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Nationality: British Citizen

Languages: Native Arabic, Fluent English

Personal Profile

While having a strong academic background in **comparative civil law**, I have gained a significant academic knowledge in comparative contract law (English and Islamic) especially in Islamic financial contracts. Currently I am focusing on **my academic teaching and research** into more issues related to this area. Therefore, I am able to offer an in-depth knowledge and advice on all aspects of civil law (contracts, sources and rules of obligations, insurance) as well as **outstanding knowledge in international commercial and arbitration law**.

Career History

10/2011 – Currently Islamic College, London, UK

Senior Lecturer and Program Leader

- Teaching comparative civil Law and Comparative Financial contracts related subjects.
- Key person for liaison with the internal and external stakeholders
- Supervising students' dissertations

06/2010 – 06/2011 An-Najah University/School of Law, Nablus, Palestine

Lecturer

- Teaching Comparative Civil Law (sources and rules of obligations), Business/Commercial Law, Comparative Contract Law, Islamic Financial Contracts.

02/2004 – 07/2006 Khanfar Legal Firm (Private legal practice), Nablus, Palestine

01/2003 – 01/2004 Sharaka Legal Firm (Private legal practice), Nablus, Palestine

Legal and Contract Adviser

- Reporting to the Practice Partner
- Responsible for managing contracts (commercial, financial, and insurance)
- Dealing with banks, managing relations between banks and clients, solving problems related to the contracts

06/2002 – 12/2002 Atlas Company (Real estate development and surveying), Nablus, Palestine

Director of the Legal Department

- Reporting to the MD
- Responsible for preparation and execution of contracts (negotiations, conditions, formulation, implementation and supervision)
- Responsible for a portfolio of clients
- Assisting the MD with other legal issues

Education, Qualifications and Training

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| <u>09/2010</u> | Qualified Arbitrator of Financial Contracts |
| <u>09/2006 – 03/2010</u> | PhD in Comparative Contract Law at Abertay University of Dundee, Scotland |
| <u>09/2003 – 09/2005</u> Palestine | Master Degree in Political Planning and Development at An-Najah National University, |
| <u>09/1995 – 01/2002</u> | BA in Law at An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine |

Publications

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1-The Liability of the International Arbitration Institutions on the Arbitrator's Errors: An Examination of the Influence of legal traditions of Civil and Common Law. Kuwait International Law School Journal. Special Supplement No. (2) Part 2- 2019

2-An Examination on the Civil Liability of the Israeli Occupation on Damaging the Palestinian Environment under International Law (April 2018), accepted for publication, Birziet University, Palestine.

2 - The Role of Distance Education in Bridging the Gap in the Islamic Finance Qualifications Market, Middlesex University, 2017, special issue.

3 - Error and Misrepresentation under the Draft Palestinian Civil Law: A Comparative Critique. (2017), Electronic Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law (EJIMEL), University of Zurich (UZH).

4 - A Critical Analysis of the Concept of Gharar in Islamic Financial Contracts: Different Perspective, Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development - Articles - Volume 37 (2016) Number 1

5 - A Critical Assessment of the Islamic Banks' Governance under English Law: legal pioneering or pragmatic adaptation? Kuwait International Law School Journal. ISSN 2410-2237. Special Supplement No. (1)- Part I-May 2016. PP 171-196.

6 - Britain Moving Ahead on Islamic Finance (Islam Today, London 2013)

7 - The legal structure of Sukuk and their role in redistributing wealth (Islam Today, London 2013)

8 - The legal structure of Islamic Insurance (Takaful) (Islam Today, London 2013)

9 - The Islamic Contract: A Simplification of the Financial and Legal Context (Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2009)

10 - The Applicability of the Islamic Mortgage Contract under English Law (Web Journal of the Current Legal Issues 2009)

Conferences:

1-Nehad Khanfar, Takaful in Palestine, Success story despite serious difficulties. The International Takaful Summit conference, London, February 2016.

2-Nehad Khanfar, A Critical Assessment of the Islamic Banks' Governance under English Law: legal pioneering or pragmatic adaptation? The third academic annual conference, Kuwait international law school, Kuwait. 10th May 2016.

3-Nehad Khanfar and Ahmad Bawab, A Critical Review of the Islamic Mortgages offered in the Banks in England, BRAIS Conference, 13-15 April, 2015.

4-Nehad Khanfar, The Takaful industry in Palestine: Hopes, Reality and Prospective Expectations!! The International Takaful Summit conference, London: 17-18th February 2015

7-Nehad Khanfar and Ahmad Bawab, An Overview of the model of Islamic bonds (Sukuk) issued in the U.K. BRAIS, Edinburgh on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th April 2014.

8-Nehad Khanfar, Takaful Provision in Palestine, International Takaful Summit, 10-12 July 2012 – London.

IT Skills

Word: Professional report writing (familiar with Harvard standards)

Excel: Basic skills

PowerPoint: Advanced skills

Languages

Arabic: mother tongue

English: written and spoken, both fluent

Classical Arabic: written and spoken, both fluent

Interests and Leisure activities

DIY projects at home and garden, cooking (specializing in Arabic cuisine), travelling