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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D.** (Doctorate of Law), McGill University, Institute of Comparative Law, Montreal, Canada, supervised by Prof. Armand de Mestral, (2009).
- **Independent Studies in International Economic Law** under Prof. Georges LeBel, Université du Québec à Montréal, Département des sciences juridiques, (2008).
- **LL.M.** (Master of Law) in International Law and International Trade Law, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY, U.S.A. 5/2003.
- **LL.B.** University of Jordan-School of Law, Amman, Jordan, 8/2001.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lawyer and Consultant, *Nsour & Associates*, 10/2010- present

- **Designated Conciliator, International Center for Settlement Investment Disputes (ICSID), 2020-present. Duties include:**
 - Listed to serve on conciliation and arbitration panels in the ICSID
- **Acting as the main lawyer and legal representative of the Arab International Company for Construction and Contracting LLC (fully owned by the Jordan Armed Forces) 2015-present. Duties include:**
 1. Successfully representing the company in its disputes before courts and before arbitral panels including:
 - Winning the \$2 Million dispute against Issa Tarawneh LLC which revolved around claiming of fuel price differences, and obtaining a final decision thereon from the Supreme Court of Jordan.
 - The \$7 Million USD dispute with Issam Issa Shaban LLC (subcontractor) regarding technical conflicts in executing Al Salt Hospital and Al Tafeeleh Hospital (ongoing).
 - Winning the \$ 500000 dispute with Amman Municipality revolving around claiming the value of fuel price differences.
 - Over 15 employment disputes some of which settled amicably.
 2. Successfully managed the downsizing the company's manpower through labor agreements without any employment dispute initiated thereafter.
 3. Successfully representing the company settling a \$1 Million USD dispute via negotiations with Al Manaseer Company.
 4. Offering advice constantly on various issues such as corporate reorganization, insurance coverage issues, and business torts.
 5. Managing the merger with another company owned by the Armed forces (Al Kimma).
- **Acting as a legal expert for the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Economy, 2020-present. Duties include:**

1. Working with a team of experts to draft a new commercial code for the United Arab Emirates.
 2. Presenting and defending the draft law before public and private stakeholders
 3. Performing with the Ministry of Economy policy studies on the legal and commercial environments related to the new commercial code.
- **Acted as a legal expert for the Saudi Arabian Health Ministry, 2019-2020. Duties include:**
 1. Acted as a legislative expert in the British Law Firm of DWF in association with Harasani & Alkhamees Law Firm being present in Riyadh on a weekly basis
 2. Participated with the legal team in the Ministry of Health to execute Vision 2030 to restructure the health sector in Saudi Arabia.
 3. Participating with the legal team to privatize public hospitals and other public health providers in the Kingdom.
 4. Co-drafted the new Public Health Law of Saudi Arabia according to the new structure of the health sector in the country.
 - **Acting the external legal counsel for the World Health Organization, 2015-present. Duties include:**
 1. Conducting an updated stock take of legislative components (laws, regulations, instructions, decisions) building on the findings of the first review and utilizing the upgraded methodology and framework;
 2. Drafting laws, regulations, and directives to be presented to Parliament as alternative to the current tobacco legislation structure.
 - **Acted as the legal expert in drafting the PPP legislation of Afghanistan 2014-2015. Duties included:**
 1. Drafted PPP legislation in Arabic and English and defending them before the government.
 2. Participated in presenting PPP drafting process to stakeholders in the private sector.
 3. Collected feedback from public and private stakeholders on PPP draft legislation.
 4. Proposed models to certain PPP arrangements on elements on urban development, infrastructure and waste management planning.
 - **Acted as the legal expert on the restructuring the Food Reserve Commission of Oman's project, 2014-2016. Duties included:**
 1. Acted as the principle legal officer on a team of administrative, business and auditing experts.
 2. Studied the legal and regulatory frame work on the Food Reserve Commission through desk review and by conducting visits to the Commission in Oman.
 3. Drafted proposed laws, regulations and legal opinions for the Commission.
 4. Reviewed disputes that the Commission was party thereto and offered evaluation and assessment
 5. Participated in drafting reports to the Commission.
 6. Acted as the final language and structure reviewer for reports in either English or Arabic languages.
 - **Acted as a national consultant to the International Trade Centre in Geneva to draft the National Export Strategy (NES) for Jordan, 2010-2014. Duties included:**
 1. Assisted the Jordanian government and the International Trade Centre in the drafting of sectoral, cross-sectoral, and national export strategy documents, ensuring consistency and flow of the documents for review, and commentary by stakeholders and by International

