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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, SUDAN – 2008 onwards.

Searching Mental Health and Legislation in Sudan from human rights perspectives.

International Diploma on Mental Health Law and Human Rights, International Diploma organized by WHO and University of Pune, India, October 2009 to October 2010.

LL.M., University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, CANADA – 1992.

Courses of Study: Constitutional Law and Human Rights, Advance Jurisprudence, Feminist Legal Theory and Human Rights in cross-cultural perspective; with specific reference to Islamic Law.

LL.B. (Honours) University of Khartoum, Khartoum, SUDAN – November 1989.

Subjects of Study: Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedures, Introduction to Law, Civil Law and Civil Procedures, Law of Evidence, Law of Contracts, Commercial Law Part I & II (Insurance Law, Sale of Goods, Business Law), Law of Torts, Land Law, Public International Law, International Organizations and Law of the Sea, Private International Law, and Shari'a Law.

Registered Arbitrator, Arbitration Association License, Member of Khartoum Centre for Arbitration, 2009.

CURRENT POSITION

University of Khartoum, Faculty of Law, Khartoum, SUDAN (full time)

Lecturer, Department of Public Law since 1993 (with some years of leave without pay).

Teaching: Constitutional Law and Human Rights and Introduction to Law to 1st year students.

Ali Yassin Law Firm, Advocates, Legal Consultants & Commissioners for Oaths, Khartoum, SUDAN

Legal Advisor and Practicing Lawyer: Conducting Due Diligence and legal studies, giving legal opinions in matters related to Constitutional matters, Corporate Law, Commercial Law, Tax Law, Labour Law, and Investment Law.

Zenab for Women in Development (NGO with Offices in New York and Sudan),

Associate since January 2008.

Isnad Centre for Research and Training, Khartoum, SUDAN

Member of Trustee Board, from 2009 up to date.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Embassy of United Arab Emirates in The Hague, The Hague, the NETHERLANDS

Legal & Economic Desk Officer, June 2004 to July 2007. Duties: Offer legal advices on Embassy's contracts; carry out consulate work, provide legal and economic assistance to Dutch and UAE companies and individuals on investment opportunities, rules and procedures for setting business in UAE and Holland. Follow work and activities of international organization based in the Netherlands such as the OPCW, Common Funds of Commodities and International Energy Forum. Write reports on economic situation in the Netherlands and advise on how to promote economic ties between the two countries.

Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs – The Hague, the Netherlands, April 1999 to October 2001.

Research Associate in the Project Muslim Women and Development, executed by the Ministry of International Cooperation and the Royal Tropical Institute in partnership with

local organization in 7 countries, namely, Yemen, Bangladesh, Sudan, Ethiopia, Mali, Senegal and the Netherlands.

University of Khartoum, Faculty of Law, Khartoum, SUDAN

Teaching Assistance, Department of Public Law (September 1991 – April 1993)
Lecturer, 1993 – 1995.

In addition to teaching responsibilities, have held the following posts: Member of Faculty Board of Law; Representative of the Public Law Department at the Faculty Board; Assistant Coordinator of Post-Graduate Studies Committee at the Faculty of Law (1992 – 1995); Representative of Public Law Department in the Legal Aid Office at the Faculty (1993-1995).

El-Nasr Technical College, Khartoum, SUDAN

Lecturer, teaching Introduction to Law and Commercial Law (on part-time basis, Jan. 1993-Dec. 1995).

Police College, Khartoum, SUDAN

Lecturer, teaching Constitutional Law (on part-time basis, 1993).

Integrated Meditech Company Ltd., Khartoum, SUDAN (1993-1995).

Legal Advisor (External).

TEACHING INTERESTS

Constitutional Law, Introduction to Law, Administrative Law, Commercial Law, and Human Rights.

