

Personal Information

Name	Dr. Qais Ali Mahafzah
Place and date of birth	Amman - Jordan, 24/09/1973
Faculty	Faculty of Law - The University of Jordan
Department	Private Law Department

Qualifications

Qualification	Specialization	University of donor rank	Date
Ph.D.	Commercial Law	The University of Durham, England - United Kingdom	2002
LL.M	Commercial Law	The University of Jordan, Amman - Jordan	1997
LL.B	Law	The University of Jordan, Amman - Jordan	1994

Specialization and Domain of Interest

Specialization	Commercial Law
Domain of Interest	Commercial Law, Transportation Law, Maritime Commercial Law, Aviation Law, Carriage of Goods by land, Sale & Supply of Goods, Commercial Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Companies & Bankruptcy Law, Commercial Papers & Banking Transactions, E-Commerce Law, Industrial Designs & Models Law, Industrial Property Law (Patents), Trade Secrets Law, Trademarks Law, Employment Law, Social Security Law, and Legal Aspects of International Commercial Transactions

Ph.D. Thesis**Title and abstract of the doctoral thesis (within 150 words)****Ph.D. Thesis: "Uniform Interpretation of International Maritime Conventions: A Case Study of Containerization" (2002) (in English)**

This thesis explains that the development of the law of the carriage of goods by sea has led to the appearance of the Hague, Hague-Visby and Hamburg Rules. The existence of these different conventions plainly contributes to the breakdown of uniformity. The thesis, nevertheless, argues that international uniformity is still valuable since it reduces the legal costs significantly. However, many conflicts arise among the various countries in interpreting these conventions. Such conflicts lead to uncertainty and unpredictability, and in consequence, to the increase of legal costs. In proving the latter, the thesis examines and evaluates the conflicts of interpretations of these conventions brought on by containerisation.

The thesis proves the inadequacy of various propositions on the question of how to avoid such conflicts. It argues, however, that the failure to consider foreign decisions is a significant factor of having such conflicts. In proving the latter, the thesis provides a comparative study in evaluating various courts' decisions that relate to containerisation. The thesis, however, evaluates different measures to achieve international uniform interpretations. Most of these measures are not completely satisfactory solutions to such achievement. Accordingly, the thesis examines the obstacles that may face the applicability of comparative law in practice, and the capability of avoiding these obstacles. The thesis also offers various observations in relation to how the national courts shall consider comparative law.

The key point is that the divergence that characterised the interpretation of the existing conventions will reappear unless there is some obligation on national courts to consider and apply comparative law. The thesis therefore proposes that any future convention relating to the law of carriage of goods by sea shall specify that the national courts of every contracting state shall refer to the decisions of the other contracting states when dealing with questions of interpretation.

Career Experience

Job Title	Place of work	Date
Associate Professor of Commercial Law	The University of Jordan, Amman-Jordan	2002-till present
Attorney at Law, Arbitrator & Legal Consultant	Senior Partner at Gedara for Legal Services & Arbitration (GLSA), Amman, Prince Rashed Suburb, Abdulazeez Kayed St., Building No. (88). Tel.: +962 (6) 5885881 Fax: +962 (6) 5885889	December 2006-till present
Board Member of the Social Security Investment Fund	Social Security Investment Fund / Social Security Corporation	April 2017-till present
Expert and Member of Intellectual Property	The Arab Intellectual Property Mediation & Arbitration Society, Amman-Jordan	September 2004-till present
Member of Competition Affairs Committee	Competition Affairs Committee at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Amman - Jordan	November 2011-November 2015
Head of Bill of Jordan Maritime Law Committee	In cooperation between Transportation Ministry and Jordan Shipping Agents	August 2011-October 2013
Member of the Jordanian National Commission for the Development of Human Resources	The Jordanian National Commission for the Development of Human Resources, "Governance Committee: Axis of Higher Education", for the purpose of amending the laws, regulations and by-laws of higher education, Amman-Jordan	November-May, 2016
Board of Directors Member	Jordan Post Company (JPC)	January 2014-January 2015
Board of Trustees Member	Jordan University of Science & Technology, Irbid-Jordan	October 2009-October 2010
Legal Expert in Jordan	The European Commission Project on "Promotion of International Commercial Arbitration and Other Alternative Dispute Resolution Techniques in the MEDA Region"	2005-2009
Adjunct Professor	New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) - Jordan	September 2002-September 2009
Teaching Assistant	University of Durham-United Kingdom	2000-2002

