

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Data

Born in Dahrn, Saudi Arabia

Nationality: United States of America

Languages: English, Arabic, German, Spanish

Areas of Expertise: Commercial Law, RE & Construction,

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Education

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| 2000 | Juris Doctor, Law
University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia
<i>University of Richmond Law Review</i> , Associate Editor |
| 1997 | Master of Arts , Middle Eastern & North African Studies
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan |
| 1994 | Bachelor of Arts , Political Science & Spanish <i>summa cum laude</i>
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky |

Bar Admissions

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| 2007 | Cologne, Germany, Attorney at Law (USA) |
| 2002 | Virginia |
| 2001 | New York |

Work Experience

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| 2011-current | Legal Consultant, Head of Department , Dubai, UAE
Fichte & Co Legal Consultancy

Advise on all aspects of corporate and commercial law, corporate governance, restructuring and disputes resolution.
Areas of Practice: Corporate and Disputes Resolution |
| 2010-2011 | Acting Deputy Registrar & Small Claims Tribunal Registrar and Manager, Judicial Support & Communications , Dubai, UAE
Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (DIFC Courts)

Acting Deputy Registrar for The Special Tribunal Related to Dubai World (Nov. 2010-December 2011) , Dubai, UAE
Provide legal advice on commercial litigation, court rules, UAE and DIFC legislation; undertake quasi-judicial duties including case management, deciding and issuing procedural orders, and costs certificates; research, draft and execute policy papers and engage in government relations (in Arabic) with the Ministry of Justice, Dubai Courts, Ruler's Court Dept. of Legal Affairs and other authorities; advise and draft internal and external strategic communications |

2007-2010	Legal Consultant , Bonn/Cologne, Germany Deutsche Post AG, Corporate-IT Legal Dept., CBH Law Office, Aachener Grundvermögen (Real Estate Investment Fund) Areas of Practice: Corporate and Real Estate
2004-2010	Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law , University of Cologne, Germany Drafting Contracts, U.S. Law & Civil Procedure, U.S. Employment Law
2003 - 2004	German Chancellor Fellowship - Alexander von Humboldt Foundation , Institute for International and Foreign Private Law, University of Cologne, Germany Conflicts of Law, International Law, Islamic Law, Comparative Law,
2000 - 2003	Attorney, Fadoul & Associates , Tysons Corner, VA/ DC Metro Area Areas of Practice: Corporate Law

Professional Memberships/Affiliations

Adjunct Professor, Canadian University of Dubai; Vis Moot (East) Competition Judge; SME Advisor ME, Editorial Board Member; DIFC Courts Rules Sub-Committee; International Bar Association; American Bar Association; German-Emirati Joint Council for Industry & Commerce (AHK); American Business Council

Languages

English, Arabic, German, Spanish

Training Certificates

International Commercial Arbitration Certificates (GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre) 18-21 Dec 2011, 8-11 Jan 2012, 12-15 Feb 2012, 25-28 March 2012 and 13-16 May 2012

International Commercial Arbitration Certificate (University of Cologne Academy on International Commercial Arbitration- CENTRAL) 4-8 September 2011

Advanced Strategic Communications Certificate (Pinnacle) 5-9 June 2011

Mediation Training Certificate (Singapore Mediation Centre) 10-13 January 2011

Advanced Presentation Certificate (8atack) 24-25 November 2010

Media Training Certificate (Asda'a) March 2010

Awards and Honors

2010	DIFC Courts Chief Justice's Award
2000	Virginia Matrimonial Lawyers Association Writing Competition, First Prize
2000	American Judges Association Writing Competition, Second Prize
1996-1997	Arabic Speaking Academic Immersion Program Fellowship [Semester Abroad at University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan]
1996	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship [Middlebury College School of Arabic Intensive Language Program]
1995-1996	Horace K. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Block Grant
1994	Vandenbosh Outstanding Political Science Senior Award, Runner-Up

1994	Departmental Honors in Spanish and Political Science
1993-1994	College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Scholarship
1993	Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

Maritime Law in the DIFC Courts: Navigating Choices for Disputes Resolution in the Emirate of Dubai, IBA Maritime and Transport Law News, Vol 8:1 May 2012, pp.23-24

Examining the Extended Jurisdiction of the DIFC Courts: A View from the Bar, IBA Arab Regional Forum News, April 2011 (*forthcoming*).

Dubai International Financial Centre Courts introduce further Amendments to the Small Claim's Tribunal's Jurisdiction, IBA Arab Regional Forum News, October 2011, pp. 13-14.

DIFC Courts Issue 2011 Amended Procedural Rules: New Part 54 added on Insolvency Proceedings, IBA International Litigation News, September 2011, pp. 46-48.

DIFC Courts-ratified Arbitral Award Approved for Execution by Dubai Courts: First DIFC-LCIA Award pursuant to Dubai Courts-DIFC Courts Protocol of Enforcement, IPRax 2011, Vol. 5 September/October 2011, pp.520-521.

UAE: Can the Dubai World Tribunal hear disputes referred to arbitration?, Global Arbitration Review, Vol. 6, Issue 4, 2011, pp. 45-46.

