CHRISTOPHER W. MOUNSEY-LOGOTHETIS

Front-end Developer and ex-lawyer

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SKILLS

- JavaScript, Svelte + SvelteKit, React, HTML5, CSS3, SCSS/SASS, Bootstrap 5, Tailwind
- Rest API, GraphQL
- Collaboration / Specs / Technical Requirements: GitHub, Jira / Confluence, FigJam flow diagrams
- Testing & Product Launch: Playwright, k8s Lens
- Functional Design / Wireframe / Mockups: Figma, Adobe Lightroom, Scribus, GIMP

Leveraging a background in law and entrepreneurship, I transitioned into front-end development, drawing on a decade of project management, teamwork, and people management skills. Over the past two years, I've applied this expertise to craft user-friendly interfaces in a dynamic AI start-up. Recognized for resilience and adaptability, I am in my element in cross-functional teams.

EXPERIENCE

Cognitiv+ (AI document review)

Mar 2022 – present

Front-end Developer – Athens, Greece

- MVP development: Spearheaded the development of the MVP front end, translating Figma designs into a fully functional interface using SvelteKit, SASS / SCSS, Bootstrap, and GraphQL.
- **Design teamwork:** Collaborated with UI/UX designer and CEO for implementation and enhancement of MVP designs, ensuring alignment with user experience goals.
- Functional design overhaul: Conducted a comprehensive re-think for the MVP's core features, incorporating insights from user feedback and marketing/sales teams. Created mock-ups, wireframes in Figma, and flow diagrams using FigJam to visualise improvements.
- Testing and QA: End-to-end testing using Playwright. Active participation in QA tests during staging and production phases. Work closely with DevOps and CTO to ensure smooth tag/release deployment and product launch.
- Agile Development: Fortnightly sprints and weekly backlog grooming sessions with Back End and Machine Learning teams. Play a pivotal role in estimating points, collaborating on ticket writing, and breaking down Front End/Back End stories and tasks.
- Code Reviews and Deployment Management: Implement code reviews for all front-end tickets, ensuring adherence to version control best practices using Git/GitHub. Participate in deployment processes using k8s Lens, maintaining code integrity throughout.

Balkan Tracks Ltd

Apr 2015 – Apr 2021

Tour Operator (Founder) – Leeds, UK and Prespa, Greece

- Website Design and Maintenance: Spearheaded the design and maintenance of the company website, cultivating an engaging online presence.
- **Content Curation for Branding:** Curated compelling photo and video content for the website and social media platforms, concentrating on aesthetics and storytelling to build a strong brand image.
- Pioneering Nature and Culture Tours: Pioneered and led the execution of the first nature and culture tours in the region's national parks, honing project management and organizational abilities crucial in coordinating complex development projects.
- Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement: Fostered collaboration between multi-national stakeholders to co-create sustainable and ethical tours, highlighting strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work effectively in cross-functional teams.

Society for the Protection of Prespa (SPP) – Prespa, Greece Nov 2011 – April 2015 *Policy and Legal Associate*

- **Network Design and Management:** Orchestrated the design and management of an environmental NGO network for the first Transboundary National Park in the Balkans, enabling collaboration among the three Prespa nations and member organizations from Germany, Switzerland, and the UK.
- Strategic Drafting: Crafted comprehensive strategies, memos of understanding, and contracts for the Transboundary Park NGO Network, showcasing meticulous attention to detail and legal acumen.
- Strategic Planning: Formulated and executed SPP's 5-year Strategy, outlining Mission, Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Milestones (KPI), demonstrating strategic planning and goal-setting skills.
- **Scientific Communication:** Translated complex scientific materials into accessible 'layman' reports, honing the ability to convey technical information in a user-friendly manner.

Goodman Ray Solicitors – London, UK *Child & Family lawyer - Associate*

Sept 2006 - Nov 2011

- Client Advocacy and Representation: Represented a diverse clientele, both privately paying and legally aided, specializing in child-related legal matters.
- Comprehensive Legal Practice: Managed a broad spectrum of cases, including issues of residence/contact, public law cases involving the state, child abduction, and ancillary relief.
- **Negotiation and Conflict Resolution:** Developed strong negotiation skills while working on cases with complex family dynamics, facilitating amicable resolutions whenever possible.
- Case Management and Legal Research: Demonstrated case management abilities, ensuring legal processes were followed accurately and efficiently. Conducted extensive legal research to strengthen case strategies.
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team of professionals, including social workers and psychologists, to provide holistic support for families navigating legal challenges.
- Client Education and Empowerment: Educated clients on legal processes, rights, and responsibilities, empowering them to make informed decisions about their cases.
- **High-Stakes Decision Making:** Successfully handled cases involving sensitive and high-stakes decisions, requiring a delicate balance of legal expertise and empathy.

EDUCATION

College of Law, London, UK (2005-2007)

Legal Practice Course – Merit

University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK (2000-2003)

Law LLB (Hons.) 2:2

Guiseley School, Leeds, UK (1993-2000)

A-Levels – 24 (300) points: A,A,B,C

LANGUAGES

English: Native

• Greek: Conversational (Speaking), Intermediate (Reading and Writing)

Japanese: Beginner (Speaking, Reading, and Writing) - 300 Kanji