Recently worked on and taught: Women Rights in Islam, Migrant and Refugee Women, Reproductive Health Rights and Laws, Gender, Women and Development, and Mental Health and Human Rights

RESEARCH & WORK INTERESTS

While in Canada I carried out research on: “Suspension of Rights and Freedoms under Emergency Laws: A case study of the Sudan”, “Women Right as Minority Rights”, “Sexual Violence against Women: Rape and Zina (Adultery) under September Laws of 1983” and “Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Case Study of the Islamic Culture”.

While in Sudan, I continued searching issues of governance and constitutional protection of human rights in the view of international standards: “Power Politics, Global Strategies and Human Rights under the New World Order”. I have also done researches on women rights in international law vis-à-vis the Islamic Shari’a: Rights of Sudanese Women: Legal Analysis”, “Circumcision: the symbol, practice and impact on women’s lives.”

While in the Netherlands, I became more interested in reproductive rights in Muslim communities, particularly in Africa. Issues of female circumcision and family planning come at the top. The same interest goes to girls and women’s education: the right and accessibility under local laws. The rich data collected in the course of the Muslim Women Project in the countries we visited draws several issues related to women legal and social entitlement to the ‘given rights’. Working closely with refugees and women migrants in different places in the Netherlands has enriched somewhat my experience in the field. Currently busy searching rights of migrant Muslim women in non Islamic States “Matrimonial Laws applicable to Migrant Muslim Women in the Netherlands”.

In the course of my job at the UAE Embassy in the Netherlands, I gained more experience in Commercial and business Law, bilateral treaties, as well as administrative and consulate affairs.

In the course of working at Mr. Yassin Law Firm in Sudan, I have developed more understanding and thorough practice in all areas of legal work; namely, constitutional law, commercial and corporate law, due diligence exercises, petroleum law, contracts, etc.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Trainer, Geneva Institute for Human Rights, Geneva, SWITZERLAND

Training Lawyers on international law, international, Regional and National Instruments of Human Rights, 2008.

Legal Practitioner (Partner), Ali Mohammed Osman Yassin Law Firm, Khartoum, SUDAN

Partner on good standing in the law firm.

Registered Arbitrator, Arbitration Association License, Member of Khartoum Centre for Arbitration, 2009.

Associate Researcher, Muslim Women and Development-Action Research Project, Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Amsterdam, the Netherlands (April-May 1999).

In the course of the training, I have been introduced to Gender and Development Concepts (gender as a social relation, women in development, culture, reproductive

health issues, and gender issues in education); the ethical principles of Islam and women equal rights; along with research methodology and methods (the participatory form).

LL.M. program at College of law, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, 1992.

Visited various human rights organization including Amnesty International, Women Rights Study Centre, University of Alberta, Montréal, and Toronto. Participated in different sorts of seminars, workshops and women gatherings.

2nd Post-Graduate Course on Human Rights of Women, World University Service (WUS), Austria, July- August 1994. Presented a paper and visited University of Gratz, University of Vienna, and Boltzman Institute for Human Rights, Amnesty International- Austria; and various governmental organizations working on women and human rights in Vienna. Visited as well UN headquarters in Vienna and UN-Division for the Advancement of Women.

Moral Re-Armament Conference in Caux, Switzerland (1990)

Visited various organizations in Geneva, namely, Human Rights Centre, UN headquarter, ICRC, UNHCR and ILO.

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, Sudan Bar, admitted 1995 up to date; Member, Student Law Association (1985-1989); A constituent member, Amnesty International- Sudan Council (1987-1994(banned)); Member, Executive Board of the Law Debating Society (1986-1988); Member, Sudan Human Rights Organization (1985 –1989); Chairperson, the Organization of the Sudanese Highly Educated Women (1993-1995); and Women' Secretary, Organization of Highly Educated Women in the Netherlands (1997 – 2002), Associate, Zenab for Women in Development 2009 up to date, Member of the Trustee Board, Isnad Institute For Research and Training Centre 2009- up to date.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

“Women Right to Mental Health in Sudan: Gender Analysis”, a project conducted in the course of the International Diploma in Mental Health Law and Human Rights, organized by the ILS-Pune and WHO, 2009-2010.

