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EDUCATION HISTORY

Bachelor's Degree in Law <i>St Joseph University (U.S.J) - Faculty of Law and Political Sciences</i>	1994
Bachelor's Degree in Administrative and Political Sciences <i>St Joseph University (U.S.J) - Faculty of Law and Political Sciences</i>	1996
L.L.M. in Public Law <i>Sagesse University - Faculty of Law- (Ranked FIRST in all L.L.M. sections)</i>	2000
L.L.M. in Private Law <i>Sagesse University - Faculty of Law</i>	2004
Bachelor's Degree in History <i>2nd year- Lebanese University- Faculty of Human Sciences</i>	2000
Phd in Law <i>Started a Phd in France at Paris 2 University (Panthéon-Assas) in International Law, on the perspective of the principle of equality of arms in international criminal tribunals</i>	2013

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lawyer

Beirut Bar Association

1995-Present

Specialized in International Law, Commercial Law, Criminal Law, Finance and Banking Laws, Labour Law, Insurance Law, Contract negotiations, General contracting rules.

M. Aoun fluently speaks and writes in three languages –Arabic, English and French. He has also published about 50 legal studies and articles in these three languages. Moreover, he is a good communicator and public speaker, and he is experienced at addressing a heterogeneous public, and solving problems in a methodical and practical way.

As a commercial lawyer, M. Aoun has practiced in his law office on behalf of multiple clients, dealing with issues related to business transactions.

In general, he has drafted client agreements, negotiated employment contracts, written all kind of relevant agreements, advised on business mergers and acquisitions... He has also represented clients in courts and during legal proceedings, advising them on legal consequences and litigation process. He has negotiated contract terms and license agreements on their behalf, and he usually spends a lot of time researching, writing and editing commercial reports.

In brief : M. Aoun's main task has been to efficiently offer help and legal support to clients when dealing with business transactions.

These are some concrete examples :

- 1- Local Advisor of THE INTERHEALTH INSTITUTE L.L.C - Bethesda - Maryland - U.S.A. The study team consisted of Willy De Geyndt, Phd, Me Hernan Fuenzalida Esq, LL.M and Emile Aoun, and it prepared the final report of the Law on Public Hospital Autonomy in Lebanon (June - December 2000).
- 2- Legal advisor of Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation International (LBCI) (Lebanese Television) and PAC Ltd (From June to December 2008). His work specifically consisted on drafting " the staff internal regulations" and submitting it to the Ministry of Labour.
- 3- Lawyer of LIBANPOST S.A.L. (with over 1000 employees - from 2003 to 2021). His work generally consists on advising the company on all issues related to

postal services such as reviewing international business transactions, negotiating trade, employment and other agreements, and representing it in courts and during legal proceedings.

- 4- Assistant Lawyer of AUDI Bank S.A.L. and Bank of BEIRUT S.A.L. (From 1998 to 2002). His work consisted on following up the execution procedures of a number of cases, as well as a number of labour disputes.
- 5- Lawyer of ICNI (Independent Communication Network International) (Lebanese Television)(From 1999 to 2001) . His work consisted on representing the client in Lebanese courts in numerous cases.

As a criminal lawyer, M. Aoun has had ultimate responsibility for all decisions concerning the representation of his clients before domestic and international criminal courts.

He has managed the work of his team, in overseeing and directing the review and analysis of items of prosecution disclosure, crafting a defence strategy, submitting innumerable written and oral pleadings on novel points of procedural and substantive law, questioning witnesses, visiting the crime scene and leading investigative missions in the countries of interest when it is possible. He has also given interviews to local and international media when he deemed it in the client's best interests.

In brief : M. Aoun's main task has been to efficiently offer help and legal support and representation to clients in criminal cases.

