

Judge Mahmoud Daifallah HMOUD

(Member of the Court since 27 May 2025)

Professional experience

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations in New York (August 2021-May 2025); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Cuba — Non-resident (April 2023-May 2025); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Dominican Republic — Non-resident (August 2023-May 2025); Member of the International Law Commission (2007-2022): Chair of the Commission during its 72nd session (2021), Chair of the Drafting Committee (2012), First Vice-Chair (2019), Second Vice-Chair (2008), Chair of the Working Group on the long-term programme of work (2017-2022); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Republic of Singapore (2018-2021); Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam — Non-resident (2020-2021); Legal Advisor and Director of the Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Amman, Jordan (1999-2001, 2006-2009, 2013, 2016-2018); Senior Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations, New York (2013-2015); Director of the Negotiations Coordination Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates (2013); Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Jordan to the United States (2010-2013); Legal Advisor, Jordan's Nuclear Energy Commission (2007-2009); Diplomat and Legal Advisor at the Jordanian Mission to the United Nations, New York (2001-2006); Vice-Chairman of the Legal (Sixth) Committee during the sixtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly; Legal Advisor at the Office of HRH Prince El-Hassan bin Talal, Amman, Jordan (1994-1999); Legal Advisor to Jordan during the Middle East peace process negotiations; The Jordanian Follow up Committee on the Euro-Med Partnership (Barcelona process).

Other professional experience

Negotiated several of Jordan's bilateral and multilateral treaties and agreements, including peace and security-related treaties, judicial co-operation, human rights, counter-terrorism, border demarcation, investment, commercial, transportation, energy and international loan treaties and agreements; During Jordan's membership at the UN Security Council (2014-2015), negotiated several Council resolutions relating to the Middle East and North Africa, sanctions, and counter-terrorism; Advised the Jordanian government on legal matters related to the various aspects of Jordan's foreign policy; Advised the Jordanian government on issues related to Jordan's accession to the World Trade Organization, including intellectual property matters (TRIPs agreement); Participated in preparing and drafting several economic legislations in Jordan, including those related to intellectual property protection; Advised the Jordanian government on matters related to the Jordan-EU Association agreement; Advised the Jordanian government on certain privatization matters; Legal counsel for Jordan in proceedings before the International Court of Justice, including the Advisory Opinions on the *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory* (2004), *Accordance with international law of the unilateral declaration of independence in respect of Kosovo* (2010) and the *Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (2024); Supervision and co-ordination of the Jordanian legal claims before the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC); Counsel for Jordan in claims before tribunals of the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID); Legal Counsel for Jordan in proceedings before the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court (2018).

Legal Training: At the offices of lawyers Daifallah Hmoud and Moh'd abu Jbara, finished the requirements of legal training for the Jordanian Bar Association in July 1994; Intellectual Property Internship: Law Firm of Beveridge, DeGrandi, Weilacher & Young (LLP), Washington D.C., May 1998 (later acquired by Clifford Chance).

Selected conference participation

Jordan's representative to the Legal Committee during the 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st and 62nd sessions of the UN General Assembly, New York; Jordan's representative to the 8th, 9th and 10th sessions of the Preparatory Committee of the International Criminal Court (2001-2002); Jordan's representative to the sessions of the Assembly of State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008), New York and The Hague; Rapporteur of the UN General Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings, 2002, New York; Vice-Chairman of the UN General Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of the United Nations and Associated Personnel, 2003-2005, New York; Middle East and North Africa Economic Summit, October 1995, Amman, Jordan; Global Panel (Economic) Conference, December 1996, The Hague, The Netherlands; Several World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) conferences and seminars; Chairman at the International Symposium on Intellectual Property and Knowledge-Based Economy, October 1999, Beijing, China; International Law Seminar, July 2000, Geneva, Switzerland.

Selected publications, research, and lectures

“Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Law Making Policy”, 1993 (on file at George Washington University, National Law Center); “Foreign Investment under Jordanian Law”, 1994 (in Arabic) (on file at Jordan Bar Association Library); “The Use of Force Against Iraq”, *Cornell International Law Journal*, Vol. 36 (2004) pp. 435-453; United Nations Meeting on the Question of Palestine, 8-9 March 2005, Geneva: Presentation on the Significance of the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Construction of a Wall in OPT; American Bar Association Section of International Law: Speaker/Panellist at the 2005 Spring Meeting, Washington D.C.; 2005 UNITAR Summer Institute on Global Issues Facing the United Nations, 6-10 June 2005, United Nations Headquarters, New York: Speaker/Panellist on UN Standards Setting — Method, Technique and Implementation; “Organization of the Islamic Conference”, in Giuseppe Nesi (ed.), *International Cooperation in Counter-terrorism, the United Nations and Regional Organizations in the Fight Against Terrorism*, UK: Ashgate Publishing Limited, pp. 161-170; “Negotiating the Draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism: Major Bones of Contention”, *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 2006 (doi: 10.1093/jicj/mql081); “Are the Principles Really Needed? The Potential of the Established Distinction between Responsibility for Attacks by Non-State Actors and the Law of Self-Defence”, *The American Journal of International Law*, Vol. 107, p. 576; “Sources of International Law”, in Mario J. A. Oyarzabal (ed.), *International Law for Diplomats*, Brill, forthcoming 2025; Written papers submitted to the ILC Study Group on the “Most-Favoured Nation Clause” (attached to the relevant ILC annual reports); lectured, chaired and participated in panels on various topics relating to Jordan’s foreign policy, international law, international humanitarian law, intellectual property, foreign investments, international and diplomatic affairs, use of force and counter-terrorism in different fora, including the World Bank, Columbia University Law School, University of Jordan, the National University of Singapore, the George Washington University Law School, Washington University Law School, Oxford University and Cambridge University; Panellist and participant in numerous events held at the United Nations on matters related to international law, multilateralism and the work of the organization; Member of the International Advisory Panel of American Law Institute’s Restatement of the Law Fourth, Foreign Relations of the United States; Member of the International Advisory Panel of the Centre for International Law, the National University of Singapore.

Awards

Jordan’s Istiklal (Independence) Medal of the Third Order (2004); Jordan’s Istiklal (Independence) Medal of the First Order (2018).

Education

BA Law, University of Jordan Law School, Amman, Jordan (1992); LLM Law, The George Washington University, National Law Center (Law School) (1993); Diploma in International Human Rights, Lund University, Raoul Wallenberg Institute (1996); LLM Law, Franklin Pierce Law Center (currently the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law) (1998).
