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## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION (NEW YORK)

Admitted in New York State  
Appellate Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Departement (2020)

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## OBJECTIVE

To integrate a dynamic team and work on rewarding regional and international transactions providing innovative legal solutions

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## LANGUAGES

English – French - Arabic

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## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

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### **EGYPT**

#### **FOREIGN LEGAL COUNSEL**

##### **Shehata & Partners Law Firm | May – July 2020**

Participated in a regional arbitration seated in Abu Dhabi related to a construction dispute under ICC Arbitration Rules. Prepared, drafted, reviewed arbitration submissions dealing with construction and contract law issues (*e.g.*, Extension of time, liquidated damages, defective works, financial charges) under UAE law.

### **LEBANON**

#### **SENIOR LEGAL ANALYST**

##### **Bablex Limited | March 2018 – July 2018 | Sept. 2019 – Dec. 2019**

Participated in discovery and document review related to arbitration and UK litigation. Liaising with international law firms and provided Arabic-English bilingual support related to commercial arbitrations and investment claims involving MENA jurisdictions. Managed, supervised, and provided quality checks for the Arabic-English translation of briefs, arbitration memoranda, expert reports, local judgments, and Arabic legislation. Provided a report for an international client in connection with the applicability of certain Lebanese criminal law provisions.

### **JUNIOR ASSOCIATE**

#### **Haber & Partners Law Firm | July 2014 – July 2015**

Assisted with the representation of a multinational provider in a six-month negotiation with the Lebanese government of an operation & maintenance agreement related to electrical power plants in Lebanon. Prepared and drafted a legal opinion in connection with the applicable laws and competent jurisdictions related to an international transaction involving North-African and American companies. Assisted in the drafting and review of distribution, employment, franchise, and lease agreements. Assisted in the drafting and review of real estate lease and construction agreements. Advised on dispute resolution clauses in construction agreements under FIDIC. Working jointly with IT team to establish an IP internal compliance. Building a compliance corporate system related to trademarks and different licensed rights under distributorship agreements (Kallassi Group). Assisted in advising clients for the formation of new businesses, including corporate structuring, operating agreements, shareholder agreements, and other formation documents. Assisted in advising international consulting firm for its corporate restructuring in Lebanon.

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## HOBBIES

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Traveling | Writing | Music | Hiking

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## INTERESTS

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Business Ethics & Transhumanism

The Anthropology of A.I. and New  
Technologies (IoT, IoB)

Global Data Law

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## CERTIFICATE & SEMINARS (EU)

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Certificate in International Business Law and  
Taxation, Montpellier I (2010)

Seminars at the European Commission and the  
Court of Justice of the European Union (2010)

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## HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY

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### **NEW YORK** **RESEARCH ANALYST** **UN Women | Jan. 2019**

Performed legal research on a pro bono basis and produced a report for UN Women under the supervision of policy analyst Emily Kenny.

Analysed UN-mandated investigations. Elaborated gender indicators to assess the inclusion and integration of sexual and gender-based violence in UN reports, the applicable legal frameworks, and report's recommendations.

Focused on the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic and examined the legal framework and the integration of gender equality in the published UN reports.

### **IRAP VOLUNTEER | NYU CHAPTER** **International Refugee Assistance Project | 2018 – 2019**

Intake volunteer for refugee resettlement through UNHCR and USRAP. Undertook IRAP intake program training. Interviewed refugees and filled out intake forms. Followed up on initial evidence collection and supporting documentation. Coordinated with case officer on Podio and reported back to client.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **LEBANON** **VISITING LECTURER IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION** **Notre Dame University – College of law | Jan. – May 2020**

Covered domestic and international arbitration law under Lebanese law with comparative insights into American and French legislation and case law. When significant, international commercial arbitration was compared to ISDS and investment arbitration.

### **KUWAIT** **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS LAW & ETHICS**

#### **American University of the Middle East | Sept. 2015 – Feb. 2018**

Covered commercial agency law, partnerships and corporations under Kuwaiti law. Delivered basics of contract law in a comparative civil law-common law methodology. Introduced IP rights (Copyright, Patents, and Trademarks) in a global digital society. Introduced the sources of business ethics and different business ethical models.

### **FRANCE** **ADJUNCT LECTURER**

**Aix-Marseille University III – Faculty of Law | Oct. 2012 – May 2013 | France**  
**Instructor of International Commercial Law.** Covered the concept of international contracts, conflict of laws and jurisdictions under European regulations, and international commercial arbitration.

**Lecturer in Methodology of Legal Sciences.** Covered the methodology of research, the basics of French legal research, writing and analysis. Introduced first-year students to legal research databases and library services.

