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The Attorney General of the State of Palestine

Nationality: Palestinian

Sex: Male

Date of Birth: 17 January 1970

Place of Birth: Egypt

Academic Degrees & Qualifications

1. PhD in Criminal Law from Cairo University / Egypt / 2009 / with a rating of very good.
2. Masters in Common Law from Cairo University / Egypt / 2004.
3. Bachelor in Law from Cairo University, Egypt, 1992.
4. Diploma in Judicial Sciences from Cairo University, ranked as the first in class, earned a commendation award for academic excellence/2004.
5. Diploma in Common Law from Tanta University/ with a rating of very good/2005.
6. High School from Al-Maadi Secondary School/ Egypt/ 1988.

Work Experience

1. Attorney General of the State of Palestine / 2016.
2. Deputy Attorney General of the State of Palestine / 2012-2016.
3. Chief Prosecutor / Judicial Training Department at the Attorney General's Office / Palestinian Public Prosecution – Ramallah – Palestine / 2010-2012.
4. Civil Public Prosecution / 2009.
5. Palestinian Public Prosecution / Ramallah – Palestine / 2010.
6. Chief Prosecutor - Bethlehem Prosecution – Palestine / 2008-2009.
7. Chief Prosecutor – Jericho Prosecution – Palestine / 2008.
8. Chief Prosecutor – Jenin Prosecution – Palestine / 2006-2007.
9. Chief Prosecutor – Qalqilya – Salfit- Palestine / 2002-2006.
10. Civil Public Prosecution / Nablus / 2000-2002.
11. Military General Prosecutor for the northern governorates of the West Bank / 1994-2000.
12. Practicing Lawyer in the Arab Republic of Egypt, registered with the Egyptian Bar Association / 1992-1994.
13. Professor and lecturer in Palestinian universities (Palestine Ahliya University, Birzeit University, An-Najah National University, Modern University College, Palestinian Judicial Institute)/2008.

Academic Achievements (Publications, Researches, Reviews):

Books:

- Juvenile Restorative Justice and Criminal Mediation as a model/Al-Shamil Publishing/Palestine/2017.
- A publication titled “Principles of Criminal Procedures in Palestinian Law, two parts”/2013.

- A publication titled “The Principles of the General Section in the Palestinian Penal Legislation”/2013.
- A publication titled “Enforcing the Criminal Penalty in the Palestinian Legislation”, Dar Al-Thaqafa, Amman, Analytical Study/ 2015.
- A publication titled “Voluntary Penalty in the Islamic Sharia and Contemporary Criminal Systems”, comparative study, Dar Al-Nahda, Cairo/2009.

Researches:

- Peer-Reviewed Research titled “Legislative Confrontation of Cybercrimes in Palestine: between Reality and Expectation”, Al-Azhar University Journal, Vol. 9, special issue, Gaza Strip, Palestine, 2017.
- The Offence of Nepotism in the Palestinian Law, Aman Foundation Publications, Ramallah, Palestine, 2014.
- Corruption Offences between the problematique text and practical application / Aman Foundation Publications, Ramallah, Palestine, 2014.
- Informal Judiciary in Palestine: Intervene and Reform, under the support of UNDP/2012.
- Informal Judiciary and its influence on Juvenile Justice”, under the support of Terre-Des Hommes /2012.
- Explanation on Arbitration in Civil Disputes, its Legal Nature and the Competent Court Specialized in this Matter, in the Constitutionality of Arbitration Gazette, Ramallah, November 2009, issued by the Palestinian Center for the Independence of Judiciary and Legal Profession (MUSAWA).
- Critical Study On Juvenile Justice during the Initial Investigation Stage in the Justice and Judiciary Gazette, issued Ramallah, April 2009, by the Palestinian Center for the Independence of Judiciary and Legal Profession (MUSAWA).
- The Art of Pleading in Criminal Cases in the Justice and Law Gazette, issued in Ramallah, October 2008, by the Palestinian Center for the Independence of Judiciary and Legal Profession (MUSAWA).
- Crimes of kidnapping, issued in Ramallah, April 2008, by the Palestinian Center for the Independence of Judiciary and Legal Profession (MUSAWA).
- Questioning the Accused and Hearing Witnesses in Criminal Cases, issued in Ramallah, September 2007, by the Palestinian Center for the Independence of Judiciary and Legal Profession (MUSAWA).
- The Crime of Violating the Sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque from the International Criminal Law Perspective, published in Al-Quds Newspaper, on 23 December 2009, and on the Public Prosecution Website.
- Execution of Penalties in light of the Modern Penalization Policy, issued in Ramallah, April 2007, by the Palestinian Center for the Independence of Judiciary and Legal Profession (MUSAWA).
- Voluntary Penalty in the Islamic Shari’a and Contemporary Criminal Systems, the Justice and Law Gazette, issued in Ramallah, December 2006, by the Palestinian Center for the Independence of Judiciary and Legal Profession (MUSAWA).
- The Statute of Limitation in Criminal Cases in the Palestinian Criminal Procedures Code No. (3) Of 2001.