Administrative Works and Committees

Administrative Works and Committees	Date
Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law-University of Jordan	(September 2005-September 2007) and (September 2013-September 2014)
Head of the Employee's Investigation Appeal Committee at The University of Jordan	September 2014-September 2017
Head and member of several Employees and Faculty Members' Investigation Committees at the University of Jordan	2003-till present
Head of the Development Committee of the Faculty of Law-University of Jordan	September 2014-September 2015
Member of the Quality Assurance and Development Committee at the University of Jordan	September 2013-September 2014
Member of <i>Anti-Plagiarism Program for Researches Committee</i> at the University of Jordan	February 2012-September 2012
Member of <i>Conferences, Workshops, and Scientific Research Committee</i> at the Faculty of Law - University of Jordan	The Academic Year 2011-2012
Member and Coordinator of the Preparation Committee for the Mock Trial Competition for Law Students at the Faculty of Law, in cooperation between Faculty of Law/University of Jordan and Arab Society of Intellectual Property	2005-2010
Legal Member of the Insurance Committee concerning Insuring Jordan University's Assets-Preparing Legal Provisions & Insurance Policies	2004-2010
Member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Student Affairs Deanship / University of Jordan	2003-2007
Member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Faculty of Higher Studies / University of Jordan	The Academic Year (2006/2007)
Member of the Higher Committee of Students Union Elections / University of Jordan	2007
Legal member of the University of Jordan Committee for Preparing and Amending the Students' Disciplinary Regulation	2006
Legal member of the University of Jordan Committee for Preparing and Amending the University of Jordan Employees By-laws	2004
Head, reporter, member, moderator, and representative of various committees concerning the administrative affairs of the Faculty of Law / University of Jordan	2003-till present

Recent Publications within Last Five Years

Name of researcher	Research title, Publisher, Date
Mohammad Amin Naser, and Qais Ali Mahafzah	"The Conundrum of Civil Companies under Jordanian Legislation", The Company Lawyer, accepted for publication.
Mohammad Amin Naser, and Qais Ali Mahafzah	"Dilution of Trademarks in Jordan – An Eighth Legal Wonder!", <i>International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law</i> , accepted and published, Volume 48, Number 2, 2017, pp. 134-150.
Qais Ali Mahafzah , and Bernadette Hanna Numan	"Protection of Works of Art and Works of Applied Art in Jordan's Law: A Comparative Study", <i>Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice</i> , accepted and published, Volume 11, Number 12, 2016, pp. 919-928.
Qais Ali Mahafzah , and Bernadette Hanna Numan	"The Legal Consequences of Protecting Unregistered Well-Known Foreign Trademarks under Jordanian Legislation", <i>Arab Law Quarterly</i> , Brill - Netherlands, accepted and published, Volume 30, Number 4, 2016, pp. 378-394.
Qais Ali Mahafzah , and Mohammad Taha Flaieh	"Objectives Conditions of the Concept of Trade Secrets, is it Adequate? A Comparative Study", <i>Jordan Journal of Law and Political Science, Mu'tah University</i> , accepted and published, Volume (8), Issue No. (1), 2016, pp. 129-148. (Published in Arabic)

Scientific Conferences and Symposia
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Conference Title	Place and Date of Conference	Type of Participation
Coach of the Faculty of Law-University of Jordan Team in the William C. Vis Moot Competition on International Commercial Arbitration	Vienna-Austria (April 05–14, 2017)	Coach
Speaker in "The Judicial Practice of Maritime Law Disputes" Conference, organized by the Jordanian Bar Association (JBA) in cooperation with the Jordanian Maritime Authority	Aqaba-Jordan (March 31, 2016)	Speaker
Coach of the Faculty of Law-University of Jordan Team in the William C. Vis Moot Competition on International Commercial Arbitration	Vienna-Austria (March 17–25, 2016)	Coach
Coach of the Faculty of Law-University of Jordan Team in the William C. Vis Moot Competition on International Commercial Arbitration	Bahrain (February 08–14, 2016)	Coach
Speaker in the "WIPO Conference on Patent", organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the Dubai Intellectual Property Organization	Dubai-UAE (December 14–18, 2015)	Speaker
Coach of the Faculty of Law-University of Jordan Team in the William C. Vis Moot Competition on International Commercial Arbitration	Vienna-Austria (March 25 – April 03, 2015)	Coach

Moderator of the William C. Vis Moot Competition on International Commercial Arbitration Workshop, in cooperation with CLDP, the University of Pittsburgh/School of Law, and LEAD Law Firm	Faculty of Law-University of Jordan (October 14-18, 2014)	Moderator
Coach of the Faculty of Law-University of Jordan Team in the William C. Vis Moot Competition on International Commercial Arbitration	Vienna-Austria (April 08-19, 2014)	Coach
Speaker in the "Intellectual Property Rights" Workshop, organized by the Gulf Cooperation Council in cooperation with The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP)	Riyadh-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (March 16-22, 2013)	Speaker
Speaker in the "WIPO National Seminar on Patent: From Filing to Granting", organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Trade and The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP)	Amman (March 28-29, 2012)	Speaker
Moderator in the "Violence in Emergency Divisions of Hospitals" Workshop, organized by Jordan Society for Profession and Work Ethics and The University of Jordan	Amman (July 27, 2010)	Moderator
Speaker in the "Intellectual Property Certified Arab Arbitrator" Program, organized by the Arbitration Center of the Arab Federation for Protection of Intellectual Property	Amman (May 08-13, 2010)	Speaker
Presenting a conference paper in the "Intellectual Property Certified Arab Arbitrator" Conference, organized by the Arbitration Center of the Arab Federation for Protection of Intellectual Property	Amman (February 16-25, 2010)	Presenting a Conference Paper
Speaker in the "Intellectual Property Rights" Workshop, organized by Jordan Judicial Council and the German Embassy	Amman-Jordan (March 2009)	Speaker
Participated in the "Means of Research & Legal Writing" Workshop, organized by American Lawyers and Judges Institution	Amman-Jordan (August 19-21, 2008)	Participator
Speaker in the "Attraction of African Investments" Workshop delivered to African Investors, organized by Jordan Investment Board	Amman-Jordan (February, 2008)	Speaker
Speaker in the "Protection of Intellectual Property" Symposium, organized by and in cooperation between the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business Administration at the University of Jordan	Amman-Jordan (January 20-25, 2007)	Speaker
Coordinator and Participant in the "New Tools for the Dissemination of Knowledge and the Promotion of Innovation and Creativity: Global Developments and Regional Challenges" Conference, organized by and held in Bibliotheca Alexandrina	Alexandria-Egypt (September 04-09, 2006)	Coordinator and Participant
Presenting a conference paper in "The Principles & Applications of Insurance" Conference delivered to Jordanian lawyers, organized by the Jordanian Insurance Companies Union	Amman-Jordan (February, 2006)	Presenting a Conference Paper

