

Raneem Asad

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POSITION

Independent Legal Counsel

EDUCATION

LL.M. in Transnational Law, *King's College London (UK)* 2015-16

- Grade: Distinction
- Awards: *Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition*, 2015-16: 'UK Champion', 'Best Oral Advocate in UK', 'Best Written Pleadings in the UK', 'Semi-Finalist in International Rounds'; *Hogan Lovells Varsity Moot*, 2016: 'Champion', 'Best Oralist'.

LL.B. (Hons) in Law, *King's College London (UK)* 2012-15

- Grade: Upper-Second Class Honours
- Awards: *Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition*, 2014-15, 'Semi-Finalist in the UK', 'Best Written Pleadings in the UK'; *Hogan Lovells Varsity Moot*, 2015, 'Moot Winner'.

ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Admitted to practise law by the Jordan Bar Association in 2021.
- Completed Solicitor Qualification Exams 1; anticipated completion of qualification in 2024.
- Executive Member & Secretary of the International Law Association's Jordanian Chapter.
- King's College London Jessup Team Advisor (2020-23).

LANGUAGES AND NATIONALITIES

- Languages: Arabic (native); English (fluent); Spanish (basic).
- Nationalities: Jordanian; Canadian; British.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Legal practice is focused on international arbitration and cross-border litigation. My experience includes representing sovereign States, State-owned entities, and corporations in international investment treaty and commercial arbitrations under the major institutional rules. My experience also includes acting as tribunal secretary or an arbitrator's assistant in international arbitral proceedings, including seven (7) investment treaty arbitrations, ten (10) commercial arbitrations, and one (1) State-State arbitration, in addition to assisting a Judge ad hoc in two (2) contentious proceedings at the International Court of Justice. My experience in litigation includes advising on procedural and substantive issues in cross-border litigation matters involving the laws of both common law and civil law jurisdictions, including Jordan, Iraq, USA, England, Hungary, France, and India. Separately, I provide legal consultancy to the World Bank Group and European Union.

Independent Legal Counsel

Jul 2022 - Present

- Representing the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in an investment treaty arbitration for claims brought by alleged investors under the Swiss and Austrian Bilateral Investment Treaties, administered by the PCA in The Hague.
- Representing private entities in commercial and investment treaty arbitrations in addition to pre-dispute negotiation stages and cross-border litigation matters, predominantly in the energy and construction sectors.
- Representing private entities in the enforcement of foreign judgments before Jordanian courts.
- Acting as an assistant to a Judge ad hoc at the International Court of Justice in a contentious proceeding.
- Acting as tribunal secretary in a DIAC arbitration governed by English law and seated in Dubai.
- Acting as a legal consultant to the World Bank Group on gender-related legislative reform.
- Acting as a legal consultant to the European Union regarding Jordanian electoral laws.

Associate (Disputes) at *Zubi Advocates & Legal Consultants (Jordan)*

Oct 2017 - Jul 2022

- Representing and advising clients in high-value complex cross-border litigation and enforcement proceedings, liaising with co-counsel in jurisdictions including Iraq, USA, England, France, Hungary, and India.
- Representing and advising local and foreign entities before civil and criminal courts. Litigation matters included the enforcement of foreign awards and judgments as well as construction, shipping, banking, tax, labour, aviation, insurance, intellectual property, defamation, tort, and contract disputes.

- Representing corporations in domestic and international arbitral proceedings. Experience includes drafting statements of claim, defence, reply, and rejoinder, drafting Redfern schedules, liaising with fact and expert witnesses, managing large-scale filings, as well as preparing for and attending hearings.
- Assisting an arbitrator in DIAC arbitral proceedings, including as tribunal secretary, in the real estate, construction, and shipping sectors under UAE and English law.
- Advising clients in relation to contentious and non-contentious employment, agency, franchise, media, nationality, investment, banking, tax, companies, and shipping matters.
- Administering over thirty client files, providing regular case updates to clients, preparing fee proposals, and introducing new clients to the firm.

Legal Clerk to Judge Awn Al-Khasawneh

Jun 2016 - Jul 2022

- Assisting the Judge in his role as Judge ad hoc at the ICJ in *Delimitation in the Caribbean and Pacific joined with the Case of Construction of a Road in Costa Rica (Nicaragua v Costa Rica)* (2017-18).
- Assisting the Judge in his roles as presiding arbitrator or co-arbitrator in complex high-value international arbitral proceedings, predominantly investment treaty arbitrations, under ICSID, UNCITRAL, and ICC Rules.
- Participating in the representation of the Republic of the Sudan in multiple US litigation disputes amounting to USD 10.2 billion before the US State Department in addition to other international arbitral proceedings.
- Participating in the representation of advice for governments in matters of territorial and maritime delimitation.
- Conducting research for the Judge's publications and lectures on topics in public international law and advice of State entities.

International Dispute Resolution Trainee at Aljazzy & Co. (Jordan)

Dec 2016 - Aug 2017

- Participated in a team that successfully represented a Jordanian ministry, as respondent, in a USD 460 million construction arbitration brought by a Turkish consortium seated in Paris under UNCITRAL Rules.
- Participated in a team that represented an Iraqi claimant in a USD 12 million dispute against an Indian pharmaceutical company governed by Iraqi law and seated in London under LCIA Rules.

Legal Analyst at the European Union Electoral Observation Mission (Jordan)

Aug - Nov 2016

- Assessing the conformity of the Jordanian parliamentary elections of 2016 with international human rights norms.
- Monitoring the enforcement of electoral laws, liaising with public sector bodies and civil society organisations in order to conduct comprehensive research.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author of 'Sultans and Statutes: Constitutionalism in Oman'. Published in *The Fundamental Constitutions of Arab States* (Pedone Publications) (2020).
- Co-author of 'Arab Constitutions: Islamic Law and Arab Identity'. Published in *The Asian Yearbook of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law* (2018).