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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Father's name: Hamid
Nationality: Lebanese
Gender: male
Birth date: 05/07/1978
Marital status: single

EDUCATION

- 2009-2012:** PhD in private law – Université Paris-Dauphine – France, with high distinction,
Thesis subject: «**The Equilibrium of the Parties in Franchising**».
Thesis defense was held in April 2013, congratulated unanimously by the jury,
Candidated unanimously by the jury of defense for the prize of the «Chancellerie des universités de Paris – La Sorbonne».
- 2006-2007:** Masters Degree (Master 2) in Commercial Law and Franchising with high distinction – Université Montpellier I – France. Thesis defense was held in May 2008, congratulated unanimously by the jury.
Thesis Subject: «**The Parties' Obligations in Franchising**».
- 2006-2007:** Masters Degree (Master 2) in Private Law and Research Université Saint Esprit Kaslik – Lebanon.
- 1997-2002:** **Senior Study:** «**The Parties' Obligations in the Bill Of Sale**».
- 1997-2002:** B.A. in Lebanese Law – Université Saint Esprit Kaslik – Lebanon.
- 1997-2002:** B.A. in General Law – Université Saint Esprit Kaslik – Lebanon.
- 1995-1996:** Baccalaureate II – Philosophy – Collège Saint Joseph – Antoura – Lebanon.

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Private law, including civil law, commercial law (distribution agreements of goods and services, franchising & corporate law), penal law and arbitration.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Zeenni Law Office - Lebanon

July 2003 –

Responsibilities:

- Handling civil and commercial cases, some of which related to various Lebanese and foreign banks operating in Lebanon, several congregations, several commercial companies including (cement companies, shipping companies etc).
- Conducting and exposing multidisciplinary theoretical and practical studies.
- Conflict resolution: arbitration and negotiation.

Some key projects:

- Handling special projects.
 - Amendment of the law related to the formation of the Constitutional Council.
 - Amendment of the law pertaining to the prerogatives of the Military Court.
 - Amendment of the law dealing with penal procedure.
 - Amendment of the law of expropriation.

Some key conferences:

- Different conferences where I would address the audience to discuss the proposed theme from a legal perspective.
 - “Franchising, an imperfect trading system” – Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (July 2014).
 - “The Responsibility of the President of the Republic” – Université Saint Esprit Kaslik (2005).
 - “The Donation of Organs” – Soeurs de la Sainte Famille Maronite – Batroun (2004).

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP – Lebanon)
Pogar (Program Of Governance in the Arab Region)
May 2008 - 2010

Responsibilities:

Carrying out legal researches for implementing the United Nations convention against corruption through many projects such as:

- Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices (July 2007-December 2009).
- Enhancing the communication between the public prosecution offices (PPO) and the civil societies organizations (CSO).

ACRLI (Arab Center for the development of the Rule of Law and Integrity)
November 2008 – 2010

Responsibilities:

- Legal advisor, legal expert and partner.
- Working on the CLS project (Commercial Law Strengthening) that will be implemented in four MENA countries (Lebanon, UAE, Tunisia, Yemen) and supported by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI).

Youth Shadow Government
2008 – 2009

Responsibilities:

- Legal advisor for the minister of municipalities working with the official ministry of interior and municipalities.

Beirut Bar Association

Member of the Beirut Bar Association since 2003.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Holy Spirit University, Kaslik (USEK)
2013-

Responsibilities:

- Teaching Commercial Law to third-year students. (traders, goodwill, commercial companies etc.).
- Teaching General Penal Law to second-year students. (crimes, offenses, general penal law principles etc.).
- Teaching Special Criminal Law to third-year students.
- Writing commercial law annals for students.
- Thesis defense (PhD) jury member.

Notre Dame University, Louaize (NDU)
2015-

Responsibilities:

- Teaching Commercial Law to third-year students. (traders, goodwill, commercial companies etc.).

La Sagesse University, Beirut (ULS)
2015-

Responsibilities:

- Teaching Maritime Law to fourth-year students, (English section).
- Teaching Negotiation techniques to Master 2 (DEA) students, (English section).
- Thesis supervisor.

BOOKS

- The parties' obligations in the bill of sale, USEK 2002.
- The parties' obligations in franchising, MONTPELLIER I, 2008.
- The equilibrium of the parties in franchising, PARIS IX, Dauphine, 2012.
- Maritime law (Course).

SKILLS

Languages: Arabic, French, English – fluently read, spoken and written.

Computer Literacy: Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint), Adobe Photoshop.

LEISURE

- Music (Pianist and pipe organist).
- Reading.
- Playing chess.
- Aeronautics (Airbus A320 - A321).
- Professional photography.

REFERENCES

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