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Professional Experience

June 2007—Present **U. Pitt. School Of Law** **Pittsburgh**

Assistant Professor of Law

Subjects: Contracts, Secured Transactions, Islamic Law

Areas of Research: Transnational Commercial Law, Middle Eastern Commercial Law, Islamic Law and Finance

July 2005—June 2007 **Columbia Law School** **New York City**

Associate in Law

Subject: Introduction to American Law (for LLM students)

Dec. 2003—July 2005 **DePaul University** **Baghdad, Iraq**

Project Manager

Manager of a USAID funded project to reform legal education in Iraq. Worked closely with Iraqi university professors, deans and students as well as prominent members of the practicing Iraqi bar and judiciary on issues related to the implementation of program. Lectured extensively on American legal concepts and American legal education. Coached first two Iraqi teams to participate in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition in Washington.

Dec. 2003-June 2004 **Iraq Governing Council** **Baghdad, Iraq**

Legal Advisor, Finance Committee

Engaged in legal review of all commercial and financial legislation presented to the Iraqi Governing Council for its approval, including current laws on money laundering, copyright, securities and bankruptcy.

Dec. 1997-May 2003 **Debevoise & Plimpton** **Hong Kong, East Java**

Associate

and New York

Sept. 1996—Sept. 1997 **Southern District of New York** **New York**

Law Clerk to Hon. Constance Baker Motley

Publications

- *You Say You Want a Revolution: Deviationist Doctrine, Interpretive Communities and the Origins of Islamic Finance*, 48 VA. J. INT. L. ____ (2007) (forthcoming)
- *Muhammad's Social Justice or Muslim Cant?: Langdellianism and the Failures of Islamic Finance*, 40 CORNELL INT. L. REV. 89 (2007)
- *Money Laundering Amidst Mortars: Legislative Process and State Authority in Post-Invasion Iraq*, 16 TRANS. L. & CONTEMP. PROB. 523 (2007).
- *Jurisprudential Schizophrenia: Form and Function in Islamic Finance*, 7 CHI. J. INT. L. 605 (2006)
- *Toward the Establishment of a Rule of Law Society: Introducing Clinical Legal Education into Iraqi Law Schools*, 23 BERKELEY J. INT. L. 113 (2005)

Other Relevant Experience

Fall 2004-Current

New York

Legal Consultant to Office of Adil Abdul-Mahdi, current Vice President and former Finance Minister of Iraq, on various matters of international law and finance.

Spring 2003-Summer 2003

U.S., Hong Kong

- Assisting various prominent former Iraqi opposition figures and organizations in legal research relating to developing an Iraqi constitution, reforming the Iraqi legal system and privatization.

Education

1993-1996 Columbia Law School New York

Juris Doctor

- Stone Scholar (top 15% of class) for all three years.
- Managing Editor, *Journal of Transnational Law*.
- Teaching Assistant to Former Dean of Law School, David Leebron.
- Research Assistant to Professor Harold Edgar on legal and ethical consequences of various biomedical advances.

1989-1993 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA

Bachelor of Science, Physics w. Electrical Engineering Minor

Bachelor of Science, Humanities (Islamic/Near Eastern Studies)

- Member of Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics Honor Society.
- Selected as Burchard Scholar for Excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences for bachelor's thesis relating to the structural development of Iraqi political parties in the pre-Ba'ath era.
- Prominent member of pro-democracy Iraqi opposition group comprised of Iraqi expatriates in Boston, MA. Contributed articles to the organization's newsletter and to the student newspaper relating to Iraq.

Other

- Fluent in Arabic, proficient in German, Bahasa Indonesia.
- Admitted to practice in New York State and the Southern District of New York.
- Interests include traveling, tennis, golf, scuba diving and film.