

# CHRISTELLE JOSEPH GHANEM

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Highly motivated and in a permanent aspiration for challenging opportunities that allow me to enhance my skills, grow professionally and take my career to the next level.

## EDUCATION

**OCTOBER 2015**

**LLM IN BUSINESS LAW, SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY**

This Postgraduate Program provided me, through interactive seminars with a combination of theoretical contents and practical case studies, a solid background of the rules and practices of business law in both domestic and international relations, allowing me to adapt to various legal systems and to acquire the necessary techniques for drafting and negotiating legal documents.

**JULY 2014**

**BACHELOR DEGREE IN LAW, SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY**

This Bachelor Program provided me with a basic legal education covering the Lebanese Law as well as on a big scale the French Law. Having achieved this four-year program with a grade of 12,5/20, I was acquired with the necessary potentials to exercise vast array of legal practices and consultancies.

**JULY 2010**

**FRENCH BACCALAUREATE, MONT LA SALLE**

This baccalaureate is completed along with the Lebanese baccalaureate stated below. It is characterized by the acquisition of a good general culture and real critical thinking. I was able to achieve it, along with the pressure of handling two baccalaureates, with a grade of 14,7/20.

**JULY 2010**

**LEBANESE BACCALAUREATE, MONT LA SALLE**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**FEBRUARY 2019 – PRESENT**

**CORPORATE LEGAL ASSISTANT, MIDIS GROUP LTD.**

My position in the legal department of this holding company allows me to have an exposure on a wide range of jurisdictions through assisting in legal matters for the around two hundred affiliates present across the Middle East, Europe and Africa. I assist in

incorporating new entities, changing directors, transferring shares, executing transactions, reviewing and drafting contracts, assisting in legal researches and coordinating with local counsel in all the related jurisdictions. I am in charge also of ensuring the legal compliance and risk exposure limitation. I am further involved in restructuring the whole organigram of the group, as well as other projects such as mergers of entities and reclassification of BVI entities, etc.

**NOVEMBER 2016 – JANUARY 2019**

**JUNIOR ASSOCIATE, AL JAD LAW FIRM (CMS GROUP)**

I am involved mainly in advising international oil companies, operating in Lebanon and abroad, on a wide range of matters pertaining to, *inter alia*, energy, petroleum, labour, administrative and corporate matters. As to petroleum and energy related matters, I am actively involved in projects pertaining to several aspects of the petroleum industry value chain (e.g. downstream, midstream and upstream), as well as projects related to electricity supply. My involvement includes advising on concession, shipping, customs, and construction matters; I actively advise clients in the MENA regions, especially Lebanon and Iraq, concerning wide matters related to business transactions, employment queries, corporate issues, civil and criminal matters.

**NOVEMBER 2016 – SEPTEMBER 2018**

**TRAINEE LAWYER, BOU CHAAYA LAW FIRM**

My responsibilities could be resumed to the following tasks: Incorporating local companies and branches of foreign companies; Evaluating findings, legal basis and legal precedents as well as developing strategies and arguments in preparation of court memos; Attending court hearings; Conducting all the required procedures in the courthouses for all types of litigation cases; Drawing up legal documents, such as MOU, NDA and various types of contracts and agreements.

**MARCH 2019**

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON “LEBANESE CODE OF LABOUR”, TAMAYYAZ COMPANY**

This training focused on the framework of the Lebanese Code of Labor and granted the best practices for implementation in organizations and tools to avoid the misinterpretation of the Lebanese labor law.

**NOVEMBER 2017**

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON “OIL AND GAS CONTRACTS”, ABERDEEN OIL AND GAS CENTER AND BEIRUT BAR ASSOCIATION**

This training was provided by the eminent figure in the Oil and Gas industry, Eduardo Perera, as well as other local distinguished public figures. It covered among others, PSAs, JOAs, transparency, legal presence of the IOCs.

## INTERNSHIPS

**SEPTEMBER 2016 – OCTOBER 2016**

**PROJECT ENUMERATOR**, UNICEF PROJECT WITH CARITAS

It is an education project dedicated to give an allowance to Syrian refugees to encourage them to send their children to school for education. I was in charge of a school in Broumana town. I had to promote the project to all Syrians and to organize a detailed data of all the families who accepted to enroll in this project.

**JUNE 2015 – AUGUST 2015**

**TRAINEE**, JOSEPH GHANEM LAW FIRM

This was required for my LLM degree. It was my first immersion into the legal practice.

**JULY 2013 – SEPTEMBER 2013**

**TRAINEE**, LEBANESE STATE COUNCIL AND ORDINARY COURTS

During this internship, I had the chance to get into contact with several judges to inquire and get a deeper insight on the Lebanese judicial system.

**NOVEMBER 2012 – JULY 2014**

**MEMBER OF THE LEGAL AID DISPENSARY**, SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY

This dispensary aims at giving legal assistance to people left in denial as well as legal consultancies to those who cannot afford a lawyer's retainer fees.

**AUGUST 2009 – AUGUST 2010**

**LEADERSHIP SUMMER CAMPS**, LEBANESE NATIONAL NETWORK (LNN) NGO

I was selected among top students to participate in these camps. This participation increased my faith in a better future, as well as motivated and encouraged me to think of, read about, share and participate in projects that will help shape highly needed social reforms.

## PUBLICATIONS

I was involved in drafting two chapters related to History and Finance under the supervision of attorney Malek Takieddine in an international book on the International Energy Agency (still under review, expected to be published in 2020).

## REFERENCES

Available upon request