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EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California, SJD (Science of Juridical Doctor), January 2009

-Adviser: Dr. Khaled Abou El Fadl

- Researched and Wrote Dissertation, 2006-2008
- Advanced to SJD Candidacy, 2006
- Coursework for SJD, 2004-2005

-Title of the Dissertation: “*Constitutionalism in Iran: Shi’i Jurisprudence of Constitutionalism and 1905-1911 Constitutionalist Revolution*”

-Research Interests:

Islamic Law, Comparative Law, Comparative Constitutionalism, Philosophy of Law, Constitutional Democratization, International Human Rights, International Business Transactions, International Investment Law, International Arbitration, Law and Religion

-Under the supervision of Dr. Khaled Abou El Fadl researched and wrote on Democracy and Islamic Law, Philosophy of Law, Right to Political Participation, and Constitutionalism in Islamic Law.

-Under the supervision of Dr. Stephen Gardbaum researched and wrote on Comparative Constitutionalism in Iran, Egypt, and Indonesia.

-Under the supervision of Prof. Kenneth Karst researched and wrote on the Tensions between the Right to Freedom of Speech and Religious Rights in Iran.

-Under the supervision of Dr. Richard Steinberg researched and wrote on Islamic International Law, and on the application of theories of democratization in Iran.

-Under the supervision of Dr. Guy Scoffoni researched and wrote on the Universality of Human Rights, and on Rights of the Accused in Saudi Arabia in his “International Procedural Rights” course.

-Received *Steven E. Thomas Scholarship* Award for Excellence in Research and Writing (2007).

Case Western University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio, LL.M, 2002-2003

-Received a Master of Law Degree on International and U.S. Legal Studies.

-Was awarded *International Business Law Certificate* for a thesis on Comparative Analysis of WTO Rules and Foreign Investment Laws in Iran.

-Presented a lecture on Violations of Human Rights in Iran.

-Presented a lecture on Iranian Judicial System in an international lawyers' forum.

Tehran University Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tehran, (Unfinished LL.M) 1991-1993

-Coursework towards Master of Law in "Public Law", ranked 5th among 1435 applicants,
-Passed PhD Entrance Examination but was deprived to attend due to political selection criteria.

Shahid Beheshti University Faculty of Law, Tehran, LL.B, September 1985- January 1990

-Top 10% of the Class 1990
-Ranked 62nd among more than 320,000 students competing in the 1985-1986 Academic Year in Humanities Entrance Examination.

EMPLOYMENT

-Expert in Foreign Law (Iranian/Islamic Law), 2009-present

-UCLA International Institute, Islamic Studies Dept., 2013-2014

Adjunct Professor of Law

Main Teaching Assignment: "Constitutional Transition in Muslim Societies"

-UCLA School of Law, 2011-2012

Adjunct Professor of Law

Taught "Islamic Jurisprudence"

-Pepperdine School of Law, 2010-2011

Adjunct Professor of Law

-Taught "Introduction to Islamic Law"

-Whittier Law School, 2010-2011

Adjunct Professor of Law

-Taught "Islamic Law, Constitutionalism, and Democracy in Iran"

-UCLA School of Law, 2009-2010

Adjunct Professor of Law

-Co-taught "Political Crimes and Legal Systems" with Prof. Khaled Abou El Fadl

-Taught "Islamic Law, Constitutionalism, and Democracy in Iran"

-David N. Myers University, Cleveland, Ohio, 2003-2004

Adjunct Professor of Law, September 2003-May 2004

-Taught "Property", "Legal Research and Writing", and "Introduction to Law".

Member of Ad-Hoc Committee, January-March 2004

As a member of a working group of five professors, participated in planning two major programs

on 'International Relations' and 'International Business' for graduate students; setting the objectives, roadmaps and course descriptions.

-Attorney at Law in Iran: 1993-Present

-Member of Iranian Bar Association: 1993-Present

-Boozari & Associates Law Office, Tehran, Iran, March 1993-March 2002

Owner and Supervisor, 1994-2002

-In addition to several cases of general nature such as ownership of property disputes, contracts law, etc., represented victims of violation of constitutional and human rights in the Supreme Court and lower courts; investigated discriminatory practices against women's employment and education rights, extensively researched on juvenile and children rights and relevant legal and statutory conflicts and constraints in violation of applicable International Covenants,

-Represented candidates banned from, or members of Parliament disqualified for, candidacy in violation of their election rights, prepared and presented legal briefs and memoranda to the Guardian Council of the Constitution and the Supreme Court,

-Represented Iranian clients' interests before International Police Organization in the United Arab Emirates,

-Supervised three associates and two apprentices.

