

EDUCATION:**EMORY UNIVERSITY**, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D., Graduate Division of Religion

December 2014

- GPA 4.0 / 4.0
- Dissertation: *That Ye Judge With Justice: Faith-Based Dispute Resolution by Muslims in an American Context*
- Areas of Interest: Islamic Law and Finance, Faith-Based Dispute Resolution, Muslims in the U.S., Law and Religion

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA – SCHOOL OF LAW, Athens, GA

J.D., summa cum laude

May 1997

- Order of the Coif; GPA 3.97 / 4.0 (ranked first in class)
- *Editor in Chief*, Georgia Law Review
- Winner, 1995 Best Appellee Brief; Marion Smith Scholar; Corpus Juris Secundum Awards in Civil Procedure, Property, Torts
- Seminar: Law & Institutions of the European Community, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, July 1995

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

M.T.S., Islam and Judaism

June 1991

- GPA 3.8 / 4.0
- Winner, 1990-1991 *Church Divinity* Essay Competition

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM, Jerusalem, Israel

One Year Program, Hebrew and Arabic languages

1989-1990

- GPA 91 /100

BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, RI

A.B., Medieval Studies

May 1986

- GPA 3.4 / 4.0

PHILLIPS-UNIVERSITÄT, Marburg, Germany

Zwischensprüfung, German Literature (Junior Year Abroad)

June 1985

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**EMORY UNIVERSITY**, Atlanta, GA

- Teaching Associate – Gender and Religion: Global Christian Women’s Voices
- Teaching Assistant – The Islamic West: Spain, North Africa and Sicily, 600-1600
- Teaching Assistant – Early and Medieval Islam

Spring 2009

Fall 2008

Fall 2006

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA – SCHOOL OF LAW, Athens, GA*Adjunct Professor*

Fall 2001-2003

- Developed and taught law course on *Legal Systems in the Middle East*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- State Bar of Georgia
- District of Columbia Bar
- American Bar Association
- American Society of International Law
- American Branch of the International Law Association
- American Academy of Religion

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**LATHAM & WATKINS, Washington, DC***Consultant*

2001-2002

Associate, Communications Group

1998-2001

- Represent domestic and international clients before the FCC in rulemaking proceedings, license applications, equipment authorizations, and enforcement actions.
- Advise clients on export control issues, landing rights, and foreign regulatory regimes; coordinate with local counsel to ensure compliance with applicable business and communications laws and regulations.
- Research and update clients on regulatory developments and trends, including broadband services, VOIP, and universal service.
- Work with industry group on proposal to FCC for complying with new cost-recovery program instituted by the ITU.
- Develop broad-based coalition to challenge FCC proposal regarding unlicensed use of spectrum; coordinate lobbying efforts before Congress and the FCC.
- Advise government of The Bahamas on revision of its telecommunication law.
- Research and draft research memoranda and appellate briefs; coordinate document production for employment discrimination suit.
- Represent high-ranking Iraqi opposition leader in asylum claim before the INS, coordinating political and legal strategies.
- Assist in coordination of firm-wide research project analyzing death penalty cases for National Committee to Prevent Wrongful Executions.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS – FOURTH CIRCUIT, Morganton, NC*Law Clerk to the Honorable Sam J. Ervin, III*

1997-1998

KILPATRICK STOCKTON / LATHAM & WATKINS, Washington, DC*Summer Associate*

Summer 1995

- Researched and wrote memoranda in mass tort, health care, choice of law and intellectual property areas.
- Researched and drafted portion of article on naturally occurring radioactive materials.
- Assisted in preparation of comments in FCC rulemaking proceeding on pay telephones.

S&A INDUSTRIES, INC., Decatur, GA*Comptroller*

1993-1994

- Managed most financial aspects of \$4 million hotel-motel renovation company including booking, payroll, and tax compliance.

ZIFF-DAVIS PUBLICATIONS, Atlanta, GA*Sales Assistant*

1992-1993

- Provided administrative support for \$9 million annual sale of advertising space for two computer publications. Prepared sales presentations and materials.
- Researched computer industry trends.
- Increased efficiency of company workgroup database by designing automated merge system, ensuring a company-wide savings of over 20 hours per week.

CONCILIO HISPANO DE CAMBRIDGE, INC., Cambridge, MA*Development Consultant*

1989-1991

Coordinator of Administration and Development

1986-1988

- Responsible for all aspects of fundraising for \$2 million multi-cultural social services agency. Wrote funding proposals to state and federal agencies. Researched and targeted potential donors. Instituted direct mail campaign to fund cultural events for metro-Boston Latino community.
- Designed database system to track client demographics.
- Developed agency personnel systems and employee benefits package.

PRESENTATIONS:

- *The Hijab and U.S. Law* February 2016
I Stand With My Muslim Sister, Bait ul Ata Mosque, Norcross, GA
- *The Evolution of Anti-Sharia Legislative Efforts in the United States* April 2013
Shari'a & Halakha in America, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law/University of Illinois – Chicago, IL
- *Islamic Arbitration in the United States: The View of Islamic Scholars* March 2013
Conference on Religion and Law in American History, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- *An Overview of Anti-Sharia Legislation Across the U.S.* October 2012
Anti-Shariah Movement: Behind the Controversy, University of Chicago Center for Study of Gender and Sexuality,
Civil Islam Initiative
- *Save Us from 'Save Our State': The Impact of Anti-Sharia Legislative Efforts Across the U.S.* September 2011
The Conference on Islam in America, Chicago, IL
- *Enforceability of Arbitration Decisions Made by Muslim Religious Tribunals: Examining the Beth Din Precedent*
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA January 2010
- *Enforceability of Arbitration Decisions Made by Muslim Religious Tribunals: Examining the Beth Din Precedent*
Re-imagining the Shari'a: Theory, Practice and Muslim Pluralism at Play, Venice, Italy Sept. 2009
Warwick Law School
- *Enforceability of Arbitration Decisions Made by Muslim Religious Tribunals: Examining the Beth Din Precedent*
Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Regional Meeting March 2009
- *Accommodating Muslim Prayer in the U.S. Public School* March 2007
Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Regional Meeting

PUBLICATIONS:

- *Faith-Based Dispute Resolution and U.S. Law*, The Ismaili USA (July 11, 2015)
- *The Anti-Shari'a Movement in America: Roundtable Discussion*, with Samuel Freedman and Wajahat Ali, 90 Chicago-Kent Law Review 13 (2015).
- "Islam, Sharia and Alternative Dispute Resolution, by Mohamed M. Keshavjee" (book review), Review of Middle East Studies, Vol. 47, No. 2 (2013).
- "Muslims and United States Law" entry, Oxford Islamic Studies Online, ed. John L. Esposito (2013).
- "An-Naim, Abdullahi," "Taha, Mahmoud Mohammad," "U.S. and Canada," entries, Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law, Oxford University Press (2013).
- *Save Us from "Save Our State": Anti-Sharia Legislative Efforts Across the U.S. and their Impact*, Journal of Islamic Law & Culture, Vol. 13, No. 1 (2012)
- "Sharia" entry, Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History, ed. Edward E. Curtis IV (2010).
- *Enforceability of Arbitration Decisions Made by Muslim Religious Tribunals: Examining the Beth Din Precedent*, 35 Journal of Law and Religion 379 (2009-2010)
- Note, *Extending Options Under § 108(b): It's Not Magic If We Can See Your Hands Move*, 30 Georgia Law Review 843 (1996)
- *Women at the Wall: Finding a Place for Women in Judaism*, Church Divinity (1990)

