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Academic Qualifications

PhD Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, (awaiting conferment 2026)

LLM Master's in Law, Northwestern Lewis & Clark Law School, 2016

LLB Environmental Law, University of Nairobi, 2012

Professional Certifications

CAP Carbon Auditing Professional

CCML Certified Carbon Management Leader

DiP Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, 2015

Professional Experience

2021– Now Founder, **Carbon and Co. LLP**

2021 – Now Legal Advisor, **Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance**

2014 – 2019 Legal Affairs Manager, **WildlifeDirect (Kenya)**

2011 – 2014 Legal Associate, **Barclays Bank of Kenya**

Articles Published

1. Halliday, A., Jayanathan, S., Kahumbu, P., Karani, J., & Morrison, M. (2022). Process and outcomes of ivory-related trials in Kenya, 2016–2019. *Pachyderm*, 63, 55–71.
2. Petrossian, G. A., Elwin, A., Sosnowski, M., Nunphong, T., Chiang, H. T., Riungu, J. K., & D'Cruze, N. (2024). A synthesis of wild animal-related trade laws in some of the world's most biodiverse countries. *Journal of Environmental Management*, 354, 120141.
3. Riungu, J., Sosnowski, M., & Petrossian, G. A. (2025). Profiling prosecuted wildlife crimes in Kenya. *Frontiers in Conservation Science*, 6, 1626061.
4. Riungu, J.K., Petrossian, G., Gondhali, U. (2025) Crime script analysis of elephant ivory trafficking in East Africa. *Crime Sci* 14, 20

Articles in Press

1. Simulating Carbon Credit Market Integrity in Kenya: A Game Theory Approach
2. A Crime Script Analysis of Carbon Credit Fraud in Africa
3. Measuring Inequality in Carbon Credit Projects
4. A Comparative Analysis of Legal Protections of Mass Wildlife Migrations
5. An Analysis of Wildlife Law Enforcement Use of Force Regulations in Africa
6. Measuring the Knowledge Retention of Wildlife Law Enforcement Officials after Training and Capacity Building.
7. Bounded Rationality in the Prosecution of Corruption Cases in Kenya.
8. Entrapment in Wildlife Crime Cases in Africa.

Book Chapters

1. Kenya Laws Reviewed: Global Animal Law Review, Max Planck, Harvard Law
2. Africa Laws Revisited: Global Wildlife Book, Yolanda Eisenstein, International Association of Lawyers

Monographs

1. Analyzing the Law enforcement response to wildlife crime (2018)
2. Reviewing the implementation of the Wildlife Act in Kenya (2016)
3. Examination of Wildlife Court Room Outcomes in Kenya (2014)

Professional Membership

Member of The Law Society of Kenya

Member of The American Society of Criminologists

Member of The International Association of Lawyers (UIA)

Other Professional Skills

Statistics: STATA and SPSS

Mapping: Arc GIS

Coding Language: Python

Foreign Language: English (fluent), Swahili (fluent), French (intermediate)