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Summary of Key Qualifications:

More than six years of academic teaching and research experience; skills in econometric techniques and data analysis using STATA program; effective verbal and written communication skills; strong personal communication skills; relevant knowledge of the EU, World Bank, and UN Institutions; excellent culture of engagement and collaboration within and across entities; team work and tolerance to work demands; effective coordination skills; versatile, attention to detail, and ability to prioritize and meet deadlines; high level of integrity, reliability and ability to make personal initiatives; meticulousness in keeping records, making reports and ability to treat clients matters confidential; ability to look for creative solutions to challenges; ability to work under heavy workloads and respond quickly to new demands; ability to build and maintain partnerships; experience working for local and international firms.

Education:

2017-2021: PhD in Law- University of Szeged, Hungary. Dissertation Topic: Is the Judiciary Under Pressure? Judicial Independence in an Age of Terrorism.

2012-2014: Master's Degree in Judicial Politics- University of California, Merced, CA, U.S.A.

2013-June-August: ICPSR Summer School in Quantitative Research Methods in Political and Social Research- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, U.S.A.

2007-2009: Master's Degree in Public Policy and Policy Analysis- Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, U.S.A.

2003-2005: Master's Degree in Administrative Law and Development- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, U.S.A.

1995-1999: State and Legal Science- University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Current Research Agenda:

- Constitutional Law, Judicial Independence, Human Rights, Strategic and National Security, Commercial Law, Competition Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Intellectual Property Law.

Work Experience:

- 2019-date: Legal Practice Training- CMS Cameron Law Firm (Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP), Budapest. Working in the Commercial Law Department handling Competitions, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Media law.
- 2016-date. Founder and partner at Makham Consulting Group. This is a Public Affairs and Issue Advocacy consulting firm established in Kenya in 2016. The Firm specializes in policy analysis research and advocacy for a wide range of clients in both public and private sectors in the areas of finance, health, energy, and media.

- 2015-2017: Lecturer at Kenyatta University, Kenya. Courses taught: Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, and Public Policy.
- 2016-2017: Part-time lecturer in the Department of Business Administration, Methodist University, Kenya. Courses taught: Diplomatic and Consular Law, International Political Economy, International Relations, and Strategic and National Security Studies.
- 2014-2015: External research supervisor in the Department of Social Policy, Tangaza College-Catholic University, Kenya. I read and provided constructive feedback to undergraduate students' research projects. I successfully guided 4 students.
- 2015-2015: Research defense committee participant in the Department of Development Studies at Moi University, Nairobi Campus, Kenya. I read masters students research projects and provided constructive feedback.
- 2012-2014: Graduate Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jessica Trounstine and Prof. Stephen Nicholson in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Merced. Courses taught to undergraduate students: Political Science, International Relations, and Quantitative Research Methods. I taught a total of 420 undergraduate students for 2 years.
- 2010-2012: Program Research Assistant at the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Research and Training Institute (MARTI), Indiana University of Pennsylvania in U.S.A. I directly participated in developing Research Tools and Program Development.
- 2010-2010: Administrative Assistant, Cintas Corporation in Toronto, Canada.
- 2007-2009: Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. Laura Ann Reese at the Global Urban Studies Institute, Michigan State University, East Lansing, U.S.A.
- 2006-2006: English Teacher at Lake View School District in Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A. I taught English as second language to immigrants and foreign students in first grade. I succeeded in teaching and making 80 first grade students learn and effectively communicate in English.
- 2005-2005: Sales Administrative Assistant at Marketing Solutions, Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A.
- 2003-2005: Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. Jim Butterfield and Prof. Gunther Hegu in the Department of Political Science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, U.S.A.
- 1999-2003: Marketing Representative, Cavaldare Medical Equipment, Nairobi, Kenya. I participated in bidding for government tenders to supply medical equipment and water chlorine.
- 1997-1997. Senior Registration Clerk, Electoral Commission of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya. I supervised the first-ever electronic voter registration exercise in Kenya at Kasarani Constituency in Nairobi. I succeeded in registering 95,000 voters.

