

**AUB Continuing Education Center
Arbitration Certificate Program
Presenters' Biographies**

Dr. Ghada Awada

Professor of Arbitration and Legal English and the Arbitration Program Coordinator

Dr. Ghada Awada, a recipient of American University of Beirut REP service excellence award, senior consultant, a faculty member at the department of Political Science and Public Administration, a coordinator of American University of Beirut CEC certificate and Arbitration programs, an arbitrator(DIAC) and a Fulbright Scholar. She also worked as consultant for ESCWA from 2013-present, World Bank from 2016-present, UNESCO from 2016-present, and DRASATI from 2011-2015. She was awarded appreciation certificates by the Lebanese Army Research Strategic Studies Center (2017, 2018), Lebanese university (2004), American university of Beirut (2017, 2018), and Ministry of Education and Higher Education (2004). Dr. Awada designed professional and Certification programs authored and co-authored Arbitration, legal English and English for lawyers textbooks and articles. Dr. Ghada contributed to many arbitration workshops and seminars at several institutions and organizations. She also designed and assisted in designing training materials related to laws in the Middle East, conflict resolution curricula, Legal Studies, and Political Science courses.

Dr. Ali Fayez Rahal

Professor of Law at the Lebanese University, Attorney at Law, and an Expert in Arbitration Law

Dr. Rahal, an active board member of the LU Faculty of Law, has been teaching Arbitration at LU since 2002 and has been giving Arbitration courses at other universities: Islamic University (2003-2008) and Kaslik University (2003-2009).

Dr. Rahal graduated from Sorbonne University in Paris. His PhD. area of concentration is arbitration and his dissertation is titled "Execution of Arbitration awards in the Middle Eastern Countries". Dr. Rahal has many publications tackling arbitration from theoretical and practical perspectives.

In addition to his academic mission, he is the owner and Chancellor of "Rahal Law Firm", where he guides an outstanding contingent of highly trained and educated lawyers. He contributed to many arbitration cases, internationally and nationally as an arbitrator through international institutions such as ICC, DIAC, and Ad-Hoc Arbitration. Dr. Rahal has organized and acted as a guest speaker in several Arbitration conferences and summits around the world. He gave many arbitration workshops. Dr. Rahal has been on the board of the "Lebanese Sport Arbitration Center" since 2019.

Dr. Mohamed Boudaher

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Dr. Mohamed Boudaher is the Managing Partner at Cedrus Law Group – Beirut Offices and currently leads the Corporate Governance and Compliance, Arbitration and ADR and Banking law practices. Dr. Boudaher holds an LLB in Law from the Lebanese University – Filière Francophone de Droit, a DEA in Private Law and Business from Saint Joseph University/Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, an LL.M. in International and Comparative Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London, a Certificate in International Arbitration and Commercial Litigation from McGill University and an SJD from Penn state Dickinson School of Law. Dr. Boudaher is a part-time professor at (1) the University of London Support Office in cooperation with the American University of Technology, (2) the Lebanese American University, LL.M. Program, (3) the Phoenicia University Law School, and (4) a Trainer at LACPA Lebanon; where he teaches more than ten different courses including International and Domestic Arbitration and ADR, Construction law and FIDIC, Banking law, Corporate Governance and Compliance, AML and Terror Financing. He is a published author and is regularly invited to speak on these matters at conferences and roundtable discussions in Lebanon and KSA. Dr. Boudaher is a member of the Beirut Bar Association since 2008 and also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.