Articles:

- The Crime of Violating the Sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque from the International Criminal Law Perspective.
- Combating Corruption Crimes in light of the Islamic Sharia Provisions and the Globalization of Law.
- The crime of trafficking in influence in comparative penal legislation.
- Criminal Mediation System and Our Informal Judiciary.

- Ignorance and Mistakes in the Law between the Legal Norm and Justice Considerations.
- Mercy Killing and the Penal Liability of Physicians in light of the Prospects of Modern Medicine.
- Privatization of the State's Right to Penalization.
- The Problem of the Role of the Public Prosecution in Constitutional Cases in Palestine.
- Views on Criminal Jurisdiction in the Arab Legislation: Reality and Expectation.
- The Principle of Equality before the Judiciary in the Islamic Shari'a and Ordinance.
- The Secret Guide in Penal Legislation.
- The Freedom of Press nationally and internationally.
- The Crisis of Criminal Justice: Reasons and Solutions.
- Towards a Law on Public Violations.
- The Sentence Enforcement Judge between Traditional and Modern Thinking.
- Legislative Shortcomings and the Jurisdiction of Penal Judges.
- The Problem in the Relation between the Media and the Judiciary.
- Review of the Explanatory Memorandum of the New Palestinian Penal Code.
- The Law on Illegitimate Earnings and its Constitutionality.
- The Modern Criminal Policy on Fighting Sexual Harassment.
- Executing Penalties in light of the Modern Penalization Policy.
- The Legal Nature of the Public Prosecution.
- Views on the Reconciliation Committees System in Administrative Disputes.
- The Right to an Expeditious Trial: Theory and Implementation.
- The Death Penalty and the Contemporary Penalization Policy.
- Questioning the Accused and Hearing Witnesses in Criminal Cases: Theory and Implementation.
- The Principle of Legal Security.
- "Housing the People" A New Law to use the State Property.
- Custodial Sentence in the Modern Penalization Policy Scale.
- "A Vision on the Illegality of the Recusal of Prosecutors and Police Officers".
- The Punishment of Working for the Public Interest: between the Considerations of the Modern Penalization Policy and the Arab World Reality.
- The Art of Pleading in Criminal Cases.
- The Rule of Law.
- Challenge by Arbitration in Civil Litigation (Comparative Study) between the Palestinian and Comparative Laws.
- "Shortcomings in Protecting Witnesses in the Palestinian and Arab Criminal Legislations".
- General Views on the Provisions on Torture in the Palestinian Law.
- "The Concept of Justice in the Islamic Shari'a and Ordinance".
- The Jurisdiction of Women in the Judiciary.
- Juvenile Justice in Palestine: Reality and Expectation.
- Review of the Presidential Decree to Amend the Penal Code.
- The Guarantees of the Accused during the Initial Investigation Stage.
- The Jurisdiction of Military Judiciary in Palestine.
- The Role of the Public Prosecution in Promoting Justice: Reality And Ambitions.
- The Crimes of Kidnapping: Theory and Application.
- Public Prosecution in the Islamic Shari'a.
- "The Criminal Law for Sports".
- "I Swear to God I'm Telling The Truth".
- Towards A Unified and Modern Penal Law for Arab States.

Activities in Preparing Draft Laws:

- Chair of the Committee Preparing Draft Amendments to the Criminal Procedures Code, MUSAWA, Ramallah – 2012.
- Participated in preparing the Law of Criminal Labs / 2011-2012.

- Participated in the amendment of the Water and Electricity Laws / 2011.
- Participated in preparing the Legal Assistance Law / 2011-2012.
- The Draft Law on the Elderly, under the supervision of the Ministry of Social Affairs / 2011.
- Chair of the Committee Preparing the Draft Law on Juveniles Violating the Law / under the Supervision of the Ministry of Social Affairs / 2011.
- Secretary of the Committee Preparing the Draft Palestinian Penal Code by the Ministry of Justice / 2011.
- Participated in preparing the Draft Military Code with MUSAWA / Ramallah / 2008-2009.

Activities:

