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LOCATION:

Washington, DC, USA

NATIONALITY:

Iraqi
American

LANGUAGES:

Arabic (Native)
English (General Professional Fluency)

YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

18

ATTORNEY RANK IN IRAQ:

B
(Attorneys are authorized and accredited to represent clients before First Instance Courts, and in specific types of cases including felony and other criminal charges)

COUNTRY EXPERIENCE:

Iraq
United Arab Emirates
United States of America

MAIN FIELDS OF EXPERTISE:

- Banking, Securities, and Insurance Practice
- Foreign Investment
- Privatization
- Public Procurement, Licensing & Contracting

DEGREES EARNED:

- Bachelor's of Law, University of Baghdad, College of Law, Iraq, 2002
- Masters in Legal Studies candidate, American Public University, West Virginia, USA

CERTIFICATIONS / ASSOCIATIONS:

- Iraqi Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar Association (Foreign Legal Consultant)
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association (Special Legal Consultant)
- Northern Virginia Realtor's Association

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE:

- Iraqi Business Law, Iraqi Finance Law, UAE Law, Legal Reform, Commercial Transactions, Investment Law, Tax Law, Labor Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

The Law Firm of Ahmed Dawood & Associates (BHC member law firm), Baghdad, Iraq

Attorney at Law, General Counsel 2011 – Present

- Leading the firm's banking, securities and insurance practice
- Providing legal services to international organizations working in Iraq and advising companies with respect to commercial transactions, labor, tax, investment and trade laws regulations

Commercial Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Iraq, Washing DC, USA

Legal Advisor & Executive Assistant, 2010 – 2011

- Provided legal advice and consultancy regarding the registration process for US companies in Iraq and all pertinent laws and regulations
- Coordinated and managed the internship program at the Iraqi Embassy
- Provided legal translation and interpreting services

Grant Thornton LLP, Washington, DC

Manager & Legal Advisor, 2008 – 2010

- Provided the company with legal advice pertaining to Iraqi citizenship law, civil affairs law, and foreign residency law.
- Helped guide the company in planning for population management efforts and the National Identification Card programs. Developed, consolidated and synthesized documents on the entire Iraqi Penal Code, which was instrumental for the implementation of all programs
- Researched Iraqi law to provide legal advice on a wide range of legal issues

The Law Firm of Mohammed Issaoudeh, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Legal Consultant, 2002 – 2005

- Prepared written case materials for the firm such as complaints, witness statements and court petitions
- Actively participated in client meetings and discussions to prepare claim statements and legal documents to obtain travel band and seizure orders on money and properties
- Focused largely on criminal and banking issues and provided legal advice on policy matters with respect to Iraq and the UAE, including Iraq's Commercial Law

Publications / Contributions

- Procuring Infrastructure PPPs Project, World Bank (Currently Under Development)
- Doing Business: Equal Opportunity for All, World Bank, 2017
- Benchmarking Public – Private Partnerships Procurement, World Bank, 2017
- Legal Guide to Investing in Power Generation in Iraq, Commercial Law Development Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, 2016
- Legal Guide to Investment in Iraq, Commercial Law Development Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, 2015