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## **Omar T. Mohammadi, Esq.**

### **MANAGING PARTNER**

### **LAW FIRM OF OMAR T. MOHAMMEDI, LLC**

Omar Mohammadi is the founder and managing partner of the Law Firm of Omar T. Mohammadi, LLC which was established in 1998.

Mr. Mohammadi has extensive experience in Islamic finance, Islamic estate planning international trade and business law. He has established a unique expertise in the area of Islamic finance in the U.S. Mr. Mohammadi has advised various financial institutions, namely, HSBC and Saturna Capital on Islamic financial transactions such as Sukuk, Musharaka, Mudaraba, Ijara and Murabaha.

Mr. Mohammadi represented various clients in Islamic estate planning structures. He also advised institutions on financial structures such as charitable remainder trusts, pool income funds and various other charitable establishments. He has also counseled businesses and nonprofit organizations on the modes of Islamic financing.

Mr. Mohammadi has also extensive experience in international trade and business law. He has the requisite expertise on commercial and foreign investment law. Mr. Mohammadi's experience includes representing clients in trade, commercial transactions, investment and buy/sell agreements in various countries.

Mr. Mohammadi is presently the advisor to major corporations and business councils on various international business legal issues in the Middle East and North Africa, especially, Algeria. He has handled cases before the domestic courts and international tribunals such as the World Trade Organization ("WTO"), the World Intellectual Property Organization ("WIPO") and the US Court on International Trade. Mr. Mohammadi has also handled cases of national prominence and has been the lawyer in major court opinions.

Mr. Mohammadi has lectured on legal issues involving Islamic finance, Islamic estate planning, charitable giving trusts, business, investment contracts, arbitration (domestic and international) in various international and domestic conferences. He was invited to

serve on the bench (as a judge) for Moot Court Competitions at law schools. He also served as a committee member on International Trade with the New York City Bar Association and participated in a committee that wrote recommendations related to the dolphin-safe tuna controversy and U.S.-Mexico trade relations.

### **Human Rights Commissioner**

In addition to his legal practice, Omar Mohammedi was appointed Commissioner at the NYC Commission on Human Rights in October 2002 as the first Algerian and Arab American to hold this position.

### **Publications**

- Omar T. Mohammedi, *Shariah-Compliant Wills: An Overview*, Probate & Property Magazine, Vol. 25, No. 1 (2011) .  
<http://www.otmlaw.com/pubsitems/2011ABAShariahWills.pdf>
- Omar T. Mohammedi, *International Trade and Investment in Algeria: An Overview*, 18 Mich.J.Intl L. 375 (2010), available at:  
<http://www.otmlaw.com/pubsitems/2010AlgeriaLawReview.pdf>
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- Omar T. Mohammedi, *Shariah-Compliant Wills: A Primer*, TRI-STATE MUSLIM, July 15, 2009, available at:  
[http://www.tristatemuslims.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=373:shariah-compliant-wills-a-primer](http://www.tristatemuslims.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=373:shariah-compliant-wills-a-primer) (last visited December 17, 2009).
- Omar T. Mohammedi, *This campaign is ours to lead: The future is ours to control*, THE MESSAGE INTERNATIONAL, April 26, 2004.
- Omar T. Mohammedi, *Environmental Controversies: Could an International Forum for Dispute Settlement Solve the Dilemma in the Bhopal Case*, (1997) (unpublished LL.M. thesis, Fordham Law School).
- Omar T. Mohammedi, *Protectionism: To What Extent Can the GATT Protect the Interests of Developing Countries?* (Apr. 1994) (unpublished memorandum).
- Omar T. Mohammedi, *GATT, Developing Countries and the New Forms of Protectionism* (Aug. 1989) (unpublished L.L.M. thesis, University of Warwick).

### **Lawyer for Major Published Court Opinions**

- *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001*, --- F.Supp.2d ---, 2010 WL 3783702 (S.D.N.Y. September 13, 2010).

- *Shqeirat v. U.S. Airways Group, Inc.*, 645 F.Supp.2d 765 (D.Minn. 2009).
- *Shqeirat v. U.S. Airways Group, Inc.*, 515 F.Supp.2d 984 (D.Minn. 2007).

### **Honors and Recognitions**

On May 5, 2010, The US-Algerian Business Council awarded Mr. Mohammedi at the 2010 US-Algeria Energy Day in Houston, Texas for his legal contribution to foster trade relations between Algeria and the US.

In May 2007, Mr. Mohammedi received an award from the New York State Senate for 20 years of dedication as a lawyer and leader in the State of New York.

In 2007, Mr. Mohammedi received an award from the New York City Council for his outstanding contributions to the City of New York.

Mr. Mohammedi also received a Citation of Honor in 2007 from the Office of the President of the Borough of Queens in recognition of his appointment as the first Arab/Muslim Commissioner in New York and as a lawyer.

Mr. Mohammedi was featured in the New York Law Journal article *Lawyers as leaders in their community and New York City*, in May 2003 wherein he was cited by Mayor Bloomberg as a successful lawyer and leader serving New York City.

### **Previous Experience**

Mr. Mohammedi worked with major law firms such as Sherman & Sterling Anderson Kill & Olick that focused on major multi-million dollar cases on environmental, financial and insurance matters.

### **Education**

Mr. Mohammedi has three law degrees. In 1985 Mr. Mohammedi graduated in the top 2% of the Algerian law student population. In 1989 Mr. Mohammedi received his law degree in International Trade and Business Law from Cambridge and Warwick Universities, England. In 1994 Mr. Mohammedi graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Fordham Law School, USA and received the Barry Hawk Ward on Anti-Trust for possessing the highest cumulative average in his class.

### **Linguistic Skills**

Mr. Mohammedi is fluent in Arabic, French and English.