- Trade Centre technical backstopping team.
- 2. Advised the Jordanian government on all legal aspects related to the implementation of the prospective National Export Strategy.
- 3. Conducted research that provide inputs to, and serve as the basis for, parts of the eventual National Export Strategy Report for Jordan.
- 4. Assessed related legislation targeted at facilitating exports including but not limited to, trade agreements, investment agreements and double taxation agreements.
- **Acted as Regulatory and Infrastructure Expert for monitoring the €33 Million Trade and Transport Facilitation Program (TTF) in Jordan (funded by the EU), 2010-2014 Duties included:**
 - 1. Represented a large Danish company (*COWI Belgium*) in monitoring the Trade and Transport Facilitation Program in Jordan
 - 2. Reviewed all legal aspects related to the TTF.
 - 3. Translated documents from Arabic to English and vice versa.
 - 4. Managed the collection of compliance documents related to the TTF.
 - 5. Interviewed stakeholders and conduct visits thereto.
- **Participated in drafting the Public-Private Partnership Law of Jordan in collaboration with the law firm of *Gide Loryette Noulle*, Paris office, 2009. Duties included:**
 - 1. Drafted PPP legislation in Arabic and English and defending them before the government.
 - 2. Participated in presenting PPP drafting process to stakeholders in the private sector.
 - 3. Collected feedback from public and private stakeholders on PPP draft legislation.
- **Participated in negotiating the uranium exploration agreement between the French and the Jordanian Governments, 2009-2010. Duties included:**
 - 1. Participated in all negotiation rounds between the Jordanian government and Areva Company (owned by the French government) representing the French Government
 - 2. Drafted memos in the course of negotiations on certain controversial points.
 - 3. Drafted the agreement itself of the uranium exploration agreement.

Associate Professor, *United Arab Emirates University, College of Law, Amman, Jordan, 8/2016 – present*

- Researching contemporary comparative law issues.
- Teaching commercial and international trade regulations for law and business students on the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Associate Professor, *University of Jordan, Faculty of Law, Amman, Jordan, 12/2014 – present*

- Researching contemporary comparative law issues.
- Teaching commercial and international trade regulations for law and business students on the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Assistant Professor, *University of Jordan, Faculty of Law, Amman, Jordan, 9/ 2009 – 12/2014*

- Taught commercial and international trade regulations for law and business students
- Researched contemporary comparative law issues.

Adjunct Professor, *New York Institute of Technology, 2012*

- Taught American Business Law for management students
- Co-supervised theses of honor students.

Associate Lawyer, *Ali Sharif Zubi, Legal Consultants P.C., Amman, Jordan, 7/ 2009- 10/2010*

- Advised international aviation companies on various transactions in Jordan.
- Conducted due diligence for various investors and clients.
- Advised the Government of Jordan regarding several international agreements including the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods and several other World Trade Organization agreements.

- Advised the shareholders in a local manufacturing company in connection with the acquisition of the majority of their shares by a regional private equity fund and a regional investment group.

Faculty Lecturer, McGill University, Faculty of Law, 2007/2008

- Taught comparative Islamic legal theories.
- Supervised research on contemporary comparative law issues.

Research Assistant, Prof. Armand de Mestral, McGill Institute of Comparative Law, 5/2005- 10/2008

- Worked on the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) research project on regional trade agreements.
- Drafted and edited articles on various international trade law topics.
- Provided research assistance on a wide range of issues in international trade law, including assisting Prof. de Mestral in NAFTA arbitration case between Canfor Corporation et. al. vs. the U.S.
- Managed and maintained a website on regional trade agreements: www.ptas.mcgill.ca.

Articling Lawyer, Alston & Bird LLP, New York, 9/2003 – 2/2004

- Supported lawyers' work and research efforts on Middle Eastern and Islamic Law.
- Conducted research on different legal topics including merges and acquisitions.
- Drafted memoranda, motions and complaints.

