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Sports Lawyer | Arbitrator & Mediator

Governance & Compliance | Disciplinary | Employment-related disputes

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2024 – Present

Head of Governance and Compliance & Board Secretary

Saudi Pro League, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

spl.com.sa

Sep. 2019 – Sep. 2023

Chief Legal Officer & Board Secretary

Saudi Pro League, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

spl.com.sa

Mar. 2018 – May 2019

Senior Legal Counsel, Director of Judicial Bodies

Saudi Arabian Football Federation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

thesaff.com.sa

Mar. 2015 – Feb. 2018

Partner Lawyer, Head of Litigation

KBA Law Firm, Tunis, Tunisia

Jul. 2014 – Feb. 2015

Director of Legal Studies

High Independent Authority for the Elections, Tunis, Tunisia

isie.tn

Jan. 2010 – May 2014

Deputy Director of Litigation

International Arab Bank of Tunisia, Tunis, Tunisia

biat.com.tn

May 2008 – Dec. 2009

Managing Lawyer

Badri Law Firm, Tunis, Tunisia

Feb. 2005 – Aug. 2007

Trainee Lawyer

Dhib Law Firm, Tunis, Tunisia

EDUCATION

Sep. 2015 – Nov. 2016

LL.M in European Law, with Honors

College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium

coleurope.eu

Sep. 2002 – Nov. 2004

LL.M in Business Law, with Honors

Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, University of Carthage, Tunisia

fsjpst.rnu.tn

Sep. 1998 – Jun. 2002

Bachelor of Laws, with Honors

Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, University of Carthage, Tunisia

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CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- Executive Program in Commercial Legal, FIFA, Dec. 2025 – Apr. 2026
- Board Secretary Certification, GCC Board Directors Institute, 2023–2024
- FIFA/CIES Executive Certificate in Sports Management, Jan. 2022 – Jun. 2022
- AFC Football Management Certificate, AFC Academic Centre of Excellence, Oct. 2021 – Mar. 2022
- E-course on the Council of Europe Convention on Safety, Security and Service at Sports Events, Council of Europe, May 2020
- E-course on Sport and Human Rights developed by Council of Europe HELP Program, May 2020

SPORTS ARBITRATION, GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Chairperson of the BIU Tribunal of the International Boxing Association, 2023–2025
- Mediator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, since 2022
- Mediator at the FIFA Football Tribunal, since 2022
- Member of the Disciplinary Panel of the International Volleyball Federation, since 2021
- Board Member of the Saudi Clubs Control Body, 2025
- Arbitrator at the National Sport Arbitration Tribunal of Tunisia, since 2013
- Member of the International Legal Panel of Sport Resolutions, 2024–2027
- Member of the Ethics Committee of the International Boxing Association, 2020–2022
- Board Director of the Tunisian Volleyball Federation, 2016–2018
- Vice President of the National Women League of the Tunisian Handball Federation, 2014–2016
- General Secretary of El Menzah Sports, a multi-sport club based in Tunis, 2008–2011
- Author of several published papers in sports law and moderator of numerous seminars and workshops on sports regulation, governance and management across the MENA region.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Chairman of the Regional Electoral Body of Tunis, Feb. – Apr. 2018
- Election Observer at the African Union, since 2011
- Legal Counsel at the High Independent Authority for the Elections of Tunisia, Sep. – Nov. 2011
- Member of the Research Center on International and European Law at the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, 2017–2021
- Academic Assistant at the Faculty of Law of Tunis, Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, and other universities, 2005–2009
- Lecturer in Sport Law and Governance at many forums and institutions, including ISDE (Madrid) and University of Miami.

LANGUAGES

- Arabic: Native
- French: Fluent / C2
- English: Fluent / C2
- Italian: B1