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## EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., June 1988  
International Law Journal  
Harvard Law Record

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Robert D. Clark Honors College  
B.A. (honors), June 1985  
English Literature (major), Philosophy (minor); Phi Beta Kappa

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW — Washington, D.C.  
*Assistant Professor of Law (August 1997-September 2000)*  
*Associate Professor of Law (September 2000-August 2003)*  
*Full Professor (September 2003- present).*

Areas of specialization & interest: International Business Transactions, International Trade (WTO/GATT), Comparative Law and Law and Development. Currently teaching: International Business Transactions, International Trade Law, and Seminar: Transnational Reach of Economic Regulation. Areas of Research: World Trade Organization (WTO) and its dispute settlement mechanism; implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreements by developing countries; corporate governance and anti-corruption; and history of free trade.

REICHLER, MILTON & MEDEL — Washington, D.C.  
*Attorney at Law (Dec. 1991-June 1997)*

Specialized in international commercial transactions, law and development (rule of law), international arbitration and conflict resolution, international trade and banking regulation. Advised U.S. companies and corporations on establishing and restructuring joint-ventures in developing countries. Similarly, advised developing country governments and governmental agencies in negotiations with multinational companies. Clients include a governments and state agencies in Latin America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Represented the Government of Philippines in a dispute with Brazil before the World Trade Organization (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body.

JONES, DAY, REAVIS & POGUE, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 1988-Dec. 1991)  
*Associate, Corporate Section*

Corporate and international banking practice, including, but not limited to: licensing and transfer of technology; sales agency and distributorship arrangements; sale and marketing of derivative securities and acquisitions of financial institutions. Advised foreign companies with respect to their U.S. banking-related activities and represented such companies before the regulatory banking agencies, specifically the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

HASHEM, IBRAHIM & TAWFIK, Cairo, Egypt (1987)  
*Foreign Legal Consultant*

Advised Egyptian businesses with regards to transactions with U.S. companies in international business transactions. Drafted international commercial contracts. Researched the effect and influence of Islamic Law on the Egyptian legal system.

## **PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS**

P. Ala'i: "*The New Colonialism of Anti-Corruption Reform*" (Work in Progress).

P. Ala'i, "*Leopold & Morel: A Story of 'Free Trade' and 'Native Rights' in the Congo Free State,*" in TRADE AS GUARANTOR OF PEACE, LIBERTY AND SECURITY? CRITICAL, HISTORICAL AND EMPIRICAL PERSPECTIVES, Ala'i, Broude & Picker editors, Transnational Legal Studies Series (ASIL Publishing, March 2006).

P. Ala'i: "*Transparency and the Post Cold-War Trading System,*" in TRENDS IN WORLD TRADE: ESSAYS IN HONOR OF SYLVIA OSTRY, Alex Alexandroff and Raj Bahla editors. (New Carolina Press, 2006).

Co-authored, Report to Institutional Reform and Informal Sector (IRIS) at University of Maryland: "*Developing Legal Benchmarks for Monitoring Implementation of Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements,*" published as part of the report by IRIS to the International Development Association (IDA) of United Kingdom. (June 2004).

P. Ala'i: "*Controlling Corruption in International Business: The International Legal Framework,*" Article in Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems, UNDP/UNESCO Publication. (Fall 2002).

P. Ala'i: "*A Human Rights Critique of the WTO: Some Preliminary Observations*", 33 George Washington International Law Review 3 & 4 ( 2001). (Symposium Issue: Global Trade Issues in the New Millennium with introduction by H.E. Supachi Panitchpakd Director General of the WTO).

P. Ala'i: "*Judicial Lobbying at the WTO: The Debate over the Use of Amicus Curiae Briefs and the U.S. Experience,*" 24 Fordham Int'l Law Journal 1& 2 (Nov.-Dec. 2000). (Trade Symposium Issue: Dedicated to the Office of the Director General of the WTO).

P. Ala'i: "*The Legacy of Geographical Morality and Colonialism: A Historical Assessment of the Current Crusade Against Corruption,*" 33 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 4 (October 2000).

P. Ala'i: "*Free Trade or Sustainable Development? An Analysis of the WTO Appellate Body's Shift to a More Balanced Approach to Trade Liberalization,*" 14 AU Int'l Law Rev., 1129-1171 (April 1999).

Ala'i, Brennan, Chao, Gelatt, Humes, Medel, Milton, & Rong: *Introduction to the U.S. Legal System* (trans. To Chinese) Published by: Research Center of the State Council of the People Republic of China (1996).

P. Ala'i: *Report on the Current Legal and Political Structures of the West Bank and Gaza.* Submitted to IRIS and USAID (December 1994) (unpublished manuscript).

Co-authored. *Financial Institutions Reform Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989: A Legal Summary and Analysis*. Published by Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue (1989).

P. Ala'i: *The Paradoxical Nature of the "Shari'ah" or Islamic law: A Guide to Human Nature* (1988) (unpublished manuscript).

### **SELECTED SEMINARS AND LECTURES**

Organizer, Chair, Panelist, and Discussant, *Trade as Guarantor of Peace, Liberty and Security?*, American Society of International Law (ASIL) – International Economic Law Group (IELG)/Washington College of Law Conference (February 26-28, 2005).

Co-organizer and Moderator, *NAFTA and Regional Integration Specialization*, Washington College of Law Founders Celebration Event (March 2005).

Moderator and Commentator, *WTO Accession of Jordan and Russia*, Washington College of Law International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) event (2004).

Speaker, "*Oneness of Humanity as a Contemporary Legal Principle*," Bahai Law Conference, Columbia University, New York. (March 2004).