- Presented a speech entitled “The Modern Methods and Techniques and their use in Preventing Torture during Investigation” at the Annual Conference on the occasion of the International Human Rights Day / Ramallah / 2017.
- Presented a statement on the role of laws and legal system in Palestine and their impact on the economic environment within the role of the government in general, in Palestine’s Technology Week (EXPOTECH)/Palestinian Information Systems Association (PITA) / Ramallah / 2017.
- Opened a workshop on the standardized operation procedures for the Human Rights Unit at the Attorney General’s Office / United Nations Development Program (UNDP), SAWASYA / Ramallah / 2017.
- Participated in the 22nd Session of the International Association of Prosecutors / Chinese capital Beijing / 2017.
- Opened a workshop on the Land and Water Settlement Law / Land and Water Settlement Commission / Ramallah / 2017.
- Opened a workshop on Intellectual Property Rights / US State Department / Ramallah / 2017.
- Opened the basic training program for the assistant prosecutors / Palestinian Judicial Institute / Ramallah / 2017.
- Opened the First Joint Conference between the Public Prosecution and the Palestinian Police / under the support of JSAP IV / Ramallah / 2017.
- Participated in the special conference to present the latest developments on the strategic plan for the protection of juveniles for the years 2016-2020 / Ramallah / 2017.
- Participated in the final meeting on networking and referral of domestic violence cases and violence against women and children / EUPOL COPPS / Ramallah / 2017.
- Presented a statement in the first Palestinian Conference entitled Law and Medicine / Palestine Ahliya University / Bethlehem / 2017.
- Opened the One Stop Center for Women and Children survivors of Domestic Violence / UN Women / Ramallah / 2017.
- Presented a statement in the Regional Gender Platform, National Dialogue Program / Ramallah / 2017.
- Opened training on judicial inspection for prosecutors / JSAP IV / Ramallah / 2017.
- Chaired the 7th Annual Conference of the Public Prosecution / Jericho / 2017.
- Participated in the 2nd International Conference for Legal Assistance in Criminal Justice Systems / Argentina / 2016.
- Opened the training of judicial offices in the Water Authority / Palestine Water Authority / Ramallah / 2016.
- Opened the joint workshop between courts chiefs and chief prosecutors / JSAP IV / Jericho / 2016.
- Opened training on judicial inspection for chief prosecutors / JSAP IV / Ramallah / 2016.
- Opened a workshop on the excellence centers of the Public Prosecution / JSAP IV / Ramallah / 2016.

- Participated in the 7th judicial conference titled “Independent judiciary: achievements and aspirations” / Ramallah / 2016.
- Concluded a workshop on international standards for juvenile justice and practical practices for the application of the Palestinian Child and Juveniles Laws in the Palestinian experience / SAWASYA / Ramallah / 2016.
- Opened the expansion of Jenin Magistrate and First Instance Court, and Prosecution / Jenin / 2016.
- Participated in the national consultations on the draft of the Palestinian Police Law Of 2016 / Independent Commission for Human Rights / Ramallah / 2016.
- Participated in the national consultations on the final draft of the family protection law / Palestinian Council of Ministers / Ramallah / 2016.
- Opened the basic training program for assistant prosecutors / Palestinian Judicial Institute / Ramallah / 2016.
- Participated in the Juvenile Justice Conference in the West Bank / Ramallah / 2016.
- Opened a training course on Intellectual Property Rights Protection / Jordanian Judicial Institute / Amman / 2016.
- Opened a workshop that is the first of its kind, on the enforcement of the legal protection of trademarks / Palestinian Ministry of Economy / Ramallah / 2016.
- Opened a special meeting on the decision to establish a specialized prosecution for the protection of family from violence / UNDP - SAWASYA / Ramallah / 2016.
- Participated in the groundbreaking ceremony of Dura Court and Prosecution / Hebron / 2016.
- Chaired the 6th Annual Conference for the Public Prosecution / Jericho / 2016.
- Opened a training course on Fraud Crimes / JSAP IC / Ramallah / 2016.
- Chaired a consultative meeting to discuss the Criminal Procedures Manual / Sharaka Project / Ramallah / 2016.
- Opened a training course on children justice between the international standards and national legislations / DCI / Ramallah / 2016.
- Chaired the first meeting of the Committee on the implementation of the Security Council Resolutions / Ramallah / 2016.
- Participated in a discussion session on the effectiveness and independence of the role of the Palestinian Anti-Economic Crimes Prosecution in combating food and medications spoilage / Aman / Ramallah / 2016.
- Presented a paper at the Fair Trial Conference in Palestine / Ramallah / 2014.
- Participated in a course on comparative criminal law / Canada / 2014.
- Presented a paper at the Arab League Conference of Chief Prosecutors on Alternative Penalties / Beirut / 2013.
- Participated in a training of trainers for prosecutors / USA / 2013.
- Participated in the training course “Judicial Trainers Course” / Finland / 2012.
- Participated in the EuroMed Mediterranean Countries Roundtable on combating terrorism / France / 2010.
- Presented a paper in the 2nd Palestinian conference against death penalty / Ramallah / 2009.
- Presented a paper in the Third Palestinian Justice Conference, titled “A System of Constitutional Judiciary for Palestine and the Need for a Palestinian Constitutional Court as a State Building Requirement” / Ramallah / 2009.
- Presented a paper in the Supreme Constitutional Court Conference in Palestine / Ramallah / 2009.
- Participated in a workshop on the cooperation program between the Palestinian National Authority, the Ministry of Interior, the National Council and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the field of prevention and control of drug abuse and the relevant criminal acts / Ramallah / 2008.
- Participated in a training course on the German Judiciary / Germany / 2008.
- Participated in a training course on the American Judiciary under the International Visitor Leadership Program / USA / 2003.