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### *Profile*

I graduated from Mu'tah University with a First Honours Degree in law in 1996. Having received my LLM degree at the Law School, University of Jordan in February 1999, I worked as a Full-time lecturer of Criminal law and Criminal procedure. Before that, I worked as a legal researcher in the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for three years (1996-1999). I obtained a scholarship from the University of Jordan to pursue my PhD in Law in the United Kingdom. I joined the School of Law, University of Aberdeen in January 2001 under the supervision of Prof. Christopher Gane. My research is concerned with the Criminal Protection of Right to Privacy. My thesis is concerned with protection of the right to privacy in the English and Scottish criminal justice systems. It analyses the extent to which the right to privacy is protected by the substantive criminal law of those jurisdictions, as well as in their criminal procedural law. A part of the examination the thesis addresses the question of whether there should be a criminal offence of violating the privacy of another.

### *Career Objectives*

I am working as an associate professor in the School of Law, University of Jordan in the area of criminal law, criminal procedure and feminism studies (Postgraduate students). I assume a pivotal role in doing research in the area of criminal procedure

law, human rights, criminal law, woman and law as well as the international criminal law. I worked as a dean assistant for student affairs from 17/9/2004-17/9/2005, and as a chairman of the public law department from 17/9/2005-18/9/2006. I am a member in the Jordanian Bar Association since 2007. I am also a partner at AL-Rawashdeh Lawfirm which launched in 1995. The lawfirm has many lawyers who have long experience to deal with commercial, civil, criminal and administrative cases before all jordanian courts. I have a long experience as a judicial expertise to civil and criminal courts in Jordan.

### ***Personal Information***

Place of Birth	Karak-Jordan	Marital Status	Married
Date of Birth	13 August 1974	Nationality	Jordanian

### ***Academic Qualifications***

2004	<i>University of Aberdeen</i>	Ph.D in Criminal Law and Human Rights, School of Law.
1999	<i>University of Jordan</i>	LLM in Criminal Law, School of Law, with an accumulative average of 3.37 out of 4 and overall assessment of Very Good.
1996	<i>Mu'tah University</i>	LLB, School of Law, with an accumulative average of 81.92 % and overall assessment of Very Good; Graduate as the First Honour Degree.
1992	<i>Ay Secondary School</i>	General Secondary Education Certificate, Literary Stream, with an average of 84.7% and overall assessment of Very Good.

### ***Experience***

**Associate Professor of Criminal Law at the College of Law, Qatar University** since 3/2/2013.

**Legal Expert, Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, Ministry of Justice, the State of Qatar** since 27/2/2012 till 2/2/2013.

**Associate Professor of Criminal Law at the School of Law, University of Jordan** since 18/7/2011.

**Assistant Professor of Criminal Law at the School of Law, University of Jordan** since 10/5/2004 till 17/7/2011.

**Full-time Lecturer at the School of Law, University of Jordan** from 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1999 to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2001.

**Part-time Lecturer at the school of Law**, University of Philadelphia, Applied Science University and the Jordan Judicial Institute.

**Part-time Legal Consultant at the Legislation and Opinion Bureau**: the Jordan Prime Ministry since 7/3/2011.

**Lawyer and Partner at Al-Rawashdeh & Partners, Attorneys at Law (2007-till present)**.

**Legal Consultant for the Arab Women's Legal Network**. My duties include the following:

- Attending all Observation Team, and Program Steering Committee meetings.
- Provide legal advice and guidance in regards to Jordanian Penal and Procedural Codes and International Fair Trial Standards.
- Assist in finding solutions for any legal issues that might face the team while observing.
- Attend meetings as scheduled and in case of emergency.
- Draft the final report for the Access to justice for Women Project.

**Legal Researcher at the Department of Legal Affairs/Telecommunications**

**Regulatory Commission (TRC)** from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct.1996 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 1999. I act as a Head of Legal Affairs Department during the absence of the Department Head. My work experience was as follows:

- Prepared and proposed legal consultations regarding the drafting laws and the regulation of telecommunication and information technology sectors;
- Prepared legal consultations concerning the TRC affairs, personnel affairs and participated in investigation committees in charge of disciplinary responsibilities;
- Studied and prepared the telecommunication license agreements including mobile phones licenses, paging licenses and Data communication licenses as well as pay-phone licenses;
- Studied and proposed plans and proposals concerning the implementation of the general policy in the telecommunications sector, and the TRC's policies, particularly those related to the encouragement of competition, the prevention of monopoly, and the Allocation and Assignment of Radio Frequency Spectrum and the provision of services;
- Prepared the technical specifications and standards for connecting Telecommunication Terminal Equipment and other wire-line or wireless equipment to the Public Telecommunication Networks, and prepared the procedures for bringing such equipment into Jordan;
- Represented the TRC in all legal proceedings.

