

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2014 - 2015** **LL.M. in Business Law**
Université Saint-Joseph, Lebanon
- 2013 - 2014** **Master's Degree in Public International Law and International Organizations**
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France
- 2012 - 2013** **Certificate in International Criminal Law and Procedure**
Inter-university program in cooperation with T.M.C Asser Institute (The Hague) and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, with judges from the ICC and ICJ, Lebanon
- 2009 - 2013** **Bachelor's Degree in Law**
Université Saint-Joseph, Lebanon
- 2009** **French Baccalaurean**
Lycée Franco-Libanais Nahr-Ibrahim, Lebanon

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- March 2017 – Present** **Norwegian Refugee Council, Tyr, Legal Field Officer**
- March 2015 – February 2017** **Derains & Gharavi International, Beirut/Paris Offices, Associate**
Participated in several arbitration cases conducted under the arbitration rules of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the rules of the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), as well as domestic ad hoc arbitration cases
- August 2014 - February 2015** **Airut Law Offices, Beirut Office, Junior Associate**
Participated in various dispute resolution proceeding; drafted/contributed to the drafting of various legal opinions on various branches of Lebanese and international Commercial Law; participated in the negotiation and execution of several agreements, including Non-Disclosure Agreements, Confidentiality Agreements, Operating and Management Agreements, Shareholders' Agreements, Distribution Agreements, Due Diligence reports, one Share Purchase Agreement, one Escrow Agreement, a FIDIC based EPC Contract, loan agreements, lease agreements, etc.
- July 2013 - August 2013** **Administrative Supreme Court (Conseil d'Etat Libanais), Beirut, Summer Internship**
Performed legal research under the supervision of magistrates
- August 2011 - May 2012** **Ghanem Law Firm, Beirut, Part-time Intern**
Researched and executed legal opinions on various branches of Lebanese Law

BAR ADMISSIONS Admitted to the Beirut Bar Association as an intern lawyer in 2014.

LANGUAGES Arabic, French and English.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Attended a workshop on “How to Start Your Own Business” with AMIDEAST; Beirut, January – April 2017
- Selected by the Beirut Bar Association to participate in the 5th edition of the “*Prix Louis Delamare*” competition to plead in French a case of violation of Human Rights, under the patronage of the French Ambassador to Lebanon; Beirut, December 2016
- Coach of the Université Saint-Joseph *Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot* team for the years 2014-2017
- Selected to represent my Sorbonne's Master's class in its first participation in the 6th edition of the *Concours International Francophone de Médiation* in the Center for Mediation and Arbitration Paris (CMAP), in association with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), which was conducted in French; Paris, March 2014
- Selected to represent Université Saint-Joseph and Lebanon in its first participation in the 20th edition of the *Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot* and winner of the Frédéric Eisemann award; Vienna, April 2013
- Member of the Université Saint-Joseph *Opération Septième Jour* team, *Pro Bono*, a legal clinic aiming to help the underprivileged by giving them legal advice; Academic year 2013
- Former semi-professional basketball player (2nd division) for more than 6 years; former DJ; and former Life Guard

DETAILED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AT DERAİNS & GHARAVI INTERNATIONAL

- Represented the Republic of the Sudan in an ICSID arbitration related to a dispute concerning the alleged unfair treatment of an investment in the Sudanese telecom sector (*Mr. Michael Dagher v. Republic of Sudan, ICSID Case No. ARB/14/2*); participated in all milestones of the proceedings which included the filing of a Counter-Memorial, a Request for Bifurcation, Objections to Jurisdiction (two rounds of submissions), Requests for Document Production, the Hearing on jurisdictional objections, and the drafting of several letters to the Tribunal (amount in dispute: USD 103 Million);
- Represented Attila Dogan Construction and Installation Co. Inc., a Turkish Oil & Gas support contractor, against the Sultanate of Oman in an ICSID arbitration initiated pursuant to a bilateral investment treaty in relation to the expropriation of its investment, namely an Off-Plot Delivery Contract (*Attila Doğan Construction & Installation Co. Inc. v. Sultanate of Oman, ICSID Case No. ARB/16/7*); participated in all milestones of the proceedings, which included the filing of a Request for Arbitration, a Memorial, and answers to the Request for Bifurcation (two rounds of submissions), and an Answer to a Request for Security for Costs (amount in dispute: approx. USD 170 Million);
- Represented Caratube International Oil Company LLP against the Republic of Kazakhstan concerning a dispute related to an oil concession (*Caratube International Oil Company LLP v. Republic of Kazakhstan, ICSID Case No. ARB/13/13*); prepared and attended the Hearing on merits (amount in dispute: approx. USD 1 Billion);
- Represented a French telecommunication company in an ICC arbitration in Paris against a Middle Eastern company for breach of a contract for the supply of telecommunication equipment and software in the Middle East; participated in all milestones of the proceedings which included the filing of an Answer to the Request for Arbitration, Statement of Defence, Rejoinder, and the Hearing (amount in dispute: approx. EUR 50 Million);
- Represented a Saudi National in an ICC arbitration against the current Prime Minister of an Arabic country in a dispute relating to the performance of a sale/exchange agreement; participated in all milestones of the proceedings, which included the filing of a Request for Arbitration, Reply to the Counterclaims, Answer to the Request for Bifurcation, submissions on jurisdiction (two rounds of submissions), and the Statement of Claim (hearing scheduled in late January) (amount in dispute: approx. USD 120 Million);
- Acted as Secretary of the Tribunal (on record) in a Lebanese ad hoc arbitration in Arabic, relating to a plot sale agreement; drafted Terms of Reference, two interim decisions, and Final Award (amount in dispute: approx. USD 1.25 Million);
- In addition to my work as full time counsel and secretary of the Tribunal on the above referenced cases, my tasks at D&G International also included the drafting of parts of several other submissions on other cases, including Pre and Post Hearing briefs, and damages sections, as well as the drafting of legal opinions (e.g. Assignment of Agreements Under English Law, Extension of Arbitration Agreement to Non-signatories under Civil Law, ICSID Arbitration Proceedings, Attribution of Acts to States under International Law, etc.), one third-party funding agreement, and one settlement agreement. My tasks also included constant liaising with clients, experts, co-counsels, handling of documents, proof-reading submissions, etc.