisdictions for Yazidi survivors of international crimes

International Criminal Court

Articling in the Defence Team of Mr Alfred Yekatom

Oct 2021 – Apr 2022

- Conducted evidentiary analysis and management
- Prepared evidence-based memoranda on witnesses, organisations, events, and locations relevant to the trial
- Drafted submissions to the Trial Chamber
- Produced legal memoranda on relevant topics of international criminal law
- Supported hearings and witness examinations

United Nations Mine Action Service

Intern

May 2020 – Aug 2020

- Conducted research and advised on IHRL and IHL applicable to obligations concerning survivor assistance and armed groups on issues of explosive remnants of war
- Supported management and implementation strategies for mine action activities
- Developed policy materials for humanitarian assistance and provided policy assistance to states
- Obtained mine action funding from both UN and state stakeholders

International Criminal Court

Intern in Chambers Pre-Trial and Trial Divisions

May 2019 – Aug 2019

- Worked under Judge Geoffrey Henderson and Legal Officer Simon De Smet
- Engaged in evidentiary analysis, legal research, and drafting of the trial decision on the 'Request for acquittal and no case to answer motion' (ICC-02/11-01/15-1263-AnxB) in the *Prosecutor v. Gbagbo and Blé Goudé* case
- Undertook evidence review, legal research, and preliminary drafting of the pre-trial decision on the 'Authorisation of an Investigation into the Situation in Bangladesh/Myanmar' (ICC-01/19-27)

EDUCATION

McGill University – Faculty of Law (Montréal, CA)

Bachelor of Civil Law and Juris Doctor (B.C.L./J.D.)

2016 – 2020

Completed double degree in civil and common law (with focus on PIL, ICL, IHL, and IHRL)

McGill University (Montréal, CA)

Bachelor of Sciences (B.Sc.) in Microbiology and Immunology

2013 – 2016

Completed degree with CGPA 3.75

PUBLICATIONS

Academic articles

- J. Pizzi, '[Profiteers of Misery: Aggression, the Leadership Clause, and Private Military and Security Companies](#)', 21:2 *Journal of International Criminal Justice* (2023)
- J. Pizzi, '[Peddling Atrocity: Holding Canadian Corporations Responsible for Core International Crimes](#)', 20:2 *Journal of International Criminal Justice* (2022)
- J. Pizzi, '[A Prosthesis for a Limbless Giant: Proposing an improved model for arrest warrant enforcement at the ICC](#)', 8:1 *Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism Working Paper Series* (2020)
- J. Pizzi, '[The ICC's Investigation Problem and Safeguarding Justice for the Rohingya](#)', *PKI Global Justice Journal* (2019)

International law blogs

- J. Pizzi and M. Vishchyk, '[80 Years After Nuremberg, Envisioning the Future of International Law](#)' (Just Security, 12 January 2026)
- J. Pizzi and M. Vishchyk, '[A duty to fight for your nationals? Ukraine and the future of reparation claims](#)' (EJIL:Talk!, 17 September 2025)
- J. Pizzi and M. Vishchyk, '[Negotiations at Gunpoint: Does U.S. Pressure on Ukraine for a Minerals Deal Amount to Unlawfully Procuring a Treaty by Use of Force?](#)' (Just Security, 17 April 2025)
- J. Pizzi and M. Vishchyk, '[The Voices from Kyiv: Is the World Legal Order in Decay?](#)' (Just Security, 26 February 2025)
- J. Pizzi and M. Vishchyk, '[Nationality as the basis of protected status under Geneva Convention IV: A mysterious case of mistaken death](#)' (EJIL:Talk!, 23 August 2024)
- J. Pizzi and M. Vishchyk, '[Compromises on Territory, Legal Order, and World Peace: The Fate of International Law Lies on Ukraine's Borders](#)' (Just Security, 6 October 2023)

Op-Eds

- J. Pizzi and M. Vishchyk, '[Why abandoning Ukraine will usher in new world order based on violence](#)' (The Scotsman, 12 January 2025)
- J. Pizzi and W. Jordash, '[Understanding Russian destruction: Colonialism, subjugation and emerging genocide](#)' (Ukrainska Pravda, 22 February 2024)

Podcasts

- The Globalist Episode No. 3694 ([Monocle](#) – 12:53, 12 September 2025)
- Investigating War Crimes in Ukraine: Insights from Global Rights Compliance with Maksym Vishchyk and Jeremy Pizzi ([Genocide Watch Blog](#), 2 April 2025)

CONFERENCES, LECTURES, AND EVENTS

- National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Course on “The Life and Death of States” / *full lecturer, Winter 2026*
- Louis B. Sohn Research Centre of the Faculty of Law of the Ukrainian Catholic University, Inaugural Conference: Panel on “Justice and Accountability for International Crimes: Realistic (Re)Evaluation” / *panellist, February 2026*
- Lviv International Law Summer School, Lectures on “Anatomy of Genocide: Breathing new life into the crime” and “A Peace Agreement for Ukraine: The battleground for international law’s future” / *lecturer, August 2025*
- Jessup Ukraine National Rounds, Judge / *2024 and 2025*
- National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Course on “Public International Law”: Lecture on “A New Era of American Exceptionalism in International Law? Potential Impacts on Ukraine” / *guest lecturer, November 2024*
- National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Webinar “KMAcademic Talks: International Law and the War – Trading Ukrainian Territory for Peace? International Law’s Last Stand” / *panellist, May 2024*
- National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Course on “Public International Law”: Lecture on “Contemporary Issues in International Law” / *guest lecturer, November 2023*

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: bilingual French and English

Travel: Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines in 2017; Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Taiwan in 2018; Malta in 2019; Spain (Mallorca) in 2021; England (Tyne and Wear) in 2023; Spain (Barcelona) in 2024; Albania in 2024; Denmark and Sweden in 2025

Other interests: fashion, history, reading, hiking, and running