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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LL.M., (*Intellectual Property and Technology Law*), University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, 2002:

- GPA: 3.56
- Student Research Associate, Shidler Center for Law, Commerce, and Technology
Awarded *Certificate of Appreciation*

LL.B., University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, 1996;

International Law Diploma, College of Law, England & Wales, (Mergers & Acquisitions) Ongoing – Distance Learning.

Admitted to:
State of California, 2003;
Jordan Bar Association, 1998.

LANGUAGES

Arabic and English.

July 26, 2011

PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Sanad Law Group in association with Eversheds KSLG, Amman, Jordan.
Currently handle all corporate matters for firm's clients, including incorporation procedures and other corporate governance matters, drafting various types of contracts and agreements that support the business operation of such clients. Provide legal advice and counseling on Intellectual Property, domain names, corporate and commercial matters. Work on the various policy and legal reform projects handled by the firm.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Euro-Jordanian Action for the Development of Enterprises (EJADA), Amman, Jordan.
Euro-Jordanian Export Program (EJEP) Policy Watch Coordinator Nov. 2004 - May 2006 Address all legal, regulatory and policy related impediments to export, which directly and indirectly affect Jordanian exports of selected sectors to the EU market. Responsibilities include drafting the Terms of Reference for various projects and managing the implementation of awarded contracts. Projects include regulatory framework analysis for EJEP selected sectors in order to identify the legal impediments and work to alleviate their effect on the development of a sector. Such sectors include Dimension & Building Stone, Precious Metals & Fine Jewellery, Cut Flowers & Ornamental Plants, Garments & Textiles, and Engineering Products & Services. Other issues that are being currently addressed are regulatory barriers to trade that hinder the access of Jordanian products into the EU markets.
Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector, College Park, MD Contract Attorney, July 2003 - September 20, 2003, (Conducted a study for the Department for International Development (DFID) in the United Kingdom regarding legal reform in the Southern Mediterranean countries to promote the implementation of the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements. The study concluded with developed transparent protocols and legal benchmarks and recommendations for required reform in the domains of Corporate Governance, Insolvency, Secured Lending, Intellectual Property, Enforcement of Agreements and Constraints on the States.
Universal Music Group, Santa Monica, CA Contract Attorney, October 2003 - February 2004 Reviewed contracts with recording artists to identify the company's rights and obligations -Short-term assignment.
Abdul Razzaq, Al Saeed, Al Fuzai & Al Oudah Partners Law Firm, Kuwait City, Kuwait *Attorney*, 2000 -Initiated and established Internet Law Department; participated in founding of the International Department. Liaised with law firms in the United States, Europe and the Middle East in handling cross-border cases. Negotiated and drafted contracts. Provided English-Arabic translation of legal documents.
International Business Legal Associates, Amman, Jordan Attorney, WTO Department, 1998 – 1999. Provided counsel to Jordanian government on legal issues pertaining to its accession to the World Trade Organization. Helped draft numerous new laws and amend existing ones in order to ensure compliance with WTO standards in such areas as customs and the National Production Protection Law, particularly, participating in drafting the Anti Dumping and Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Regulations.
Allam Al-Ahmad Advocate Office, Amman, Jordan Attorney, 1996 – 1998, Handled litigation in civil and commercial cases. Pursued legal actions before the Ministry of Industry and Trade and represented clients at other government departments. Prepared judicial warnings and pleadings. Drafted and reviewed contracts and provided Arabic-English and English-Arabic translations.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Corporate Commercial Law: - mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, drafting all types of contracts and agreements in relation to the commercial activities of client, general consultancy on commercial affairs of client.

Intellectual Property & Technology Law: - trademarks, licensing, copyright, domain names arbitration (UDRP), online contracts.

Policy & Regulatory Reform: - prepare draft laws, regulations and other legislative tools, draft position papers, liaise between public and private sector.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Jordan Bar Association;
The State Bar of California;
Jordan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA);
Arab Women Legal Network (AWLN).

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Handle trademark registrations, advise clients on copyright matters, draft and negotiate license agreements.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Participation in the WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution: Update on Practices and Precedents, Geneva, Switzerland, November 2006.

Represented the Complainant in the first successful UDRP Domain Name Case in Jordan, with WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center.

Counsel Firm clients on how to optimize the protection of their domain names and trademarks.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

“Domain Names; New Registration Practices and their impact on Trademark Protection” – Author;

“Legal Benchmarks for Monitory Implementation of Euro-Mediterranean Associations Agreements” – Co-Author w/ IRIS Center – University of Maryland.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Litigated a number of cases before the Magistrate Court, the Court of First Instance, and the Court of Appeal, as part of legal training, in Jordan.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Training Course in Electronic Commerce, Amman, Jordan, 2007;
Seminar on the Settlement of Commercial Disputes in the Era of Telecommunication, Information Technology & e-Business – GCC Commercial Arbitration Center, Bahrain, 2001;
Workshop on Drafting Information Services Contracts and Domain Name Disputes, Bahrain, 2001.

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ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations	WIPO Arbitration & Mediation Center	1				1
	ICC					
	LCIA					
	Ad Hoc					
Number of cases: sub-total		1				1
Domestic Arbitrations	AAA					
	Ad Hoc					
Number of cases: sub-total						
TOTAL		1				1