Dubai Courts Approve Execution of DIFC Courts-Ratified Award, Global Arbitration Review, 26 April 2011, at «<http://www.globalarbitrationreview.com/>».

Religious Marriage Contracts: Judicial Enforcement of *Mahr* Agreements in American Courts, Journal of Law and Religion, Volume XV, 2000-2001, pp. 67-82.

Presentations/Conference Participation

Colloquium on Law & Public Policy in the UAE Roundtable, Dubai, UAE, 15 May 2012

Moderator, "Women in the Law & Judiciary," DIFC Courts Lecture Series with Thomson Reuters, Dubai, UAE 23 November 2011

"Pro Bono in a Well-Managed Law Firm," IBA Annual Conference, Dubai, UAE, 30 October-4 November 2011

"Dispute Resolution in the Middle East," The Legal And Regulatory Framework of Doing Business in the Middle East, Dubai, UAE 2-3 October 2011

"Organizational Capabilities and Strategies in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises", Qatar 2nd Annual Business Women Forum, Doha, Qatar, 17-18 May 2011

LCIA Symposium on International Commercial Arbitration sponsored by the LCIA Arab User's Council, Beirut, Lebanon, 14-15 April 2011

"Distinguishing Yourself as a Leader," Celebrating 100 Years of Women Leadership: A Look Forward to the Future, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 8 March 2011

Moderator, "Perspectives on UAE Insolvency Law Reform", DIFC Courts Lecture Series: Insolvency in the UAE and Across the World, Dubai, UAE, 28 Feb. 2011

"DIFC Courts & Its Jurisdiction," Private Client Wealth Forum Middle East, Dubai, UAE, 2-3 November 2010

"Overview of the DIFC Courts," DIFC Courts Lecture Series with the Dubai Judicial Institute, Dubai, UAE, 26-27 September 2010

Corporate Counsel Legal Forum, Dubai, UAE, 11 May 2010

Barnard College Global Symposium: Women in the Arab World, Dubai, UAE, 15 March 2010

"Islam in American Society," Center for USA Studies Wittenberg Summer School:
Religion in American Politics and Culture, Wittenberg, Germany, July 31-4 Aug. 2006

"Globalization and Integration," German-American Institute Podium Discussion
Saarbrücken, Germany, 6 April 2006

"Arab Americans and the U.S. Legal System," Third U.S. Embassy Teacher Academy:
Arab-American Literature and Culture, Bad Kreuznach, Germany, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2005

"Case Law and the Jury System in the USA," Seminar on English and American Law
(SEAL), European Law Student Association, University of Cologne,
Germany, Sept. 22-25, 2005

"Islamic Family Law in Western Legal Systems: A Survey of German and American
Approaches," 29th German Congress of Oriental Studies: Barriers-Passages (29.
Deutscher Orientalistentag: Barrieren-Passagen), Halle, Germany, Sept. 20-24, 2004

Rapporteur, "Societal Structures Working Group," Arab-Western Summit of Skills, Berlin,
Germany, Jan. 17-18, 2004

"What's in a Label?: Dietary Supplement/Medicinal Product Regulation in the United States
and the European Union," Suffolk University Law School Fifth Annual Student Convocation,
Boston, MA, March 3-4, 2000

"Resolving Disputes Touching on Religious Concerns: Interpreting Islamic Marriage
Contracts in U.S. Courts," Suffolk University Law School Fourth Annual Convocation,
Boston, MA, Feb. 26-28, 1999

"The Jordanian Law of Personal Status: Perspectives on Reform," Middle Eastern Studies
Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 21-24, 1997

"Women's Legal Status in Jordan: Current Laws and Proposed Reforms," JUSUR
Graduate Student Conference, University of California Los Angeles, CA, May 2-3, 1997

Media Interviews

Interview with Mike Byrne, Editor, "Levelling the Playing Field," SME Advisor ME, March
2012 pp. 40-43

Interview with Anjana Kumar, "Speedy Resolution of Civil and Commercial Disputes at DIFC
Courts," Gulf News XPRESS ME, 29 February 2012

Interview with Will Rankin, "The Glass Ceiling Shattered: Ghada Audi on Women in the
Law," The Oath ME Law Journal for Corporates, December 2011, pp. 18-21

Interview with Dubai Eye 103.8, "Women in the Law & Judiciary, aired 23 November

Interview with Asa Fitch, The National, "DIFC Courts fund established to aid needy
litigants," 13 September 2011, pp. 4

Interview with Mark Summers, 7 Days, "Fund aims to level legal playing field," 13
September 2011, pp.11

Arabian Radio Network, interview with Pippa Rifka on 1 May 2011 regarding public
consultation on amendments to The Rules of the DIFC Courts

The Business Breakfast Show-Dubai Eye 103.8, "DIFC Courts," aired 21 Feb. 2011
«<http://dubaieye1038.com/13791/difc-courts/>»

ArabianBusiness.Com, "Behind the Scenes at the DIFC Courts," aired 10 Feb. 2011,
«<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/videos/behind-scenes-at-difc-courts-379863.html>»

Interview with Tamara Pitelen, Editor, Finance ME Magazine, "Doing Justice for Small
Businesses, Issue 5, March/April 2011, pp. 20-21