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John Ch. Vafai

EDUCATION

Yale University, School of Law, Juridical Science Doctorate (JSD)

Harvard University, School of Government, Masters in Public Administration (MPA)

Yale University, School of Law, LL.M

Tehran University, School of Law, JD

Special Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Center for Alternate Dispute Resolutions, Certificate in Dispute Resolution

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & DISTINCTION

Editor, *The Harvard Environmental Law Review*, Vol. 10, 86-87, Harvard Law School.

Awarded, Yale University, “James Raymond Goodrich Prize for High Scholarship Records and Promise of Leadership.” (Ford Foundation).

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Annual Award, April 13, 1990.

United States Congressional Advisory Board, “Outstanding Services of John Vafai as a State Advisor.”

I. PRIVATE SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Archival Magazine, Research Fellow (New York). (2015- Current)

Of Counsel, Lally & Misir, LLP Attorneys At Law (New York). (2011-2015)

Consultant, Baker Botts (Baku, Azerbaijan). (1999-2003)

Legal Advisor, “GAZ” (Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia). (1995-1998)

II. PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Delegate, First District – New York. (elective). (2008)

Associate Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). (1988-1991)

Worked with the U.S. Department of Justice with respect to resolving government disputes with corporations concerning the Federal environmental violations.

Department of Legal Affairs, National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC). (1975-1977)

Negotiated on behalf of the NIOC with foreign oil companies. Advised OPEC with respect to legal implications of its resolutions.

Member of the Board of Directors, Organization of Insurance and Public Welfare, Ministry of Social Welfare, Iran (1977-78). Advised the Ministry concerning the welfare and insurance policy of the government.

III. ACADEMIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Salzburg Seminar, Global Program -- Caucasus University, Georgia. (2005-2006)

Contributed as to planning and development of Graduate School of Business Administration, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars,
Washington D.C. (2003 – 2005)

Conducted research studies concerning structural defects and institutional weaknesses causing corruption and corrupt practices in Russia and within a Central Asian countries.

Director, Pacific Asian Legal Studies Program and Visiting Professor of Law,
University of Hawaii, School of Law. (1985-1987)

Taught International Business Law and directed summer programs, for foreign attorneys and academic professionals,

Associate Professor, Rutgers University, Graduate School of Management, Newark. (1980-1984)

Visiting Legal Scholar, Columbia University, School of Law, New York. (1979-1980)

Conducted research and published law review articles in the fields of international business transactions and public policy issues.

Associate Professor of Law, University of Tehran, School of Law. (1977-1979)

CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- New Generation of Commercial Adjudication Between Iran and U.S. Corporations. (work in progress)
- Judicial Review in Iran. (work in progress)

SELECTED LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Translated from Farsi into English, The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Constitutions of the World, Published by Oceana Publications, Inc. Dobbs Ferry, NY, 1980.
- International Business and International Relations, Anant Negandi, editor, JAI Press, Inc. 1986.

Published Articles

- “The Third Way in Egypt,” an essay on the uprising in Egypt and recommendations to contain rampant corruption. Homeland Security News Wire, February 14, 2011. <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/third-way-egypt?page=0,6>
- “Corruption in the CIS Countries” (Problems Concerning Regulatory Reform and National Security Issues), Azernews, May – August, 2000, pp. 1-35.
- The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Constitutions of the World (translation from Farsi).
- “Money Laundering Reform in Russia – Legal Prospects *versus* Political Impediments,” Monaco World Summit, April 26-27, 2001.
- “Banking system in Russia – A Conduit for Flight of Corrupt Money into the United States,” Monaco World Summit, October 23-24, 2002.
- “Complexities of International Commercial Contracts,” American Society of International Law, 78th Annual Meeting, Open Forum, April 14, 1984.
- “The International Community Development Corporation: A Proposed Model”, Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, Fall 1971, pp. 364 – 391.

- “Conflict Resolution in the Petroleum Industry,” Journal of World Trade Law, July-August, 1971, pp. 427 – 460.
- “Market Demand Prorating and Waste – A Statutory Confusion,” Ecology Law Quarterly, Winter 1972, pp. 118 – 158.
- “Participation, Pricing and Production in the International Petroleum,” Natural Resources Lawyers, January 1972, pp. 82.
- “Production Control in the Energy Industry – An Environmental Analysis,” Santa Clara Lawyer, Spring 1971, pp. 189– 228.

Other Published Materials

- “Public Policy in International Petroleum Industry: The Role of the United States and the Arab Exporting Countries,” Eighth Arab Petroleum Congress, June 1972, pp. 1–55.
- “The Iran Crisis and International Law, in Proceedings,” The John Basset Moore Society of International Law, October 1981.

Unpublished Materials

- “The New Era of Doing Business with Iran – Iran’s International Commercial Transactions and Global Security.” (Filed with Archival Magazine).
- “The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act – A Tumultuous Journey to Iran and Beyond.” (Filed with Archival Magazine).

Presentations:

- “Modern Comparative Politics,” Ramapo College of New Jersey, September 2014.
- “Financial Infrastructures and Structural Defects in former Soviet Republics,” Lecture delivered at the International Finance Conference, Moscow, Russia, October 9, 2002.
- “Banking system in Russia – A Conduit for Flight of Corrupt Money into the United States,” Monaco World Summit, October 23-24, 2002.
- “Money Laundering Reform in Russia – Legal Prospects *versus* Political Impediments,” Monaco World Summit, April 26-27, 2001.
- “Corruption in Russia and Southern Caucasus Region – National Security Implications,” Remarks of John Vafai, Attorney At Law, Before the Association of the Bar of the City of New York New York, NY, October 16, 2000, (unpublished material, 145 pages).

MEMBERSHIP & CERTIFICATES

American Immigration Lawyers Association
 United States Congressional Advisory Board (2004)
 Association of the Bar of State of New York, (Member since 1992-current)
 American Bar Association (Member since 1992-current)
 Presidential Round Table, Member (2001)
 Academy of International Business (1999)
 Asia-Pacific Lawyers Association (2000)
 The Presidential Round Table Commission (2006)
 Leadership Award -- U.S. Azeris Network (2008)

PUBLIC MEDIA INTERVIEWS

BBC World News (New York), November 3, 2010
BBC World News (London), May 7, 2008, June 3, 2008 & November 3, 2008
 April 16, 2007, April 18, 2007 & May 1, 2007
Caspiy (Baku, Azerbaijan), June 19, 2007
ABC (New York), May, 1980
Azernews (Baku, Azerbaijan), May through August, 2000
Philadelphia Enquirer (Philadelphia), April 22, 1997
Sahar (Baku, Azerbaijan), May 11, 1993