Skills:

- Language skills include proficiency in English, Swahili, and Luo.
- Microsoft office suite
- Latex and Latex Beamer for Executive presentations
- Research software skills include Stata, R, and SPSS.

Publications:

- Were O. Boaz. (2018). Judicial Independence as a Contemporary Challenge: Perspectives from Kenya. *Acta Juridica et Politica*, vol.VIII, no.1, 2018, pp.365-398.
- Were O. Boaz. (2018). The Visegrad Four Cooperation Towards Industrial Innovation and Economic Growth. In *The Visegrad Group Facing New Challenges*. Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary. H-1016 Budapest, Berc U. 13-15, Hungary.
- Were O. Boaz. (2010). (Book Review). *Combating Corruption, Encouraging Ethics* by William, L. Richter and Frances Burke (Eds.). Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2007.ISBN 978-0-7425-4451-2. In the *American Review of Public Administration* 40(3):370-371. May, 2010.
- Were O. Boaz. (2009). (Book Review). *Sovereignty, Corruption, and Civil Service Reform Implementation in Zimbabwe* by Mavima, P. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2008. In the *American Review of Public Administration* 39(4):452-453. June, 2009.
- Weblink:https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Boaz_Were.

Forthcoming:

- Were O. Boaz. Is the Judiciary Under Pressure. *Judicial Independence in an Age of Terrorism*.
- Were O. Boaz. How Wide is the Gap Between the European Union and the African Union Copyright Traditions?
- Were O. Boaz. The Influence of the EU Competition Law and Policy on the EAC Competition Regime: A Comparative Perspective.

Conferences:

- 2019, December 13: "Is the Judiciary under Pressure? Judicial Independence in an Age of Terrorism." Presented by Boaz O. Were, at the First Conference On Comparative Law Methodology, organized by the Institute of Comparative Law and Legal Theory, University of Szeged.
- 2019, October 25: "Is the Judiciary under Pressure? Judicial Independence in an Age of Terrorism." Presented by Boaz O. Were, at the Law-Morality-Culture: Dilemma of Values and Identities in the Legal Systems, organized by the Doctoral School of Law and Political Sciences, University of Szeged.
- 2018, December 13: "The Problem of Legal Positivism as the Dominant Tradition in the Jurisprudence of Modernity." Presented by Boaz O. Were, at the School of Law, Szechenyi Istvan University, Győr, Hungary.
- 2018, June 04: "The Visegrad Four Cooperation Towards Industrial Innovation and Economic Growth." Presented by Boaz O. Were, at the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2018, May 10-11: "National Security Threats as Threats to Constitutionally Limited Government and Human Rights." Presented by Boaz O. Were, at the Democracy and Law in European Integration and in International Relations Conference, organized by the International and Regional Studies Institute of the University of Szeged, Faculty of Law, Europe Direct Szeged, and the European Public Law Organization, in Szeged, Hungary.

- Spring School:**
- 2018, May 22-26 (40 hours): Computer-aided Modelling of Dynamic Systems for learning Mathematica and Matlab, organized by the Bolyai Institute, University of Szeged, Hungary.
 - 2019, June 13-15 (24 hours): Computer-aided Modelling of Dynamic Systems for learning Mathematica and Matlab, organized by the Bolyai Institute, University of Szeged, Hungary.
- Leadership Roles:**
- 2008-2009: Founder and President of the Association of Public Policy Students at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, U.S.A.
 - 2008-2008: Team Leader of Focus Group research conducted by Stanford University's Communications Department on Michigan's Hard Times and Hard Choices. Research was sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation.
- References:**
- Professor Attila Bado, Director, Institute of Comparative Law, University of Szeged, Hungary. E-mail:bado@juris.u-szeged.hu; attila@badoat.hu
 - Professor Alex Theodoridis, Political Science Department, University of California, Merced, U.S.A. E-mail:atheodoridis@ucmerced.edu.
 - Professor Jon Carlson, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Aberdeen, Old Aberdeen, Scotland, U.K. E-mail:jcarlson@ucaft.org.