**Telecommunications Reglutory Commission representative in the Technical Committee for the Privitization of the Jordan Telecommunications Company.** My duties and responsibilities were as follows:

- To provide the Committee with legal views and consultations related to privatization process.
- To provide the investors with updated information bank about Jordan.
- To prepare the draft shareholders agreement of the JTC privatization which was signed by Jordan Government and the foreign investor (France Telecom).
- To study the technical and financial offers which were submitted by investors.

## *Conferences*

**Arbitrator at the Arab Moot Cour Competition 2017:** Kuwait International Law School hosted the Arabic Moot Court Competition 2017, in the period from 2-6 April 2017 where I was elected as an arbitrator.

**The International Conference on “Law and Sport: Contemporary Perspectives”** which was held on February 19, 2017. The conference organized by LAWC in collaboration with Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC), the 2-day conference (February 19-20) aims to raise the community awareness on the importance of legal regulations in sports activities at the local and regional levels, and to highlight the economic benefits of investing in sports activities while identifying the legal and operational challenges in this area. I submitted a research paper on “**The Criminal Liability for Doping**”.

**Regional Training Course on Internation Humanitarian Law and International Crimianl Court.** The event held in Tunis in April 18-27, 2016. The event was organized by the International committee of the Red Cross in coordination with the Center of the League of Arab States.

**Global Symposium on Judicial and Legal Education: Developing International Standards In Qatar.** The symposium examined educating the judiciary and professional legal education and formation. It was organised by the Centre for Legal and Judicial Center and Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre. The symposium held in Grand Hyatt Hotel, Doha, Qatar on 8 March 2012.

**International Humantarian Law Workshop:** The workshop oragnised and hosted by The Centre for Legal and Judicial Studies/Ministry of Justice/ State of Qatar. The workshop held in Doha, 29-30/5/2011 where I made a presentation on the International Criminal Court (ICC).

**Human Rights Curricula Development Seminar:** This programme orgnized and hosted by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, In collaboration with Judicial Training Academies and Academic Institutions from

the Middle East and North Africa Region. The Programme held in the Lund University, Sweden, 14-18 February 2011.

**Cyberspace Protection Conference:** The Conference organized and hosted by the Antonine University, Arab Center for Judicial and Legal Research and Panarab Observatory for Safety and Security in Cyberspace. The Conference held in the Antonine University, Lebanon, 20-22 November 2010.

**Legal Education Programme:** This programme was held in the United States of America from 3/9/2006-20/9/2006 where I had the opportunity to visit different law schools in United States universities. The aim of the programme was to know more about the legal education techniques in the USA law schools.

**Press Crimes Workshop:** The workshop held in Amman in 24/4/2004. It was organized by the Higher Media Council. I submitted a research paper about the Press crimes in the Jordanian Criminal Code.

**The Privacy Law Conference, Privacy: Lost or Found.** The Conference held in London in December 9, 2002. It was organized jointly by JUSTICE and Sweet & Maxwell. The aim of the conference was to update the practitioners and research students on the current legal and policy framework and the implications of recent caselaw. It analyzed the positioning of privacy rights within both public and private spheres. The debate focused on the extent to which intrusions into private life can be justified and examined what is happening to the emerging right to privacy in the United Kingdom.

**The Regional Workshop on Telecommunications Policy and Regulation.** The conference held in Amman, Jordan on 2/9/1997-4/9/1997. It was organized by the Adam Smith Institute.

### ***Paper Published/Accepted for Publication***

1. "Control of Cybercrime: The English Law Approach", [2009] Vol. (1), No.(3) *Jordanian Journal of Law and Political Sciences* 113-162. (Arabic).
2. "Theoretical Approaches to Admitting Scientific Evidence in the Adversarial Legal System" (2010), Vol. 41, No. 2 *European Journal of Scientific Research* 182-193. (English).
3. "The Admissibility of Evidence Obtained Illegally: A Comparative Study", [2011] Vol. (3), No. (3), *Jordanian Journal of Law and Political Sciences* 119-167. (Arabic).  
(Arabic).
4. "Criminal Trails Observation: The Jordan Case" (2010), Vol. 14, No. 2, *European Journal of Social Sciences* 224-249. (English).
5. "The Jordan Prevention of Terrorism Act 2006: A Proportionate Response to Amman Terrorist Attacks? (2010) Vol. 17, No. 3, *European Journal of Social Sciences* 316-351. (English).