Speaker, "*New World Legal Orders Conference*," University of Toronto & Osgoode School of Law (April 2004).

Chair, Lecture, *Introduction of Sharia'h Law*, ABA Middle Eastern Law Division, at Fulbright & Jaworski (May 2004).

Chair, *Constitutional Reform in Iran*, ABA Middle Eastern Law Division, at Fulbright & Jaworski (June 2004).

Chair., *Islamic Commercial Law & Finance*, ABA Middle Eastern Law Division, at Fulbright & Jaworski (July 2004).

Moderator, Meeting of the WCL-Global Consortium Conference, moderated discussion on dual JD programs, Washington College of Law (October 2004).

Panelist, *Legal and Economic Integration and Globalization of the Middle East*, ABA International Law and Section Annual Meeting (May 7-10, 2003).

Panelist, *International Law Standards for Domestic Governance*, ASIL Annual Meeting (April 4, 2003).

Organizer and Commentator, *Interrelationships: International Economic Law and Developing Countries* Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, International Economic Law Group (IELG) (October 4-6, 2002).

Lecturer: *Legal Aspect of International Trade Series: Anti-dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures*. A Distance Learning Course sponsored by the Legal Vice Presidency of the World Bank in partnership with the World Bank Institute and the WTO. (February 26, 2002).

Moderator: *An Environmentally Friendly WTO?* Washington College of Law, American University, sponsored by Environmental Law Society (October 24, 2001).

Panel Participant: *Diversity and International Law*, Canadian Council of International Law (CCIL) Annual Conference *Globalism: Peoples, Profits, Progress?* Ottawa, Canada (October 18-21, 2001).

Lecturer: *Selected Issues in U.S. and International Trade*, University of Haifa, Faculty of Law (May-June 2001).

Panel Participant: *Post Colonial Legal Projects: Uses of Theory in Legal Reform*, WCL Founders Event, Washington College of Law, American University (April 27, 2001).

Moderator: *What are the Responsibilities of Business in a Global Economy?*, International Legal Studies Program Reunion, Washington College of Law, American University (March 2001).

Moderator: *Role of Civil Society at the WTO, World Bank and the IMF*, Annual Meeting of the American Branch of the International Law Association, New York City (October 2000).

Panel Participant: *Increasing Disparity between the Rich and Poor: International Law and the Perils of Globalization*, Sixth European Bahai Conference on International Law and Order at the Hague, Netherlands. (Oct. 1, 2000).

Commentator: *Global Trade Issues In the New Millennium*, George Washington University Law Center. (Sept. 22, 2000).

Lecturer: *International Trade/WTO-GATT*. International Business Law Program, Universidad Javriana, Bogota, Colombia (Sept. 2000).

Workshop Director and Lecturer, *Managing Legal and Political Risks in International Business Transactions*: International Trade Week, American University, WCL (June 21-25, 1999).

Lecturer: *International Trade/WTO-GATT*. International Business Law Program, Universidad Javriana, Bogota, Colombia (May 1999).

Lecturer *Extraterritorial Reach of U.S. Laws*, Foreign Law Seminar, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (October 1998).

Workshop Director and Lecturer, *Managing Legal and Political Risk in International Business Transactions*: International Trade Week. American University, WCL (June-July 1998).

Program Guest: World Vision Television: *USIA on Corruption in the Judiciary* (July 1998).

Lecturer: *International Trade/WTO-GATT*. International Business Law Program, Universidad Javriana, Bogota, Colombia (May 1998).

Panel Participant and Conference Organizer; *Combating Corruption: Recent Multilateral Initiatives*, American University, WCL (Washington, D.C., April 6, 1996).

Lecturer, "*Financial Regulations in the United States*" (Winter, 1993, Washington, D.C.) Conference sponsored by Reichler, Milton & Medel for Chinese Government Officials.

Lecturer, "*Role of Legal System in a Market Economy*". (July, 1993, Beijing, China).

Guest Speaker, "*International Commercial Transactions*," Seminar on International Commercial Transactions (Spring 1993, Harvard Law School).

Lecturer, "*Enforceability of Arbitral Awards*". International Law Institute (ILI), (1991, Washington, D.C.)

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

*"Project on Rule of Law in the Middle East and Islamic World."*

Obtained \$18,035 in Spring 2004 from IRIS at University of Maryland, which was paid to hire WCL students and for other overhead expenses.

Our project at AU/WCL was specifically funded to look at certain areas where "restraints on state" was deemed to be important in terms of governance criteria developed by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The countries studied were Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia. In the first part of the research we looked at six areas identified by IRIS: 1. Publication of Laws (frequency, transparency, availability, etc.), 2. Public Input into Policy (official and non-official mechanisms for public input, comment, standards), 3. Retroactivity of laws (extent, policy, etc.). 4. Expropriation of Property (permissible, compensation, criteria, resources, etc.), 5. Individual Rights to Protect Commercial Rights, 6. Administrative Interpretation, and 7. Judicial Independence. The second part of the research looked at the law of the six countries in the following areas: 1. Insolvency Law, 2. Company or Corporations Law, 3. Secured Lending, and 4. Enforcement of Commercial Agreements.

## **PERSONAL**

**Languages:** English and Persian.

**Activities:** Member, ABA International Law and Practice Section (ABA); Vice-Chair, ABA Middle Eastern Law Division (1997-2000); District of Columbia Bar International Trade Planning Committee; Member, American Society of International Law (ASIL); Co-Chair, International Economic Law Working Group (IELG) of ASIL (2003-2005).