PUBLICATIONS

- Article: "Fundamental Facets in the U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement: E-commerce, Dispute Resolution and beyond", (2004) 27 Fordham International Law Journal, 742. (cited in many law journals including the Harvard Law Review issue 51).
- Article, "The Perspective of U.S. Courts on the Decision of the WIPO's Arbitration Center regarding Domain names: The Latest Developments", (2006) ADR & the Law, 20th ed. American Arbitration Association with Fordham Urban Law Journal. & Fordham International Law Journal, 190.
- Article: "Regional Trade Agreements in the Globalization Era" (2008) 33 the North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation, 360.
- Book: *Rethinking the World Trade Order*, (Sidestone Press, the Netherlands: 2010).
- Article: "Free Trade: Theoretical Reflections", European Journal of Social Sciences, European Journal of Social Sciences – Volume 19, Number 1 (2011).
- Article: "" International Trade Law and Culture...is it "Culture" by the way? The Case of International Trade Law and Islamic Law", European Journal of Social Sciences, European Journal of Social Sciences – Volume 19, Number 4 (2011).
- Article (in Arabic): "The Right of Return for Refugees: Applied Study", University of Sharjah Law Journal (2012).
- Article (in Arabic): "Compensating Trade Secrets' Damages pursuant to Jordanian Law" jointly with Judge Yarob Qudah, Mutah University Law, 2014.
- Article: "Trends in Regional Trade: Remarks on the Jordanian Case", Indiana Commercial Law Review , 24, 313-899, 2014. (with Lana Nimri).
- Article: "Exclusivity for Pharmaceuticals: Was It the Best Choice for Jordan under the US-Jordan Free Trade Agreement?" (with Wael Armouti) 17 Oregon Review of International Law, 259 (2016).
- Article: "Test Data Protection: Different Approaches and Implementation in Pharmaceuticals", (with Dr. Wael Armouti) 20:2 Marquette Intellectual Property Law Review , 268 (2017)
- Article: "Data Exclusivity for Pharmaceuticals in the Free Trade Agreements: Models in Selected

- United States Free Trade Agreements”, 25 Houston Journal of International Law, (2018)
- Article: "Economic Cooperation Between the United Arab Emirates and Turkey: Legal and Policy Considerations", Arab Law Quarterly 33 (2019) 1-31
- Article (in Arabic):The Feasibility of Applying the Conversion of Actions Theory Under Jordanian Law, the University of Jordan Dirasat Journal, vol. 26 (2) 2019.
- Article” “Law to Counter Tobacco Companies in the Arab Region: A Look at Jordan and the United Arab Emirates”, International Journal of Economics and Business Research, Inderscience Enterprises Ltd, vol. 18(2), 2019, pages 215-234.
- Article: “Legal Tools to Achieve Food Security through Public Private Partnerships: The Jordanian Case” , European Food and Feed Law Review, vol. 15 (2), (2020)
- Article: “Internal Trade Law And Food Exports During Covid-19 Pandemic: Case Of Jordan”, European Food And Feed Law Review, Vol. 15 (5), (2020) [forthcoming].

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Graduate Law Students Association President, McGill University Faculty of Law 2006-08.
- Fordham International Law Review, Staff Member, 9/2002- 7/2003.
- Fordham University, Student Bar Association Representative, 9/2002- 5/2003.
- Member of the Young Arbitration Group, London International Court of Arbitration.
- Volunteer at McGill University’s International Students’ Office.
- Lectured in Constitutional Law Classes at Fordham University, School of Politics (2003).
- Contributor to the Jordan Times Daily newspaper.
- Active in combating smoking and tobacco in cooperation with King Hussein Cancer Center.

CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- University of Toronto Law School, "Mapping Emergent Terrains, Contesting Rigidified Traditions in International Law", January 11-12, 2008 (presentation title: “Regionalism and Multilateralism: Partners or Rivals?”).
- McGill University, Faculty of Law, “The Gulf Economic Potential” March 3, 2008 (presentation title: “The Feasibility of a Free Trade Agreement in the Middle East”).
- York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, Quo Vadis Constitution?: The Boundaries of Modern Law” May 9-10, 2008 (presentation title: “Regional Free Trade in the Middle East: A Viable Endeavour or a Hopeless Case?”).
- Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Second International Seminar on Islamic Law versus Common Laws: “Bridging the Gaps: Towards a Better Understanding” March 6-7, 2012 (presentation title: “Islam and the Secular State: The Case of Canada”).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS &GRANTS

- Fee Waiver from McGill University.
- Recipient of the McGill Graduate Studies Scholarship.
- Recipient of the United Arab Emirates Start-up research grant.
- WTO University of Jordan Research Grant, 2013-2014.
- United Arab Emirates University Grants, 2017-2018.

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in English, Arabic and very good in French.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Member of the Jordan Bar Association.

PERSONAL

- Married with two children.
- Dual citizen of Jordan and Canada

REFERENCES

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