6. "The Treatment of Vulnerable and Intimidated Witnesses in the English Criminal Justice System" (2012) Vol. 33, No. 1, *European Journal of Social Sciences* 52-88. (English).
7. "The Admissibility of Sexual History Evidence in the English Criminal Justice System", (2013), Issue 25, *Research Journal of International Studies* 19-40.
8. "The Controversy over Aborting Woman in the Case of Artificial Insemination", (2013) Vol. (5), No. (3), *Jordanian Journal of Law and Political Sciences*) 279-318 (Arabic).
9. "The International Judicial Cooperation for Combating Human Trafficking According to the Qatari Combating Human Trafficking Act and Related International Conventions" (2014), Vol. (6), No. (1) *Jordanian Journal of Law and Political Sciences*) 173-214 (Arabic).
10. "The Principle of Legality: A Study in the Comparative Law and the Jurisprudence of the European Court on Human Rights", *The Legal and Judicial Journal/Qatar Ministry of Justice*, Second Edition, Ninth Year, December 2015, 151-233. (Arabic).
11. "The Right to Respect for Private Life in the Substantive Criminal Law: A Legal Study in the Comparative Law and the European Court of Human Rights Jurisprudence" (2016) Vol. 53, Issue No. 3, *European Journal of Social Sciences* 52-88. (English).
12. "The Legal Position of the Public Prosecution in the Stage of Appealing the Criminal Verdicts" (2016), Vol, 43, Issue No. (3), *Dirasat Journal, Sharia and Law Sciences*, University of Jordan. (Arabic).
13. "Evidence Obtained from Social Media Sites and their Role in Criminal Evidence: A Study in the English and the American Laws" *International Review of Law*, Qatar University, 2017, 3:14, P. 1-44.
14. "Assisted Suicide: A Legal Study in the Comparative Criminal Law and the European Court of Human Rights Jurisprudence" Volume 5 - Issue 1 - Ser. No. 18 - Ramadan 1438 - June 2017. (English).

### ***Textbooks:***

The Qatari Criminal Law: Crimes Against Persons (2015), First Edition, Qatar University.

### ***Courses Taught***

1. Criminal Procedure Law
2. Criminal Law/Private Part
3. Crimes against Persons
4. Crimes against Property
5. Criminal Law/General Part
6. Criminology and Penalogy
7. Woman and Law (Master Students)/ Center for Women's Studies/University of Jordan

8. International Criminal Law (English)
9. Human Rights and Democracy (English).
10. Economic Crimes.
11. Anti-Corruption Law
12. Cyber Crimes (Master Programme).

## *Committees*

I am a member in the following committees:

- Quality Assurance Committee at the School of Law, University of Jordan. My tasks and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, those listed below:
  - ✓ to review and approve proposals for undergraduate programs.
  - ✓ to review and enhance the school of law curriculum.
  - ✓ to review and improve criminal law courses syllabus.
- National Committee of the International Criminal Court (ICC). My task was to consider whether Jordan law compatible with Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Another main task was to draft a bill on the international crimes.
- The Hague Conference on Private International Law/ Qatar Ministry of Justice. My responsibility was to consider, with others, the State of Qatar accession to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, and opening a regional office in Doha.
- Investigations Committee at the School of Law, University of Jordan.

## *Training Courses Attended*

*Training Human Resources for Quality Assurance Reviewal in the Academic Departments:* (20/9/2004 – 23/9/2004), at the University of Jordan.

*Training of Trainers Course:* (18 Hour: 5/4/ 2004 – 14/4/ 2004), at the Center for Consultations, Technical Services and Studies, University of Jordan.

*Basic Course in Management and Legal Control:* (40 Hour: 10/10/1998 - 28/10/1998), Institute of Public Administration.

*MS Power Point:* (20 Hour: 16/8/1997 - 19/8/1997), at the Training Center of Jordan Telecommunications Company (JTC).

*Skills of Dealing with others:* (30 Hour: 12/10/1996 - 17/10/1996), at the Center for Consultations, Technical

Services and Studies, University of Jordan.

*MS Office Application ( Dos, Windows, Winword and Excel):* (50 Hour: 19/10/1996 - 6/11/1996) , at the Center for Consultations, Technical Services and Studies, University of Jordan.

## ***Languages***

Arabic: Native

English: Fluent

## ***Referees***

Dr. Ahamd N. Zyadat, the Minister of the Prime Ministry affairs, Jordan, Mobile. (00962 779322222).

Dr. Mubark Hajiri, the Qatari Court of Cassation judge, the Sate of Qatar, mobile phone No. (00974 55007600).

Dr. Khalid Hamad Abaalzamat, School of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, Mobile: (00974 5888433), Email: [k.alzamat@qu.edu.qa](mailto:k.alzamat@qu.edu.qa).

Dr. Yaser Khalaileh, Professor of Public International Law, School of Law, University of Qatar, Mobile :(00974 33667367), Email: [khalaileh@qu.edu.qa](mailto:khalaileh@qu.edu.qa).

Dr. Tariq Mohammad Hammouri, the School of Law dean, University of Jordan, Mobile: (00962 777 713 341), Email: [Tariq@HammouriLaw.com](mailto:Tariq@HammouriLaw.com).

## ***Master Thesis Supervision:***

The Criminal Offences of Forgery and False Documents: The Criteria of Distinction Between them, A Comparative Study (2009/2010).

The Protection of Women's Privacy in Criminal Trials (2006/2007).

The Harassment: A Social phenomenon and Legal Solutions (2006/2007).

I also participated in examining four Ph.D theses in many jordanian universitiies, and I supervised many research papers written by the students of the Jordan Judicial Institute.

## ***Interests***



I enjoy a full and active live including swimming and running. I am an avid reader of history, political science and poetry, and also enjoy music, cinema and theater.