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EDUCATION

City University, London

Master's in Law (Pass with Merit)

LLM in International Commercial Law with specialization in International Banking Law

Dissertation Topic:

"The American Bankruptcy Paradigm Vis-Á-Vis Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code"

Applied Science University, Bahrain

Bachelor of Law (Pass with Distinction)

Bahrain Institute of Public Administration, Bahrain

Diploma on the Introduction to the Public Sector

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf – Secretariat-General, Riyadh, KSA

- Assistant Secretary-General for Legislative & Legal Affairs Mar. 2021 – Present

Overview of the Nature of Work in the GCC Secretariat-General:

The Secretariat-General plays a pivotal role in facilitating coordination and integration among the six member states. Its primary responsibilities include fostering joint Gulf action and following up on the implementation of the Council's resolutions.

The Assistant Secretariat for Legislative and Legal Affairs constitutes a key pillar within the Secretariat-General's organizational framework. It was established with the aim of achieving rapprochement and harmonization of systems and laws among GCC countries, with the goal of working towards their unification across various sectors. It is tasked with the development of various legal plans, programs, and projects, in addition to representing the Secretariat-General in legal matters and providing comprehensive legal support, including opinions and advice, to all Council organs.

Legislation & Legal Opinion Commission (LLOC), Bahrain

- Appointed by Royal Order as Senior Legal Counselor (Grade 8) Nov. 2023 – Present
- Director of Legal Coordination & Monitoring Directorate Oct. 2023 – Present
- Director of Legislation & Official Gazette Directorate Dec. 2019 – Oct. 2023
- Appointed by Royal Order as Legal Counselor (Grade 3) Nov. 2019 – Nov. 2023
- Acting Director of Legislation & Official Gazette Directorate Aug. 2017 – Dec. 2019
- Appointed by Royal Order as Assistant Legal Counselor (Grade 2) Aug. 2016 – Nov. 2019
- Appointed by Royal Order as Assistant Legal Counselor (Grade 1) Feb. 2012 – Aug. 2016
- Legal Researcher June 2009 – Feb. 2012

Overview of the Nature of Work in the LLOC:

The LLOC is an independent commission of a judicial nature in which a Royal Order appoints its members. Its primary responsibilities include resolving disagreements on legal interpretations between the Council of Ministers and the Parliament, reviewing and drafting amendments to the constitution, proposals of laws, decrees, regulations and decisions, publishing legislation in the Official Gazette, interpreting law provisions and providing legal opinions on various matters, reviewing international treaties to ensure compliance with the constitution and the Kingdom's sovereignty, expressing opinions on government contracts, reviewing government-owned companies' foundational documents, and organizing and supervising the electoral process in Bahrain.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Accredited arbitrator at the GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre, Bahrain 2021 – Present
- Head of Legal Committee in the Gulf Cooperation Council 2021 – Jan. 2023
- Head of Recruitment Committee in the Gulf Cooperation Council 2021 – Jan. 2023
- Legal arbitrator accredited by the Ministry of Justice, Bahrain 2019 – Present
 - Appointed as a sole arbitrator in commercial dispute No. (5/8833/2022/02)
- Representative of the LLOC in the Supreme Coordinating Committee for Human Rights 2019 – 2021
- Chairman of a polling station for the House of Representatives and the Municipal Council Elections 2018
- Chairman of the Appeals Committee for Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Elections 2018
- Head of Names & Titles Committee, Bahrain 2017 – 2022
- Member of the Council of Opinion & Legislation at the LLOC 2016 – Present
- Member of Names & Titles Committee, Bahrain 2015 – 2017
- Member of the Legal Experts Committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council 2014 – 2021
- Representative of the LLOC in the Committee for Developing and Accelerating Judicial Procedures and Facilitating Litigation Procedures 2013
- Member of the Legal Specialists Committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council 2012 – 2021
- Member of the Translation Committee at the LLOC 2011 – 2019

SPORTS RELATED LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Memberships, Affiliations & Achievements

