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**Education and Qualifications**

**City University London, The City Law School**

**Sep 2010 - Dec 2011** LLM in International Commercial Law with Specialisation in Competition Law

Dissertation: *“Leniency on Cartels Under the US and the EU systems, a comparative study: For a Want of an Optimal Offer”*

**Modules**: *International Cartels*, *Mergers Regulation* (Distinction), *International Banking Law and International Corporate Finance Law.*

**Sep 2004 - Jun 2008 King Abdulaziz University, Faculty of Econ. & Admin, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

Bachelor of Science in Law with grade (Good) 3.64/5.00

*Awarded the King Abdullah Scholarship for postgraduate studies abroad.*

**Work Experience**

**Oct 2014 – Present Dentons & Co. in association with The Law Firm of Wael Alissa. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia** – Full-time Associate (Lawyer)

* Advise various Fortune 500 and other international companies on their Saudi operation including incorporate, Joint Ventures formation and various on-going legal and practice issues

**Apr 2014 – Oct 2014 Gazzaz & Abdul Fattah Law Firm, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia –** Full-time Trainee Lawyer.

* Responsible for advising firm's international clients based in the U.K., Turkey, UAE, and Kuwait, on Saudi law related matters including liquidation proceedings, franchise registrations, and Joint Venture formations.
* Extensive exposure to Labour law and all its proceedings, including drafting legal statements and representing clients before Labour Commissions.
* Providing legal consultancy services in Commercial, Contractual, Labour and Anti-trust matters, as well as assisting in drafting commercial and employment contracts.
* Providing legal translations (Arabic to English and vice-versa).

**Sep 2013 - Mar 2014 Dar Nooh Law Firm, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia –** Full-time Trainee Lawyer.

* Started with the firm while I was based in London (Sep – Nov).
* Provided legal consultancy services to the firm's clients - who were based or visiting London - in several areas such as Immigration Law, Family Law, and Property Law.
* Point of contact between the firm and the solicitors in the U.K. and Germany.
* Revising and translating memorandums of understanding, contracts, legal statements, and other legal documents.
* Preparing & drafting initiatory proceedings, legal statements and dealing with many litigation matters in areas such as Criminal law, Family law and Wills & Probate.
* Dealing with procedures in courts as well as Cadastre & Notary Bureaus.
* Attending business or settlement meetings with or for clients.

**Jan - Nov 2008 Al-Mithaq Law Firm, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

* Full-time trainee lawyer in the firm upon graduating from Law School.
* Duties consisted of assisting in civil, public and penal cases.
* Preparation of actions and other legal documents such as researching for/and drafting initiatory proceedings, statements of claims and objections.
* Case-law research, bundles preparation and office organisation.
* Meeting and interacting with clients, such as settlement meetings, and serving notices.

**Jun - Dec 2007 Ruby International Co. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia - Part-time Direct Sales Agent**

* Gained experience in direct sales industry, which is essentially reaching out to potential buyers and arranging visits in order to introduce them to the firm's notable range of services and houseware products and to the possibility of starting a business relationship.
* Obtained invaluable transferrable skills including attracting clients, effective negotiation and persuasion, and assessing and reading people. The very nature of this job pushed me to develop the ability to think instantly and adopt different approaches to adapt to sudden mutable circumstances.

**May - Nov 2006****Food River Co. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia - Cashier and Accountant (Part-time)**

* Alternatively assumed positions of cashier at a local branch and junior accountant at the head office.
* The stark contrast between the responsibilities of the two positions entailed allowed me to gain important interpersonal and professional skills, consisting in practice of learning how to be a subordinate employee among co-workers as well as managing the books and other documents in the office, and having a positive attitude and how to interact with public at the restaurant.

**Positions of Responsibility**

**2010 – 2011 City Law School LLM Int. Commercial Law Committee – Vice President –** The Committee’s responsibilities were**:**

* Representing colleagues, hearing their issues and concerns and formally bringing it to the attention of the school and the Course Director
* Welcoming new students to brief them about each course to help make an informed choice as well as answering general queries about the program.
* Conducting a study and survey to assess the outcome of the program and present some suggestions to help improve the course in the future.
* Organising leisure activities such as trips and events.

**2002 - 2003****Ibn Khaldoun High Broadcasting and Media office – Presenter and Co-Producer –** Supervised the audio and written material broadcasted in or from the school, organised and produced the school’s events as well as being the event's presenter, developing the necessary skills and confidence as a public speaker.

**2000 - 2001 King Fahad Intermediate Football Team – Captain** ­– Organised tournaments, led the team on the field and in team meetings. Also responsible for team selection.

**Interests and Achievements**

**2003 - 2008** **Annual Volunteer for the Ministry Of Hajj (Pilgrimage)**. Responsible for a group of pilgrims, acting as their general representative. This included arranging their accommodation, negotiating with catering companies and transportation providers, as well as dealing with emergency situations such as immigration, illness, decease and funerals with the relevant authorities.

**2008 Granted a financial prize for academic excellence in the final year of University.**

**Skills and Other Interests**

**Languages** Native ***Arabic*** speaker, fluent in ***English***,

**Finance** Subscriber and active reader of “The Financial Times” And “The Economist”

**Sport**Avid scuba diver and hiker, and occasional Skydiver and Bungee-jumper.

**Art & literature**Enthusiast photographer, especially “Street Photography”, as well as landscape and portraitures.

Very fond of Russian and American classic literature.

**IT** Computer and Internet literate. Familiar with Microsoft Office suite of applications, Holder of the Advanced Lexis Library Online Research Certificate – As well as an Advanced Certificate in Westlaw, and experienced with other legal databases.

**References**

Available upon request