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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-À-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**

- Head of Legal Committee in the Gulf Cooperation Council 2021 – Jan 2023
- Head of Recruitment Committee in the Gulf Cooperation Council 2021 – Jan 2023
- An Arbitrator accredited by the GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre, Bahrain 2021 - Present
- Legal Arbitrator accredited by the Ministry of Justice, Bahrain 2019 - Present
  - Appointment as an individual arbitrator in a commercial dispute no. (5/8833/2022/02)
  - Appointed as a member in the tribunal committee in commercial dispute no. (9/18054/2024/02)
- Representative of LLOC in the Higher Coordinating Committee for Human Rights 2019 - 2021
- Member of Council of Opinion & Legislation in LLOC, Bahrain 2015 - Present
- Member of the Translation Committee at the LLOC 2011 - 2019
- Member of the Specialists Legislation Committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council 2012 - 2021
- Member of the Legal Experts Committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council 2014 – 2021
- Head of Names & Titles Committee 2017 – 2022
- Member of Names & Titles Committee 2015 - 2017

### **SPORTS RELATED LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Memberships, Affiliations & Achievements**

- Arbitrator in Tribunal Arbitral du Sport / Court of Arbitration for Sport CAS 2023 - Present
- Arbitrator in National Sports Arbitration Tribunal (Kuwait) 2023 – 2024
  - Chairman of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20240801001)
  - Sole Arbitrator for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20240820001)
  - Chairman of the Arbitration Panel for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20231123002)
  - Sole Arbitrator for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20230809001)
  - Chairman of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20230302002)
  - Member of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20230626001)
  - Chairman of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20240801001)
  - Chairman of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20250727001)
  - Sole Arbitrator for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20251111001)
  - Chairman of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (20260408002)
- Arbitrator in the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution in Sports BCDR
- Arbitrator(*permanent member*) in the Saudi Sport Arbitration Center SSAC JAN 2026
  - Chairman of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for Sports Dispute No.: (2026/01/01/192)
  - Member of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel for adjudicating Sports Dispute No.: (193/24/02/2026)
- In-house Lawyer for the Bahrain Football Association in front of Judicial Entities as follow:
  - Fédération Internationale de Football Association FIFA:
    - 1- FIFA ref. No. 14-01374/itr
    - 2- FIFA ref. 191361 in front of FIFA Disciplinary Committee
    - 3- FIFA ref. 191361 APC in front of FIFA Appeal Committee
  - Court of Arbitration for Sport CAS:
    - 1- CAS 2017/A/5125
- Member of the Disciplinary Committee in Bahrain Football Association 2014 - 2017
- Member of Marketing Committee of the Gulf Football Federation 2016 - 2022
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Football Federation 2017 - 2025
- Head of Legal Affairs Committee at Bahrain Football Federation 2017 - 2025
- Member of the AFC Legal Committee 2019 - 2027

- Member of the Legal Committee of the Union of Arab Football Associations UAFAAC 2019 - 2023
- Permeant Member of the Board of Trustees of the Sports Dispute Resolution Authority GCC Since 2021

## **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 where we bring in key speakers every three weeks to present a topic in relation to Sports Law
- Appointed as a mediator in resolving disputes and disputes that arise in contracts concluded by the Bahrain Football Association and resolving them before reaching the competent judicial committee

## **WORKSHOPS, FORUMS AND SEMINARS**

### **January 2019**

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

### **December 2018**

Contributed to oversee the election process for the House of Representatives in 2018 by assuming the post of President of the Electoral Headquarters

### **2018**

Head of the Appeals Committee for Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Elections

### **October 2013**

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

### **April 2013**

Appointed by the (LLOC) as representative in the committee to develop and prompt justice and fast track court and simplify litigation procedures

### **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

## **PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

- Author, *"The Role of the Legislation Commission in Legislative Drafting,"* Legal Journal of the Legislative and Legal Opinion Commission, Kingdom of Bahrain, June 2015.
- Author, *"Country Comparative Guides – Legal Landscape, Sports Law, the Kingdom of Bahrain,"* Legal 500, 2026 Edition.
- Author, "Law & Practice", online Forum: Chambers and Partners, 2026 Edition.