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EDUCATION / ACADEMIC HISTORY

City University, London, United Kingdom **2021- 2023**

- Legal Practice Course "LPC" – relevant modules include: CPA's, Legal Skills, PCR, Solicitor's Accounts, Wills & Administration of Estates and Interviewing and Advising, Commercial Law, Employment Law and Family Law.

University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom **2020- 2021**

- LLM (Merit) – relevant modules include: Commercial law, Islamic law, International Insolvency & Debt Restructuring, The regulation of Mergers& Acquisitions, International Cooperate Finance and International Investment law
- Awarded with a prize for the best dissertation topic including its legal analysis and research

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, United Kingdom **2016 –2020**

- LLB (2:1) – relevant modules include: Contract law, Property law, Public law, Criminal law, Tort law, EU law, Islamic law and Legal Systems of Asia and Africa, Commercial law, Company law, Law of Islamic Finance, Commercial arbitration and Law, Terror and State power
- International Foundation Programme (Law and Business Management) – achieved an overall score of 66%.
- Active volunteer for educational charities and member of mentoring programmes at SOAS.
- Member of the Legal Research Society aimed at developing soft legal skills such as reading, writing, researching, negotiating and analysing legal materials and case law.

WORK EXPERIENCE HISTORY

Linklaters LLP, Dubai, United Arab Emirates **Aug 2019 - Sep 2019**

Worked as trainee's assistant

This included:

- Participating in drafting articles of associations, company fillings and minutes
- Translating contracts from Arabic language to English
- Worked on a DD project with the firm partner
- Travelled to attend a client meeting for translation purpose (Arabic to English)
- Attending monthly meeting

Latham & Watkins, London, United Kingdom **Feb 2018- March 2018**

Worked as senior lawyer's assistant

This included:

- Participating in drafting sessions with opposing counsels, bankers and senior management
- Reviewing offering documents
- Attending several meetings with clients and their lawyers
- Worked on a merger and acquisition project

Interstu (Hybrid- Saudi and UK) **2016 – present day**

Working as a director and a manager

Some of my major responsibilities includes:

- Managing the team and delegating tasks to them
- Reviewing applications submitted by the team of over 400 students
- Monitoring the financials of the company and submitted the yearly financial accounts
- Travelled to meet partners (universities) in Switzerland and France to sign agreements with them
- Assisting international students and explaining the process of the application process and entry requirements

City University, London, United Kingdom **Nov 2021-Jan 2023**

Volunteered at City University in Legal Representation department (pro-bono)

Duties included:

- Preparing clients for their court hearings
- Assisted clients on the most compatible steps to be taken
- Following up with a case till the final judgement was given
- Client representation for unfair dismissal and child abuse cases
- Advising clients whether they have a standing in their case and funding options

Bir Wa Barakah Charitable Organisation, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia **June 2016 – Sep 2016**

Volunteered at Bir Wa Barakah for

Some of my responsibilities included:

- raise awareness of the charity in the community
- liaising with local authorities to promote the objectives
- working in team to organise fund raising events and social activities to raise money for the charity
- designing and implementing learning and mentoring programmes for young children from disadvantaged backgrounds, including setting up an informal tutoring scheme to pair up children based on their level of education

Extracurricular Activities and Skills

- **Commercial interests and start-up projects**: co-founded a start-up business providing university applications, visa applications and accommodation services to foreign students in the UK initially, then to other countries.
- **Certifications:** attended "Burn Bright" course which looked at self-development and key skills that helps to cope with workload and tasks.
- **Mentoring**: an active member of mentoring programmes and enjoy working with other students to improve educational opportunities.
- **IT Skills**: Highly proficient in Microsoft Applications (Excel/PowerPoint/Word).
- **Languages**: Highly proficient in Arabic and English. Moderate proficiency in French.
- **Sports** – an active member of sporting societies including net ball, swimming and horse riding.

REFERENCE(S) available upon request