**Muhammad Masum Billah**

Assistant Professor, Department of Private Law

College of Law, Sultan Qaboos University

**2. Education and Employment Information**

***Education***

2009 : Doctorate of Law (LL.D), University of Ottawa, Canada

Title of Dissertation: “Effects of Insurance’s Absence or Presence on Maritime Liability Law with Special Reference to Cargo Liability and Oil Pollution Liability Regimes: An Economic Analysis.”

Supervisor:Professor André Braën

2003 : Masters of Law (LL.M), University of Alberta, Canada

Title of Dissertation: “An Appraisal of International Oil Pollution Liability Regime.”

Supervisor: Professor David Percy

2001 : Bachelors of Law (LL.B), International Islamic University, Malaysia

***Employment***

January 2011 to date *Assistant Professor*, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

March 2010 – January 2011 *Full-time Lecturer* Keimyung University, South Korea

January 2004 – April 2006 Research Assistant, University of Ottawa, Canada

September 2001 – August 2003 Research Assistant, University of Alberta, Canada

**3. Research**

***Journal Articles***

1. Muhammad Masum Billah, “Creating a Rebuttable Presumption of Profiling in Cases of Alleged Profiling of Muslims and Other Minorities in Canada,” (2016) 36.3 *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* 334-349. (Web of Science/Scopus indexed).
2. Muhammad Masum Billah, “Admiralty Jurisdiction of Canadian Federal Courts: A Circuitous Approach,” (2016) 47.2 *Journal of Maritime Law & Commerce* 249-274. (Web of Science/Scopus indexed).
3. Muhammad Masum Billah, “Extensive Use of Ḥilah in Islamic Banking and Finance,” (2015) 59.1 *Islamic Quarterly* 65-88. (Scopus indexed).
4. Muhammad Masum Billah, “The Prohibition of *Riba* and the Use of *Ḥiyal* by Islamic Banks to Overcome the Prohibition,” (2014) 29.4 *Arab Law Quarterly* 398-408. (Scopus indexed)
5. Muhammad Masum Billah, “The Role of Insurance in Providing Adequate Compensation and in Reducing Pollution Incidents: the Case of the International Oil Pollution Liability Regime”, (2011) 29 *Pace Environmental Law Review* 42-78.
6. Muhammad Masum Billah, “Incentive Effect of Liability Rules in the Presence of Liability Insurance in the Maritime Law Context: An Economic Analysis”, (2008) 31 *Dalhousie Law Journal* 427-461.
7. Muhammad Masum Billah, “Economic Analysis of Limitation of Shipowners’ Liability”, (2007) 19 *University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal*, 297-319.

***Book***

1. Muhammad Masum Billah, *Effects of Insurance on Maritime Liability Law: A Legal and Economic Analysis*, (Springer International Publishing, Switzerland: 2014) (210 pages): ISBN 978-3-319-03487-4; ISBN 978-3-319-03488-1 (eBook).

***Conference & Invited Talks***

1. “Agency under Civil Code of Oman and Islamic Law: A Comparative Study,” presented in 3rd Annual Conference of College of Law, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, under the theme of ‘Civil Code of Oman: the Reality and Expectation’ on April 11-12, 2016.
2. “Islamic Banking and Finance” presented at Waljat College of Applied Sciences, Muscat, Oman, on March 28, 2016 (invited talk).
3. “Cybercrimes and the law to suppress such crimes in Oman: Success and Challenges,” presented in Telecom Laws & Regulations Forum organized by Telecommunication Regulatory Authority, Oman, in Muscat, Oman, February 9 – 11, 2016.
4. “Sukuk versus Conventional Bonds: Are They Two Sides of the Same Coin?” presented in the 12th ASLI (Asian Law Institutes) Annual Conference in National Taiwan University, Taiwan, May 21-22, 2015.
5. “Use of *Ḥiyal* (legal stratagem) by Islamic Banks to Overcome the Prohibition of *Riba*,” presented in 11th ASLI (Asian Law Institutes) Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 29-30, 2014.
6. “Incentive Effect of Liability Rules in the Presence of Liability Insurance in Maritime Law Context: An Economic Analysis,” presented in the annual conference of The Toronto Group for the Study of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law, at the University of Toronto, Canada, on January 11-13, 2008.
7. “Maritime Cargo Liability Regimes in the Light of Insurance Realities: An Economic Analysis,” presented at McGill Graduate Legal Studies Conference, March 6-8, 2008.
8. “Success of Oil Pollution Liability Regime and the Role of Insurance” presented at the 13th Annual UBC Interdisciplinary Law Students Conference, “Law without Borders,” May 1-2, 2008.
9. “Economic Analysis of Limitation of Shipowners’ of Liability,” presented at Osgoode GLSA Annual Conference, “QUO VADIS Constitution? The Boundaries of Modern Law,” May 9-10, 2008.