Owner, Director, Member of Working Group, 1994-1998

-Representing a group of European companies' investments and shares, served as member of Board of Directors in different corporations mostly co-owned with but directed by the Iranian government's financial and industrial agencies,

-As a senior legal adviser and attorney negotiated and litigated for a group of European companies' legal interests and claims against expropriation and nationalization in the Islamic Revolutionary Courts and the Supreme Court.

-Boozari Law Office, Solo Practice, Tehran, Iran, March 1992-February 1993

-Represented clients in a variety of criminal and civil cases.

-Islamic Consultative Assembly (Iran's Parliament), Tehran, Iran, November 1990-November 1992

Acting Chair of Executive Office of the Ombudsman Constitutional Commission, August 1991-November 1992

-As a member of the Commission's Investigation Committee, corresponded, investigated, and negotiated with Respondent Executive and Judicial organs.

-Drafted Commission's reports to the Parliament for floor discussions upon declaration of fault or violation of the grieving citizens' rights.

- Prepared legal briefs and memoranda on comparative parliamentary procedures including the Ombudsman bodies in different legal systems and presented to the Commission and the Speaker's Office.
- Responsible for supervising seven other legal advisers and five clerks.

Legal Adviser, November 1990-August 1991

As a legal adviser to the Commission of the Article 90th of the Constitution, acting as the Parliament's Ombudsman Office, was responsible for investigating the grieving citizens' complaints of violation of their constitutional rights in the judiciary and courts.

EXPERT WITNESS CASES

-*Parvin Haghghi (Mashayekhi) et al., v. Air & Liquid Systems Corporations, et al.*, Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. JCCP 4674/BC698169 (2019-2020). Main issues were/are applicability of Iranian Civil Liability Law, conflict of laws, interpretation of several international petroleum contracts and ancillary agreements and documents.

-*Gholam Khosravan et al., v. Fluor Enterprises, Inc. et al.*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. JCCP 4674/19STCV20678 (2019). Main issues were applicability of Iranian Civil Liability Law, conflict of laws, interpretation of several international petroleum contracts and ancillary agreements and documents.

-*Hemat Sobhey Aly v. Mahmoud Abu Zeid*, Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, Case No. 595617 (2018). At issue was the validity of divorce under Egyptian Law.

-*Houshang Sabetian v. Air & Liquid Systems Corp., et al.*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 699945 (2018). At issue was whether Iranian Law should apply to the dispute, conflict of laws, interpretation of several international petroleum contracts and ancillary agreements and documents.

-*Yadegar v. yadegar*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BD 628505 (2017-2018). Several family law issues were involved.

-*Tourani v. Tourani*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. GD 059949 (2017-2018). At issue was the nature of a relationship under Iranian Law, i.e. marriage or not.

-*Aghaian v. Minassian*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 498691 (2015-2018). At issue were *forum non conveniens*, whether the Iranian Courts are the most suitable venue for the disputed matters in the case in California Court. Other litigation issues related to Iranian Revolutionary Court, evaluation of several notarial documents, agency law, property law, and many other matters under Iranian Law.

-*Vahidi v. Abrishami*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Diego, Case No. D533049 (2015-2016). At issue were *forum non conveniens*, legitimacy and validity of arbitration proceedings held and awarded in Iran and their impact on the community property dispute.

-*Farid Malek et al., v. Blackmer Pump Company., et al.*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC580695 (2015-2016). At issue was whether the Iranian Civil Liability Code applied to damages in tort cases arising from the employment relationship between the plaintiff and the defendants.

-*Samad Sarooie et al., v. Asbestos Corporation Limited.*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. JCCP4674 (2014). At issue was whether

the Iranian Civil Liability Code applied to damages in tort cases arising from the employment relationship between the plaintiffs and the defendant.

-*In Re the Marriage of Sara Noorhoseini and Ali Sohrani-Nia.*, State of Indiana, Monroe Circuit Court, Case No. 53C021108DR 000409 (2014). At issue whether the wife was entitled to Mahr (marriage portion, dowry) and community property under Iranian and Islamic Law if she had petitioned for divorce with no cause.

-*Fatemeh Vaziri v. Javad Kaviani.*, Nevada Family Court, Las Vegas, Case No. D-13-486664-D (2013-2015). At issue was whether the relationship between the parties could be determined as marital relationship under Iranian and Islamic Law.

