

Judge Maysam Al-Nuwairi

A distinguished Lebanese jurist and legal scholar with over four decades of experience in the judiciary, legal education, and public service. She has held several senior judicial positions, including Director-General of the Ministry of Justice and President of the Beirut Court of Appeal Commercial Chamber. Renowned for her expertise in commercial law, she has also contributed significantly to legal education through her long-standing academic roles at prominent universities in Lebanon. A committed advocate for human rights and legal reform, Judge Al-Nuwairi has represented Lebanon in various international forums and continues collaborating with NGOs on justice and human rights initiatives.

Current Engagement

- **Judicial Collaborator** with *JUSTICIA Beirut Consult Law Firm*, offering expertise in general judicial matters.
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Judicial and Academic Experience

- **Director-General**, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon (June 2014 – March 2019).
 - **President**, Commercial Chamber, Beirut Court of Appeal (2003 – June 2014).
 - **Acting First President**, Court of Appeal of Beirut (2012 – 2014).
 - **Councilor**, Commercial Chamber, Beirut Court of Appeal (1981 – 2000).
 - **Acting President**, Commercial Chamber, Beirut Court of Appeal (2000 – 2003).
 - **Delegate**, Ministry of Justice:
 - Legal Department (1977 – 1979).
 - Legislation and Legal Consultations Department (1979 – 1981).
 - **Lawyer**, Beirut Bar Association (1972 – 1973).
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Academic Roles

- **Lecturer**, Saint Joseph University (USJ) – Commercial Law (2005 – Present).
 - **Lecturer**, Institute of Judicial Studies – Commercial Law (2012 – Present).
 - **Lecturer**, Lebanese University (French Section) – Commercial Law (2008 – 2019).
 - **Lecturer**, Islamic University of Beirut – Commercial Law (2017 – 2021).
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Representation & Committees

- Represented the Ministry of Justice in the **Joint Committee for the Implementation of the Lebanon-Italy Protocol** on family matters.
 - Participated in **economic legal studies** in coordination with **ESCWA**.
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Education

- **Diploma in Law** (Top of Class), Saint Joseph University, Beirut (1971) – includes certificates in French and Lebanese Law.
 - **Master's Studies** in Political Science, American University of Beirut (1971–1972).
 - **Diploma in Comparative Law**, Institut Français de Droit Comparé – Paris (1974).
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Languages

- Arabic (Native)
- French (Fluent)
- English (Very Good)
- Spanish (Diploma – Cervantes Institute, 1978)

- German (Basic – Goethe Institute, 1978–1981)
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Publications

In Arabic

- *Role of Judge and Arbitrator: Complementarity or Antinomy*, *Al-Ad Journal* (2010).
- *First Demand Guarantee*, *Al-Adel Journal* (2006) and *Arbitration in the Middle East*, Volume 2 (2006).
- *The Female Judge's Influence on Society*, *Lebanese Center for Studies Journal* (2000).
- *Medical Error*, *Al-Nashra al-Qada'iya – Ministry of Justice Journal* (1976).

In French

- *Interpretation of Article 887(2) of the Code of Obligations and Contracts*, based on a Court of Appeal decision (09/05/2000), published in *Conférences du CEDROMA*, Volume 1, Bruylant (2004).

In English

- *First Demand Guarantee*, published in *Arbitration in the Middle East*, Volume 2, Special Edition (2006).
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Workshops & Seminars

In Arabic

- *Judicial Independence*, Legal Agenda & Faculty of Legal Sciences – Tunis (2011).
- *Professional Capacity Building*, Ministry of Justice & ACOJURIS (2010–2012).
- *Commercial and Financial Law for Arab Judges*, French Institute for Magistrates – Paris (2008).

- *Women Judges Seminar*, Egyptian Ministry of Justice & British Council – Alexandria (2009).
- *E-Commerce*, AWLN – Bahrain, Qatar, Beirut (2006–2007).
- *Fundraising, Public Education, and Leadership*, AWLN – Cairo, Amman, Beirut (2005–2006).

In English

- *International Arbitration and Mediation*, AWLN – Amman (2005).
- *NGO Governance and Accountability*, AWLN (2006).
- *Leadership & Communication*, LLWB – Beirut (2007).
- *Work-Life Balance*, LLWB – Beirut (2007).
- *Concept Paper & Proposal Writing*, Lebanese Development Network (2011).
- *INSOL Europe Academic Forum* – Istanbul (October 2014).
- *UNODC Regional Workshops* – Cairo (November 2014).
- *OHCHR Expert Seminar on the Death Penalty* – Algeria (December 2014).
- Numerous *Human Rights Conferences* (2014–2019), including topics such as juvenile justice, women’s rights, anti-corruption, and anti-terrorism.

In French

- **Decoration Award**, conferred by President Emmanuel Macron (2019) for contributions to legal development and Francophonie advocacy.

Other Activities

- Ongoing collaboration with various **NGOs on human rights** in Lebanon.
- **Lecturer on Human Rights** (2022):

- Beirut Bar Association's Legal Institute – "Justice vs. Law Enforcement".
 - Parliament Experts – Human rights plan implementation, legal impact, and violence against women.
- **Member**, International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) (2005–2010), attended global congress in Sydney (2006).
- **Founding Member and Board Member**, Arab Women Legal Network (AWLN) (2005–2009).
- **Member**, Lebanese League for Women in Business (LLWB) (2004–2008).

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