

Chady Antonios Saad Ph.D.

- Dean of the Faculty of Law at Université La Sagesse (since 2023) |
- Member of Beirut Bar (since 2005) and Paris Bar (since 2021) |
- Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS, Lausanne, since 2023) |
- Arbitrator at the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center (SSAC, Riyadh, since 2025) |
- Arbitrator at the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC, Dubai, since 2024) |
- Arbitrator at the Paris International Arbitration Chamber (CAIP, Paris, since 2025) |
- Arbitrator at the Lebanese Arbitration and Mediation Center (Beirut, since 2020) |
- Part-time Lecturer, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (since 2019) |
- Visiting Lecturer, Lebanese American University (LAU), Beirut (since 2025) |

Education

- Ph.D. in Law, Paris-Saclay University, France, (2018) |
- Master of Laws in International Studies, Paris-Sud University (Paris XI), France, (2013) |
- Master's in Political Science, Université La Sagesse, Lebanon, (2011) |
- Bachelor of Law (LL.B.), Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon, (2003) |

Professional Experience

Dean, Faculty of Law - Université La Sagesse – Beirut, Lebanon (since 2023)

- Leading the oldest law faculty in Lebanon, founded in 1875.
- Overseeing curriculum development, accreditation processes, and academic governance.
- Strengthening international partnerships and fostering research in law and dispute resolution.

Attorney at Law

- Founding Partner of Harfouche & Saad Law Firm, Lebanon, specialized in civil law, sports law, arbitration, and mediation.
- Representing clients before national and international courts and arbitral institutions.
- Advising federations, clubs, and athletes on contractual & disciplinary matters (since 2008).

Arbitrator and dispute resolution roles

- Acted as counsel in arbitration proceedings (since 2013).
- Listed with both local and international arbitration institutions (since 2020).
- Acted as director of the Lebanese sport arbitration center (2021 / 2023).
- Acted as President of Appeal Committee in the Lebanese Basketball Federation (2017 / 2018).
- Acted as member of the Appeal Committee in the Lebanese Football Federation (2017 / 2020).

Academic Appointments

- Adjunct Lecturer (Chargé d'enseignement vacataire), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, teaching courses in International Arbitration and Sports Law (since 2019).
- Associate Professor, Université La Sagesse, teaching courses (since 2021) in Civil Procedure, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), International Arbitration, and International Contracts.
- Visiting Lecturer, LL.M. Program, Lebanese American University (LAU), Beirut (2025).
- Member of the Ministerial Accreditation Review Committee for the Doctoral Program in Law, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Lebanon, (2026).

Publications, Public Engagement and Conferences

Articles in Journals: Published on mediation, arbitration, sports law, and legal education in leading journals, including LexisNexis, Sader Legal, la Revue Judiciaire and the House of Law.

- Saad, C. (2026). The laws and their summaries in The Prophet by Khalil Gibran. House of Law, Issue 0009, Jan. 2026.
- Saad, C. (2025). The Law Regulating the Judicial Judiciary: Parliament at a Moment of Truth, Sader Legal, The Judicial Review, November 2025.
- Saad, C. (2025). Innovation and tradition in law schools: Legal education in the era of modern practices. Lexis® Middle East E-Journal, Sept. 1, 2025.

- Saad, C. (2024). The new POP in the BAT: Amicable settlements to avoid arbitration. Lexis® Middle East E-Journal, Nov. 27, 2024.
- Saad, C. (2024). Arbitration and mediation in sports conflicts: When, why, and where each is used. House of Law, Issue 0007, Dec. 2024.
- Saad, C. (2024). Mediation and Lebanese specificities. Sader Legal.
- Saad, C. (2024). Towards an effective development of mediation in Lebanon. Sader Legal.
- Saad, C. (2022). The importance of developing mediation. Revue Judiciaire, Jan. 4, 2022.
- Saad, C. (2021). Rapid and effective dispute resolution before the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (BAT). Revue Judiciaire, Feb. 5, 2021.
- Saad, C. (2021). Recommendations for developing mediation in Arab countries. Revue Judiciaire, Nov. 29, 2021.

Conference Papers: Delivered numerous conference papers addressing topics such as medical malpractice, judicial independence, digital transformation, intellectual property, Education and sports law. He has spoken at major institutions including the Beirut Bar Association, the Lebanese Order of Physicians, Université La Sagesse, ESA Business School, Notre Dame University, and the Tripoli Bar Association, as well as international forums such as the Mairie du 7^e, UNESCO and the Maison du Barreau in Paris, France.