-*Nadar Kordestani et al., v. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. et al.*, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC519273 (2013-2014). At issue was whether the Iranian Civil Liability Code applied to damages in tort cases arising from the employment relationship between the plaintiff and the defendants.

-Was consulted with by several law firms on issues such as the legal theory of *force majeure* in Islamic and Yemeni Laws, Conflict of Laws between US and Saudi Laws on the international arbitration of an oil investment dispute and the issue of *forum non conveniens*, etc. (2012)

-*United States v. Mehrdad Yasrebi, et al.*, US District Court, District Court of Oregon, Portland Division, Case No. 05-CR-00413-K1 (2012). At issue was whether The Child Foundation violated US Laws on Sanctions against Iran.

-*Tracy Al-Khalayleh v. Mosheer Al-Khalayleh* (2011)

Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Kern, Case. No. S-1501FL-609990 At issue was whether American parents' agreement on child custody and visitation would be upheld in Jordanian and UAE courts.

-*Shahnaz Enayati, et al., v. Exxonmobile Oil Corp. et al.*, (2010-2011)

-*Homayoun Shahabi, et al., v. Exxonmobile Oil Corp. et al.*, (2010-2011)

Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case. No. BC43034 At issue were the application of Iranian Laws and whether major oil corporations, parties to the 1954 Consortium Agreement, had formed a joint venture.

PUBLICATIONS

- 'Concept of State in Shi'i Jurisprudence' A chapter in Khaled Abou El Fadl, et al., eds, ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF ISLAMIC LAW (UK: Routledge, 2019)

-SHI'I JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTION: REVOLUTION IN IRAN (Palgrave MacMillan, 2011)

-*Philosophy of Law: Jurisprudential Dynamics of Shari'ah and Law of Reason* (Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law, UCLA School of Law, forthcoming)

-*Book Series on Iranian Law: (1) Iranian Constitutional Law, (2) Iranian Business Law, (3) Introduction to Iranian Legal System: History, Trends, and Future* (works in progress)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Iranian Bar Association, 1993-present (*Member*)
- Association of Iranian Studies, 2009-present (*Member*)
- Society of International Economic Law, 2020-present (*Member*)

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- March 28, 2013, delivered lectures on “**The Concept of Heresy in Islamic Law**” and “**Rationalist Tradition and Liberation Theology in Islam**” and co-paneled in an Interfaith Conference held at Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
- October 20, 2012, as a panelist presented Islamic law views on domestic violence in the LAPD Chief’s Muslim Forum Conference on Domestic Violence against Women, held at The Century Plaza Towers, Los Angeles, CA.
- March 21, 2012, participated as a speaker at a conference in honor of Professor Khaled Abou El Fadl, held at UCLA School of Law, Sponsored by UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law, and UCLA School of Law Critical Race Studies Program.
- March 28, 2011, lectured on “**The Idea of Constitutionalism in Islamic Legal Tradition**” at Berkeley School of Law, Co-Sponsored by the Roberts Collection in Civil and Religious Law.
- February 22, 2011, was invited as a guest to Channel 36, Los Angeles Education TV, and discussed a variety of issues related to Iranian politics.
- October 26, 2010, presented “**A Conversation about Islam in America**” at Pepperdine Law School’s Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics.
- October 9, 2010, lectured on “**Citizenship Rights in Iran**” in “Iran Ideology Conference 2010,” held at UCLA.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Board of Editors Member of *The Iranian Journal for Legal Studies*, 2017-present, A Tehran University School of Law Academic Journal, Inaugurated Summer 2017.

Board of Trustees member and a former Member of Board of Directors and CLO of Iranian-American Muslim Association of North America (IMAN Foundation), 2013

- As a Muslim scholar, participated in Panel Discussions with priests and rabbis from different religious faiths and denominations, in promotion of mutual understanding, enhancement of public awareness, and unity among the followers of all Abrahamic Faiths.
- Held several classes on the History of Islam, and Islamic Family Law.

Cultural Affairs Committee of Iranian-American Muslim Association of North America (IMAN Foundation), 2010-2013

-As a directing member of the Committee, organized, moderated, and spoke at Poetry Nights held for introducing Iranian poets, writers, and scholars of liberal arts, as well as Youth Nights held to lecture, moderate, and engage in discussions on a variety of topics with a wide range of Iranian-American youth, mostly highly educated.

Omid Iran TV, 2011-2012

-As a frequent participant in Pegah Show, discussed and informed the audience on a variety of issues related to Islamic history and law

LANGUAGES

Persian (native in writing, reading, and conversation)

Arabic (fluent in reading, and translation)

Turkish (fluent in reading and conversation)