***Conference and Workshop Participation***

1. Workshop on “Graduate Attributes”, organized by College of Law, Sultan Qaboos University, on May 19, 2016.
2. Workshop on “Teaching and Learning”, organized by Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and conducted by Dr. Linda B. Nilson, author of *Teaching at Its Best: A Research-Based Resource for College Instructors* (Wiley, 2010), on March 2-3, 2016.
3. Workshop on “Outcome-Based Assessments”, conducted by Dr. Yuhan Rong, University of Connecticut, USA, on November 12, 2015.
4. Workshop for Faculty Fellows, conducted by Prof. Daniel Bernstein, author of *Making Teaching and Learning Visible: Course Portfolios and the Peer Review of Teaching*, (Wiley 2007) on April 12 – 15, 2015.
5. 2014 CHEA (Council for Higher Education Accreditation) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., USA, January 27-30, 2014.
6. Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), organized jointly by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Oman, held in Oman, May 23-24, 2012.
7. Workshop on Graduate Student Supervision, organized by the Faculty of Post-graduate Studies and Research, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, March 17-18, 2011.

***Research interests***

Maritime Law, Insurance Law, Economic Analysis of Law, Islamic Banking and Finance, and Business Law.

***Scholarships and Funding***

1. Alberta Law Foundation Scholarship, University of Alberta (2001-2002).
2. Faculty of Law Graduate Scholarship, University of Alberta (2001-2002).
3. Full funding from International Islamic University Malaysia to complete LL.B program (1997-2001).

**University Teaching and Learning**

***Courses Taught at SQU***

1. Banking and Financial Institutions Law (COLW3339; Spring 2011)
2. Business Law (ACCT4181; Spring 2013; PRLW4181: Spring 2015, Fall 2015)
3. Capital Market Law (COLW4435; Fall 2011, Fall 2013; PRLW 3114; Fall 2014)
4. Companies Law (PRLW 3006: Fall 2015)
5. Commercial Papers (COLW3333; Fall 2012)
6. E-commerce Law (COLW4432; Summer 2011, Fall 2012, 2013, Spring 2014)
7. Intellectual Property Law (COLW 4433; Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2013; PRLW 3105, Fall 2014)
8. Maritime Law (COLW3332; Fall 2012, 2013, Summer 2014; PRLW 4005; Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015)

***Courses Taught in South Korea***

1. International Law (course code: 27964; Spring 2010)
2. International Business Law (course code: 27952; Spring 2010)
3. Legal Issues in International Relations (course code: 27970; Fall 2010)
4. Taxation (course code: 28008; Fall 2010)

**5. University and Community Service**

***Administrative and Community Services at SQU***

1. Chair: Quality Assurance Committee, College of Law (Jan. 2013 – Feb. 2014)
2. Faculty Fellow, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), Sultan Qaboos University (March 2015 to date)
3. Member: Quality Assurance Committee, College of Law (Feb. 2014 to date)
4. Member: Risk Management Committee, College of Law (January 2016 to date)
5. Member: Textbook Committee, Private Law Dept., College of Law (2011 to date).
6. Member: Grade Revision Committee, Private Law Dept., College of Law (Sept. 2015 to date).
7. Member, Self-Study Group, Quality Assurance Committee, September 2015 to date.
8. Consultant (part time): Legal Affairs Department, Sultan Qaboos University (December 2013 – September 2014).

***Extracurricular Activities and Community Services outside SQU***

1. Presented a paper on “Islamic Banking and Finance” at Waljat College of Applied Sciences, Muscat, Oman, on March 28, 2016.
2. Teaching ‘Business Law’ at German University of Technology, Oman, in Spring 2016.
3. Volunteer in the International Student Centre, University of Alberta, 2002.
4. Representing Malaysia in the 12th Commonwealth Law Moot competition in 1999 both at regional and international levels, held in Malaysia.
5. Best Speaker in Tan Sri Prof. Syed Agil Barakbah Internal Moots Competition in 1998, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).
6. 5th Best Speaker in the IIUM's internal Ice Breaking Debate Competition.
7. Director of cultural night in a motivational program for Malaysian aboriginal people (known as ‘Orang Asli’) in 1997.
8. Moderator of weekly student discussion group (1998-2001), International Islamic University, Malaysia.