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Enrolled in a doctorate program in Private Law at the University of Paris V – René Descartes in Paris (October 2001-October 2004). Holder of a Higher Studies Diploma (DESS) in “Litigation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution” in cooperation with the University of Panthéon – Assas (Paris 2)-Lebanese University – French section (September 2002). Holder of a Post-Graduate Diploma in Private Law (DEA) – La Sagesse University (January 2000). Bachelor’s Degree in law (June 1998) **Education University**

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## Languages

- Fluency in speaking, reading, and writing Arabic, French and English.
- Fairness in speaking, reading, and writing Spanish

## Experience

### Professional Experience

- May 2009 – Present: Partner at JUSTICIA Beirut Consult Law Offices.
- October 2007 – April 2009: Yazbeck Law Offices located in Beirut – Lebanon.
- July 2002 – September 2007: in collaboration with Macaron Law Offices.
- Training at the Court of Appeal in Paris, France (June 2002).
- Training and collaboration with law offices in Lebanon from October 1998 to May 2002.

– Jihad Georges Akl Law Offices – former member of the Board of Association of Barristers in Beirut. – Michel Lyan Law Offices – former Chairman of the Board of Association of Barristers in Beirut.

- Legal advisor for several companies and entities in Lebanon and abroad (Joint stock companies, Limited Liability companies, Holding companies, Off Shore companies, Establishments, Associations...).
- Negotiating and drafting all required legal documents and agreements for various mixed use real estate development projects.
- Negotiating, structuring, implementing, establishing and registering required legal entities and vehicles in Lebanon and abroad, and conducting all legal matters related to the internal operation of a variety of corporate entities.
- Advising and assisting clients in many types of commercial and personal financial matters, including loans, leases, sales, investments, acquisition of both real and personal property and various other transactions.
- Advising clients in all labor law issues and providing them with adequate solutions and agreements pertaining to employer /employees relations including hiring, disciplinary actions, termination and other workplace issues and assisting clients in preparing corporate policies and internal regulations.
- Drafting professional services contracts, brokerage agreements and employment contracts.
- Drafting and negotiating letters of intent, shareholders agreements, franchise agreements, joint venture agreements, trademark and software license agreements, exclusive distributorship agreements, memorandums of understanding and providing the required counseling in this respect.
- Handling numerous files and lawsuits and drafting rebuttals and court related material with regard to civil law, commercial law, banking, labor law, penal law, lease and other matters.
- Incorporating companies in Lebanon, handling the entire companies' corporate file and preparing the minutes of meetings thereof.
- Counseling and drafting legal opinions with respect to banking, commercial, tax matters and others.
- Drafting and negotiating all kinds of agreements.

## **Miscellaneous**

- January 2001- January 2002: In charge of preparing manuals concerning military instructions at the Ministry of Defense in the course of military service when acting as officer.
- December 2002- March 2005: General Secretary of the Committee of FUTSAL in the Lebanese Football Federation.
- September 2004 – October 2008: Vice General Secretary of the Lebanese Canoe-Kayak Federation.
- March 2004 – March 2009: Players’ Agent Licensed by the Lebanese Football Federation International license recognized by F.I.F.A. (Fédération-Internationale de Football). Representation of players, Negotiation of contracts, etc.
- Legal Counselor and Member of the Board of Directors of the company Football Agency of the Middle East S.A.L. (F.A.M.E.).
- April 2011- July 2012: Member of the Arbitration Committee for the Appeal and Conflict Resolution at the Lebanese Football Federation.

## **Activities**

### **Public Activities**

- Member of the Environmental Committee at the Beirut Bar Association (December 2007 – November 2009).
- 2007 – Present: Member of the Executive Committee of the Cross Culture Project Association (CCPA – Lebanon) and Head of the Legal Committee.
- 2004: Researcher, Lebanese Foundation for Permanent Civil Peace – LFPCP (A civil association managed by Professeur Antoine Messarra). Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2002: Study on How to make justice more accessible to citizens – Project financed by the Ministry of Justice – Paris – France.

## **Private Activities**

- Practice of Mediation in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Agency for the French-Speaking Countries (A.I.F.), the Institute for Mediation and Negotiation (I.F.O.M.E.N.E.) and the Institute of Human Rights at the Association of Barristers in Beirut.(November 2002)
- International law training presented by the Law Society of England and Wales in partnership with the Arab Lawyer's Union, Beirut and Tripoli Bar Associations, covering international trade law, international commercial law, E-commerce, law firms, international human rights, international standards for judges, lawyers and prosecutors and legal English. (May 2003).
- Pleading in several cases referred by the Committee for Judicial Assistance in the Association of Barristers.
- Member of the Committee of Young Barristers of the Beirut Bar Association from January 2002 until November 2003.
- Training at the Court of Appeal in Paris, France (June 2002).

## **Publications**

### **Scientific papers**

- Reviewed manuals Published in: Date of Publishing: 01 January 2001 Details:Concerning military instructions in the course of military service when acting as officer. Category:Scientific Paper
- Your Rights at Work Published in: Drafted a booklet on labor law in Arabic Date of Publishing: 11 September 2014 Details: Drafted a booklet on labor law in Arabic titled "Your Rights at Work", 24 questions and answers with legal notices and lawsuit samples – printed and published by JUSTICIA Foundation for Development and Human Rights, funded by USAID and AMIDEAST. Category: Scientific Paper

## **Articles**

- L'accès au droit Published in: Al Adl Date of Publishing: 01 January 2004 Details: n°1, p. 25.

Category: Articles

- The Court of Arbitration for Sports and the Resolution of Litigations in Sports matters Published in: Houkouki Date of Publishing: 01 January 2006 Details: n° 3, p. 23. Category: Articles

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

- Drunk Driving Accidents
- Industrial Accidents
- Maritime and Jones Act Claims
- Nursing Home Neglect
- Products Liability
- Qui Tam and Whistleblower.
- Trucking Accidents
- Workplace Injuries