- Accredited Arbitrator in the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) 2023 – Present
- Accredited arbitrator in National Sports Arbitration Tribunal, Kuwait 2023 – Present
 - Head of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for sport dispute No. (20240801001)
 - Appointed as a sole arbitrator for sports dispute no. (20240820001)
 - Head of the Arbitration Panel for sports dispute No. (20231123002)
 - Head of the Arbitration Panel for sports dispute No. (20230302002)
 - Appointed as a sole arbitrator for sports dispute no. (20230809001)
 - Member of Tripartite Arbitration Panel for sports dispute No. (2023062600)
- Accredited Sports Arbitrator in Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR)
- In-house Lawyer for the Bahrain Football Association in front of Judicial Entities as follow:
 - 1- Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA):

- FIFA ref. No. 14-01374/itr
- FIFA ref. 191361 before the FIFA Disciplinary Committee
- FIFA ref. 191361 APC before the FIFA Appeal Committee
- 2- Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS):
 - CAS 2017/A/5125
- Member of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Football Association 2021 – 2025
- Member of the Board of Trustees of GCC Sports Dispute Resolution Authority 2021 – 2025
- Member of the AFC Legal Committee 2019 – 2027
- Member of the Legal Committee of the Union of Arab Football Associations 2019 – 2023
- Head of Legal Affairs Committee in Bahrain Football Association 2017 - Present
- Member of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Football Association 2017 – 2021
- Member of the Marketing Committee of the Gulf Football Federation 2016 – 2022
- Member of the Disciplinary Committee in Bahrain Football Association 2014 – 2017

Certifications

Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Executive Programme in Sports Arbitration (1st edition) 2020/21

Bahrain Football Association

- Drafting the Articles of Association, bylaws and contracts concluded by the Bahrain Football Association.
- Launched the Bahraini Sports Legal Program, in which key speakers are invited every three weeks to present a topic related to Sports Law.
- Appointed as a mediator in resolving disputes that arise from contracts concluded by the Bahrain Football Association and resolving them before reaching the competent judicial committee.

WORKSHOPS, FORUMS, SEMINARS AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2018 and Ongoing

Lecturer at the Bahrain Judicial Studies Institute.

January 2019

A participant in the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain to present the Kingdom's Human Rights report to the Arabian Human Rights Counsel.

November 2018

Presented a workshop on Drafting Legislation to the Legal Affairs Department in the House of Representatives, Bahrain.

May 2017

Participated in the workshop on General Safety Requirements in the GCC Common Market

December 2015

Participated in the “Principles of Drafting Legislation” workshop that took place at Bahrain Judicial Studies Institute.

October 2015

Participated in the “Good Regulatory Practice: the EU’s Global Approach Technical Regulations: Principles, Tools, Standards” Workshop in Bahrain.

June 2015

Wrote an article that was published in the Legal Magazine of the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission (LLOC) in Bahrain entitled “The Role of the LLOC in the Field of Legislative Drafting”.

June 2014

Participated in a workshop on “Electronic Contracts” at the University of Bahrain.

November 2013

Participated in a workshop on “Arbitration in Oil and Gas Sectors”.

October 2013

Participated in The Third Session of The Nuclear Law Institute in Baden bei Wien, Austria.

March 2013

Participated in the Technical Assistance Program in Support of the Bahrain Justice and Law Enforcement Sectors on the International Protection of Human Rights, International Institute of Higher Studies of Criminal Science in Siracusa, Italy.

January 2013

Represented the LLOC in the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, which was held at the Ministry of Finance in Bahrain.

November 2011

Participated in a workshop on “Administrative Contracts and Public Procurement”.

November 2010

Participated as an organizer in the Organization and Supervision Committee of the Bahraini Parliamentary and Municipal Elections.

October 2010

Participated in the workshop on Professional Presentation skills at Bahrain Institute of Public Administration (BIPA).

June 2010

Participated in the workshop on the Treaty Body Reporting conducted on the topic of International Human Rights Laws.

2008

Participated in a Course on the “Techniques of Fraud Detection” held at Mutah University, Jordan.