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Raisa's academic interests stem from a broader commitment to development, especially in the context of least developed countries. She previously worked as an Assistant Law Reform Officer at the Malawi Law Commission, contributing to legislative reforms aimed at aligning Malawian law with contemporary global standards. Her LLM research focused on international trade law, with particular attention to the legal foundations for regional integration and its role in poverty alleviation.

Beyond her academic work, she actively contributes to knowledge production and dissemination on regional integration in Africa. She serves as Regional Editor for the AfronomicsLaw Academic Forum (Southern Africa) and as an Assistant Editor for the Journal of Comparative Law in Africa. She was also involved in the development of a labour law course designed for practitioners.

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