- Saad, C. (2026). Education for All: Rethinking Education in the Age of Digital Technology and Growing Inequality. Intervention delivered at the UNESCO international forum organized with the support of Rotary International, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, March 14, 2026.
- Saad, C. (2025). Sanctions and the Law: Regional and International Perspectives. Panel intervention delivered at the 3rd Edition of the Rule of Law Forum, organized by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Rule of Law Programme MENA in partnership with Youssef SADER Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon, December 12–13, 2025.
- Saad, C. (2025). Dealing with the Past: The Missing and Enforced Disappeared in Lebanon from a Gender Perspective. Opening remarks delivered at the UN Women Lebanon seminar, Beirut, Lebanon, October 25, 2025.
- Saad, C. (2025). Towards proper application of legal rules in medical malpractice cases. Paper presented at the Lebanese Order of Physicians, Beirut, Lebanon, May 24, 2025.
- Saad, C. (2025). Arbitration and mediation in sports disputes. Paper presented at the traineeship lecture series, Beirut Bar Association, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2025). Beirut Arbitration Days. Speaker at the Lebanese and International Arbitration Center conference, Beirut Bar Association, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2025). Judicial independence in Lebanon. Paper presented at the national conference, Université La Sagesse, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2025). Lebanon’s intellectual property law at its centennial. Paper presented at the Beirut Bar Association and Brand Protection Group conference, under the patronage of the President of the Republic, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2025). Towards an effective digital transformation in Lebanon. Paper presented at the national conference, ESA Business School, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2024). The laws and their summaries in The Prophet by Khalil Gibran. Paper presented at the Scientific Conference, Notre Dame University (NDU), Lebanon, May 2024.
- Saad, C. (2024). The legal protection of the physical integrity of athletes. Paper presented at the seminar and book launch of Dr. Issam Sbat, hosted by the Tripoli Bar Association.
- Saad, C. (2024). The new era of public procurement. Université La Sagesse, Beirut, Lebanon
- Saad, C. (2024). Drugs: Between legislation and jurisprudence. Paper presented at the seminar and book launch under the supervision of Judge President Elie El Helou, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2023). Law, technology, and AI in shaping the future of the legal profession. Co-organizer and speaker at LegalTech Day, hosted by SADER and Université La Sagesse, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2022). The role of mediation in anticipating, resolving, and mitigating sports conflicts. Paper presented at the conference hosted at Mairie du 7^e, Paris, France.

- Saad, C. (2022). The role of mediation in anticipating, resolving, and mitigating banking crises. Paper presented at the Arab Organization of Young Lawyers Conference, Tripoli Bar.
- Saad, C. (2022). Mediation in Lebanese maritime border disputes. Guest appearance on BelMubashar TV program, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2022). The Sports Arbitration Center in Lebanon. Media interventions on MTV.
- Saad, C. (2020). The fate of basketball player contracts amid COVID-19. Interview with An-Nahar, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2020). The importance of mediation after the epidemic. Interview with SaderLex.
- Saad, C. (2019). Role of the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Paper presented at the Sports Law Seminar organized by the Brand Protection Group, Beirut Bar Association, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Saad, C. (2019). Mediation in All Its Forms. Paper presented at the seminar marking the 20th anniversary of the European Mediators Association, Maison du Barreau, Paris, France.

Newspaper & Media Articles: Contributed numerous opinion pieces and analyses to leading Lebanese newspapers and media outlets, including An-Nahar and MTV website.

- Saad, C. (2021). The distorted federalism, victim of manipulation. MTV Website.
- Saad, C. (2021). FIFA establishes a Football Court and enshrines mediation as a path to conflict resolution. An-Nahar.
- Saad, C. (2020). The deadly bet on time. An-Nahar, Dec. 8, 2020.
- Saad, C. (2020). 1977... When the Maronites were thinking. An-Nahar, Oct. 21, 2020.
- Saad, C. (2020). Will decentralization save Lebanon from partition? An-Nahar, Sept. 30, 2020
- Saad, C. (2020). Does mediation create a new system for Lebanon? An-Nahar, Sept. 1, 2020.

Projects

- FIBAA Accreditation Project (2023–2025): Principal coordinator for the international accreditation of the Law Faculty programs at Université La Sagesse (Bachelor and Master of Law), to secure such recognition.
- Revamping of the Master 2 Programs (Sept. 2024) Led the comprehensive restructuring of Master curricula at Université La Sagesse to align with Decree 488/2023 and international accreditation standards, introducing new specializations in Private Law, Digital Law, Business Law, Oil and Gaz and Arbitration.
- LegalTech Day – SADER 1863 & Université La Sagesse (2023) Co-organizer of a national conference on the role of law, technology, and AI in shaping the future of the legal profession, hosted in Beirut.
- Mediation and Sports Arbitration Development Project (2021–2023) Director of the Sports Arbitration Center in Lebanon (SAC), leading the design of arbitration rules and promoting mediation in sports disputes in collaboration with local federations.
- MOOC on Enforced Disappearances – UN Women & SEEDS (2025, ongoing) Contributor to the design and launch of an online educational program on enforced disappearances and human rights law in Lebanon.

Community Services

- Actively engaged in promoting mediation, legal awareness, and youth empowerment.
- Organizes and participates in public lectures, legal workshops, and national conferences aimed at strengthening the rule of law and public trust in justice.
- Has launched several initiatives connecting students with society and encouraging civic engagement through legal education.
- Advises municipalities, professional associations, and sports federations on governance, ethics, and conflict prevention, while contributing to projects fostering dialogue, coexistence, and social responsibility among youth.
- Wood Badge recipient, Actively involved in the Scout Movement during youth, with a focus on leadership, teamwork, and community engagement