

# Judge Nawaf SALAM

**(Member of the Court since 6 February 2018; President since 6 February 2024)**

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, on 15 December 1953.

## Education

*Doctorat d'Etat, Institut d'études politiques (Sciences Po), Paris (1992). LL.M. (Master of Laws), Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (1991). Licence en droit, Lebanese University, Beirut (1984). Doctorat en histoire, Sorbonne University, Paris (1979). Diplôme, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris (1974).*

## Experience

### Diplomatic

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations in New York, from July 2007 to December 2017. Represented Lebanon in the Security Council of the United Nations in 2010 and 2011, for its two-year term as a non-permanent member, and assumed the presidency of the Council in May 2010 and September 2011. Vice-President of the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly of the United Nations from September 2012 to September 2013 and Acting President of the Assembly in July 2013. Representative of Lebanon in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 2016 and 2018.

Head of the Lebanese delegation to the Climate Change Summit (Paris 2015); Head of the Lebanese delegation to the International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa 2015); Head of the Lebanese delegation to the High-Level Meeting on South-South and Triangular Co-operation (Dhaka 2015); Member of the Lebanese delegation to the South American-Arab Countries Summit (Lima 2012); Member of the Lebanese delegation to the Rio+20 Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio de Janeiro 2012); Member of the United Nations Security Council field mission to Ethiopia, Sudan and Kenya (2011); Member of the United Nations Security Council field mission to Uganda and Sudan (2010); Member of the United Nations Security Council field mission to Afghanistan (2010); Head of the Lebanese delegation to the ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (Havana 2009); Member of the Lebanese delegation to the Climate Change Summit (Copenhagen 2009); Member of the Lebanese delegation to the Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Dakar 2008).

### Private law practice

Attorney at Law, member of the Beirut Bar Association: counsel and representative for various international and domestic, public and private entities in Beirut, Lebanon (1984-1989 and 1992-2007), and in Boston, USA (1989-1992). Primary fields of practice: general litigation; public and private international law; international transactions.

### Academic

American University of Beirut: Chair of the Political Studies and Public Administration Department (2005-2007), Associate Professor (2003-2007), Lecturer (1992-2003 and 1985-1989). Harvard Law School: Visiting researcher (1989-1990). Sorbonne University, Paris, *Centre d'histoire de l'Islam contemporain*: Research associate (1984-1985). Harvard University, Center for International Affairs: Visiting scholar (1981-1982). Sorbonne University, Paris, Chargé de cours/Lecturer (1979-1981).

Courses taught include: Introduction to International Law; Special Topics in International Relations and International Law; Survey of International Relations; Senior Seminar on International Law and Diplomacy; Graduate Seminar on International Law; Graduate Seminar on the Theory and Practice of Diplomacy; Graduate Seminar on International Environmental Law; Graduate Tutorial in International Law.

Public lectures and presentations include Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York (2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015); International Peace Institute, New York (2015); Yale University Law School (2014); New York University (2013); Council on Foreign Relations, New York (1994 and 2012); University of Rabat, Morocco (2012); Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government (1982 and 2010); Saint Joseph University, Lebanon (2003 and 2006); Balamand University, Lebanon (1993, 1996 and 2006); American University of Beirut, Lebanon (1995, 2001 and 2005); Cultural Centre, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (2004); Freiburg University, Germany (1989 and 2003); University of Cairo, Egypt

(2003); Mainz University, Germany (2002); Sagesse University, Lebanon (2002); Harvard University Law School Worldwide Alumni Congress, Paris (2001); Oxford University (1994, 1997 and 1999); The Schuman Foundation, Jordan (1997 and 1999); Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1991 and 1996); Boston University (1996); *Sciences Po, Centre d'études des relations internationales, Paris* (1995); Sorbonne University, Paris (1980, 1981, 1985 and 1992); Yale University (1991); Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Affairs (1991); United States Institute for Peace, Washington, D.C. (1990); Harvard University Law School (1990); Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (1989); The University of London (1988); The American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C. (1984); Harvard University, Center for International Affairs (1982 and 1986).

#### Other activities

Member and rapporteur of the Lebanese National Electoral Law Commission, entrusted with the task of preparing the draft of a new electoral law for Lebanon (2005-2006); Member of the Lebanese National Commission of UNESCO (2000-2004); Member of the Executive Bureau of the Socio-Economic Council of Lebanon (1999-2002).

#### **Publications**

Author of numerous books, essays and articles, including several works in the fields of international, constitutional, electoral, and Islamic law, as well as on international organizations and international affairs.

Selected works: As editor and contributor: *Lebanon in the Security Council 2010-2011*, Dar Al Saqi, Beirut, 2012; "Taif's Dysfunctions and the Need for Constitutional Reform" in Youssef Choueiri, *Breaking the Cycle*, Stacey International, London, 2007; "La Crise de la Ligue Arabe" in *Le Moyen-Orient à l'épreuve de l'Irak*, Actes-Sud/Sindbad, Paris, 2005; "Reforming the Electoral System: a Comparative Perspective", in *Options for Lebanon*, I.B.Tauris, London and New York (2004) (Arabic version published by Dar Annahar). Co-author with Karim Makdisi, "What Possible Role for the United Nations in Iraq? Preliminary Thoughts in Light of Previous UN Peace Operations in Cambodia, Kosovo, East Timor, and Afghanistan" in *Iraq and the Region after the War: Issues of Economic and Social Reconstruction* (in Arabic), UN/ESCWA, Beirut (2004). *L'accord de Taif, un réexamen critique*, Dar Annahar, Beyrouth (2003). *Civil Society in the Arab World*, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School, Occasional Publications, Cambridge (2002). "The Independence of the Judiciary between Text and Practice" (in Arabic) in *Ab'ad 5* (June 1996), pp. 90-94. Co-author with Philipp D. O'Neill, Jr. "Is the Exceptio non adimpleti contractus part of Lex Mercatoria?" in Emmanuel Gaillard (ed.), *Transnational Rules in International Commercial Arbitration*, International Chamber of Commerce/International Law Association, Paris, 1993, pp. 147-159. "The Emergence of Citizenship in Islamdom" in *Arab Law Quarterly*, Vol. 12, Part 2 (1997), pp. 125-147 (reprinted in John W. Jandora, *States Without Citizens*, Praeger Security International, Westport and London (2008), pp. 67-91; French version in *La condition libanaise. Communautés, citoyen, Etat; suivi de: La citoyenneté en pays d'Islam*). "Between Repatriation and Resettlement: Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon" in *Journal of Palestine Studies*, Vol. XXIV/1, No. 93 (1994), pp. 18-27 (French version in *Revue d'Etudes Palestiniennes* [53] 1 (autumn 1994); Arabic version in *Majallat al-Dirasat al-Falastiniyya*, No. 19 (Summer 1994); German version in *Palästinenser im Libanon, Palästinensische Flüchtlinge und der Friedensprozeß*, April 2002).

Co-author of the Draft Law submitted by the "Special Electoral Law Commission" to the Government of Lebanon in June 2006; principal drafter of the related *Report of the Commission*, and editor of its nineteen volumes of annexes.

Speaks fluent Arabic, English and French.

Awarded the French *Légion d'honneur* at the rank of Officer.

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