These are some concrete examples :

- 1- Since 2013, M. Aoun has been appointed at the International Criminal Court (ICC-The Hague) as a Rule 74 Duty Counsel in many cases related to the situations in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya and Ivory Coast.
- 2- From February 2012 to August 2020, M. Aoun was assigned by the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) as Lead Counsel (of a team composed of 10 lawyers and experts) to represent the rights and interests of one of the principal accused (in his absence) in the case of Prosecutor v. Ayyash et al., STL-11-01 (This case relates to the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri on 14 February 2005). This is the first terrorism case tried before an international criminal tribunal.
- 3- From February 2020 to August 2021, He was assigned by the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) as Lead Counsel to represent the rights and interests of the

Accused in his absence in STL-18-10 (This connected case relates to the three attacks against three lebanese politicians in 2004 and 2005).

Lecturer in Law

Sagesse University- Faculty of political sciences and international relations	2001 to 2011
Antonine University- Faculty of Publicity	2009 to 2011

First Lebanese Lawyer 2013
To be accredited on the Counsel list of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Trainer

Training of french magistrates at ENM 13-16 November 2017
(Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature-Paris)
on International Criminal Procedure

New York Times, Washington Post

M. Aoun's name was mentioned in "***The New York Times***" 13 June 2012
and "***The Washington Post***" as a defence lawyer pleading
before the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL)

PUBLICATIONS & APPEARANCES

Articles and Studies

Commercial Law (including Banking Law):

- 1- *The consumer protection in lebanese law*- An Nahar Newspaper-
10 Decemer 2002- p 6 (Arabic).
- 2- *Bank insolvency in lebanese law*- Commentaries in AI-ADL legal review: 2003
volume 2&3, p132 to 140 (Arabic).
2009 volume 2, p 702 to 707 (Arabic).
- 3- *The problems of seizing documentary credits in lebanese, european and
american laws*, 2004, comparative study of 165 pages (French).

Insurance Law:

- 1- *The direct action of the victim*, An Nahar Newspaper- 2 January 2007- p 9 (Arabic).
- 2- *The insurance contract and the interest of the insured-* Insurance special Review, v. 37 & 38- March/April 2003, p 28 (Arabic).

International Law:

- 1- *The child soldier in international and lebanese laws*, December 2007, comparative study of 73 pages (Arabic).
- 2- *Chapter 7 and Hariri's international Court*, An Nahar Newspaper- 17 April 2007- p 8 (Arabic).
- 3- *Articles 41&42 of Chapter 7 and Harriri's international court*, An Nahar Newspaper- 28 May 2007- p 8 (Arabic).
- 4- *Legal Analysis of Security Council Resolutions 1595 to 1757*, An Nahar Newspaper- 12 November 2007- p 9 (Arabic).
- 5- *The special tribunal for Lebanon and the definition of terrorism in lebanese law*, AS.Safir Newspaper- 2 April 2011- p 18 (Arabic).
- 6- *The definition of the crime of terrorism in lebanese law*, Al-ADL legal review, 2011, v1, p 82- 86 (English).
- 7- *Egalité des armes entre le Procureur et la Défense dans les Tribunaux Pénaux Internationaux : Origine et interpretation*, Al-ADL legal review, 2018, v3, p 1183-1188 (French).
- 8- *Mechanism of Lebanon's accession to the International Criminal Court (ICC)*, Al-ADL legal review, 2018, v4, p 1661-1668 (English).

Speaker

Paris Bar (Barreau de Paris)	2013
Paris 2 University (Panthéon-Assas)	2014-2015-2016
Geneva University	October 2015
Madrid Supreme Court	July 2017
Nuremberg Historical Court	November 2017
International Court of Justice (ICJ) (Peace Palace - The Hague)	January 2016, May 2017

Law Society's Hall
(The Law Society of England and Wales- London)

November 2016

International Criminal Court (ICC-The Hague)
European Court of Human Rights (ECHR-Strasbourg)

2019
May 2010

*Interventions are available in English, French and Arabic on [youtube.com/@emileaoun](https://www.youtube.com/@emileaoun).
Documents, articles, videos, links and photos are available upon request.*

LINGUISTIC SKILLS

Arabic – French and English

SOFTWARE SKILLS

CSAS (Cell Site Analysis Suite- Software for call data analysis)

SHAREPOINT (Common word document to work on)

TRANSCEND (Annotation of hearing transcripts)

LEGALWORKFLOW (To manage evidentiary records)