Presenting a conference paper in <i>"The Principles & Applications of Insurance"</i> Conference delivered to Jordanian and non-Jordanian Senior Insurance Companies Executives, organized by the Jordanian Insurance Companies Union	Amman-Jordan (December, 2005)	Presenting a Conference Paper
Speaker in <i>"The Principles & Applications of Insurance"</i> Workshop delivered to Saudi Legal Practitioners, organized by the Jordanian Insurance Companies Union	Amman-Jordan (June, 2005)	Speaker
Speaker in <i>"The Legal Part of the Art"</i> Symposium, organized by the Faculty of Law-University of Jordan and the Jordanian Royal Film Commission (RFC), in cooperation with Goethe Institute in Amman, UNESCO-Amman, Jordan National Library, and Companies Control Department-Ministry of Industry & Trade	(April 24-28, 2005)	Speaker
Participated and delegated on behalf of the University of Jordan in <i>"The National Workshop for Identifying Intellectual Property Cases"</i> , organized by Princess Sumaya University for Technology	Amman-Jordan (January 16, 2005)	Participator
Speaker at the <i>"International Sales"</i> Workshop	Amman Trade Commission (January, 2005)	Speaker
Coordinator of the <i>"Civil & Criminal Protection of Copyright"</i> Symposium, organized and held at the Faculty of Law / University of Jordan - in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	(October, 2004)	Coordinator
Presenting a conference paper in <i>"The WIPO National Conference"</i> held at the Faculty of Law / University of Jordan - in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	(April 06-08, 2004)	Presenting a Conference Paper
Coordinator of <i>"The Internet Use and its Effect on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights"</i> Symposium, organized and held at the Faculty of Law / University of Jordan, in cooperation with UNESCO	Amman (March 07, 2004)	Coordinator
Coordinator of the <i>"Copyright in Jordan between Theory & Practice"</i> Symposium, organized and held at the Faculty of Law / University of Jordan, in cooperation with Jordan National Library	(January 12, 2004)	Coordinator
Participated in the <i>"Trade Policy and Multi-Lateral Trading Systems"</i> Conference, organized by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF)	Doha-Qatar (November 12-25, 2003) (Diploma Certificate)	Participator

Training Courses

Name of Course	Date
Speaker in the "Legal Drafting of Contracts in English" Training Course, organized by The Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP) and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh and Co. International in World Trade Center	Dubai/UAE ((January 31-February 03, 2010)
Participated in the "Legal Ethics" Program held in the United States, in cooperation between the Faculty of Law / University of Jordan and the American Bar Association	Amman-Jordan (January 24-February 08, 2009)
Participated in the "Patent Drafting" Training Session, organized by the Royal Scientific Institution	Amman-Jordan (January 23-27, 2008)
Speaker at "Administration & Economics of Maritime Transportation" Training Program, organized by and held at Jordan Maritime Studies Institution	Amman-Jordan (June 06-10, 2004)

Teaching Activities

Taught Courses	Bachelor	Graduate
Transportation Law	☀	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Papers & Banking Transactions	☀	<input type="checkbox"/>
Companies & Bankruptcy Law	☀	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Legislations	☀	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade Secrets	<input type="checkbox"/>	☀
Industrial Designs & Models	<input type="checkbox"/>	☀
Industrial Property Law (Patents)	<input type="checkbox"/>	☀

Membership in Scientific and Professional Bodies and Societies

Name and Place of Scientific Body and Society	Date
Member of the Jordanian Bar Association	2002-till present
Member of Jordan Society for Profession and Work Ethics, Amman - Jordan	June 2010-till present
Member of the Editorial Board of the Jordanian Journal of Law and Political Science / Mu'tah University	March 2014-March 2017
Vice President of the Scientific Committee of Jordan Judicial Institution	January 2015-January 2016

Awards

Name of Award	Donor and Place of Award	Date