“Regional Mechanisms and Human Rights Protection: An analytical Account on the African Charter on Human and people Rights and Arab Charter of Human Rights”, a paper presented in the Training Program of Sudanese Lawyers, organized by the Geneva Centre for Human Rights, Geneva- Switzerland, June 2008.

“Convention Against Torture: General Overview”, presented at the 2nd Workshop, organized by the Bar Association in coordination with UNAMIS, in Khartoum, June 12-18/2008, and in Port Sudan, July 18-21, 2008.

“Legal Aid Concept and General Meaning”, presented at the Training organized by Human Rights and Legal Aid Network, Nov. & Dec. 2008.

“Status of Sudanese Women under Current Islamic Legal System of the Sudan”, a paper presented at the 2nd Post- Graduate Course on Human Rights of Women, World University Service, Stadschlaining, Austria, (July-August 1994).

“Circumcision: Its meaning, origin and impact on women physical and psychological well-being”, a paper presented in the workshop Women and health, held at the Ministry of Social Planning, Khartoum, Sudan (May 1993).

“Suspension of Human Rights under State of Emergency: A case study of the Sudan”, LLM thesis completed in the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, CANADA, September, 1992

“Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective: International Instruments of Human Rights vis-à-vis the Islamic Shari’a Law”; “Sexual Violence against Women: Crime of Rape and Zinna (Adultery) under the Sudanese Islamic Penal Code of 1983”; “Women Rights as Minority Rights: A Critical Overview”, “Power Politics, Global Strategies and Human Rights Protection under the New World Order”: Papers written in the course of completion of the master degree, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, Canada (1990-1992).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, LECTURES AND MEETINGS

Training Manuel of Female Police Officers on Violence Against Women and Children, Reviewer and Discussant, Workshop organized by the Violence against Women and Children Unit at the Ministry of Justice and Police Academy, held at the Police Club in Khartoum, Sudan, 2010.

Criminal Law Reform and Human Rights in Sudan: National, Regional and International Perspectives, Reviewer and Commentator, Workshop organized by Redress, held in Uganda Kampala, February 28th to March 3rd, 2010.

Mental Health Law and Human Rights, Participant in 16-days intensive training, International Diploma on Mental Health Law and Human Rights, organized by WHO in coordination with University of Pune, India, Oct 2nd-18th, 2010.

Workshop on Police Training Manual, Reviewer and Discussant of the Manual, Workshop organized by the police Department and UNAMIS, and held at the Police Club, February 2009.

Series of Training Programs on Legal aid to Organizations of Civil Society and Students, Trainer, workshops organized by Network for Human Rights and Legal Aid, Khartoum, Sudan October-November 2008.

Human Rights Standards and International, Regional and national Enforcement Mechanisms, Trainer, 2-weeks Training Program of Sudanese Lawyers, organized by the Geneva Centre for Human Rights and Sudan Bar Association, Geneva- Switzerland, June 2008.

International Humanitarian Law for Universities Professors, Participant, Workshop organized by ICRC-Sudan and Faculty of Law- University of Khartoum, held at El-Shariga Hall, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan, 25-26 June 2002.

Listening to Women Voice in Development, Presenter, Reviewer and Commentator, Conference organized by Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Royal Tropical Institute, The Hague, the Netherlands, October 2000.

Symposium on Newcomers (Status of refugees and Migrants in the Netherlands), Participant, University of Neimigen, the Netherlands, 1997.

2nd Post- Graduate Course on Human Rights of Women, Participant, World University Service, Stadschlaining, Austria, (July-August 1994).

First Conference on Basic Foundations for a Permanent Constitution, Attendant, Students Law Society, Faculty of Law, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan, January 1988.