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## AWARDS & HONORS

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Laureate of Eiffel scholarship (2013)

Laureate of the AUF scholarship (2011)

Head of Class - Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in M2 (2009)

Head of Class - Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in L2 (2006)

Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> on the national level in the Lebanese official high school examination. *Terminale* (2004)

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## BOOK CONTRIBUTION

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*Fake News: A Legal Perspective*  
in

Fake News In the Era of Social Media:  
Tracking Viral Contagion (2020)

ISBN: 978-1-78661-421-6

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## NEGOTIATION SKILLS & TECH COMPETENCY (NYC)

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Negotiating complex transactions course with  
MBA students at NYU Stern

Tech competency lab for lawyers providing  
hands-on experience related to various digital  
technologies at NYU Law

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## EDUCATION

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### **UNITED STATES**

#### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (LLM)**

Master of Laws. Traditional program with emphasis on international litigation and arbitration, public international law, and global tech law (May 2019).

Activities: International litigation simulation course with JD students. Brief submission and oral argument related to the defense of forum *non conveniens* and the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in the U.S.

Research: “*Foreign Investment law applied to new data-based business models. National restrictions on cross-border data flow can violate international investment law.*” (Paper for the Seminar of Global Data Law)

### **FRANCE**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF AIX-MARSEILLE III, PAUL-CEZANNE (PHD)**

Doctorate in Law. Ph.D. in International Commercial Arbitration (February 17, 2014).

Thesis: “*Le contrat d’organisation de l’arbitrage.*” A study of the contractual grouping surrounding the arbitration clause with a focus on the contract with arbitral institutions.

Research under the supervision of Pr. Gérard Blanc (Aix-Marseille) and the review of Pr. Charles Jarrosson (Paris II).

Honors: “*Mention Très Bien*”, “*félicitations du jury*”, “*avis pour la publication en l’état*”, and “*proposition pour un prix de thèse.*”

Awards: Laureate of Eiffel scholarship (2012-2013).

Laureate of the AUF scholarship (2011).

Activities: Member of the Economic Law Center under the presidency of Pr. Jacques Mestre. Hosted a workshop related to the organisation of arbitration proceedings (2012).

#### **UNIVERSITY OF RENNES I (DJCE)**

Masters of Law in Corporate and European Law. *Diplôme de Juriste et Conseil d’Entreprise* (July 2010).

Honors: “*Mention Bien.*”

Activities: Internship at Rennes Tax Center, May 2010.

Certificate in international business law and taxation (June 2010).

Student Seminars at the European Commission and the CJEU.

Internship at Rennes Tax Center, May 2010.

Thesis: A head to head between the French “*nantissement de fonds de commerce*” and the English floating charges under the supervision of Me. Bertrand Montembault.

### **LEBANON**

#### **LEBANESE UNIVERSITY - FRENCH SECTION (DEA & LLB)**

Masters of Law in International Business Law. *Diplôme d’Études Approfondies* (July 2009).

Honors: “*Mention Bien.*” Head of Class (Rank 1).

Thesis: The transfer and the extension of the arbitration clause.

Bachelor of Law, *Filière Francophone de droit* (July 2008).

Honors: “*Mention Assez Bien.*” Head of Class in L2 (Rank 1) - Among top 5 of class.

Activities: Internship at BLC Bank. In-house legal division (July - Sept 2007)





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## RESEARCH

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### **LAW RELATED RESEARCH**

El-Khoury, M. & Lacin Arikan, C. (2020). From the Internet of Things towards the Internet of Bodies: Ethical and Legal Considerations. Forthcoming publication.

El-Khoury, M. (2020). Lebanese Courts Set Aside Banking Restrictions when Depositors are faced with Imminent Threat or Urgency. <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/lebanese-courts-set-aside-banking-restrictions-when-faced-el-khoury/>

El-Khoury, M. (2019). Defenses available for Respondent Lebanese Banks before New York State courts in Foreign | Lebanese Depositor v. Lebanese Bank, N.Y.S. <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/defenses-available-respondent-lebanese-banks-before-new-el-khoury/>

El-Khoury, M. (2019). The Dubai Judicial Tribunal and the Enforcement of Arbitral Awards. *The Lebanese Review of Arbitration*, Vol. 81, 6-13.

El-Khoury, M. (2016). Legal Challenges of Third-party Funding in International Commercial Arbitration. *The Lebanese Review of Arbitration*, Vol. 76, p. 3-7.

El-Khoury, M. (2012). La Présentation de l'Ensemble Contractuel de l'Arbitrage. *Journal de l'Institut de Droit des Affaires, L'Affaire, PUAM*, Vol. 2012/2, 12-16.

### **BUSINESS RELATED RESEARCH**

El-Khoury, M. Lacin Arikan, C. Abou Daher, L. & Zhillia, F. (2020). The Reasons of Rationalizing Unethical Practices: Organizational Perspective. *GIS Business journal*, Vol. 15, Issue 4, 430-444.

Zhillia, F. Abou Daher, L. Lacin Arikan, C. & El-Khoury, M. (2018). Conceptualizing the Determinants of Ethical Decision Making in Business Organizations. *Problems and perspectives in management*, Vol. 16, Issue 4, 30-41.