**Zeina Jallad**

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# Education

Columbia Law School New York City, NY

**J.S.D** 2014 – expected 2021

Broader research areas: Intersections between human rights law, vulnerable communities, access to justice, gender justice, international law and development

**LL.M.** 2008

Focus: International comparative criminal law, gender justice, and access to justice

Recognition of Achievement, Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law

Palestinian Rule of Law Scholarship

New York University School of Law New York City, NY

**Visiting Scholar**  2014- 2015

Researched in the field of Law and Social Theory, with Professor Garland.

Bilgi University Istanbul, Turkey

**Summer Course**  2007 Introduction to the American legal system; legal research skills; gender justice

Birzeit University Ramallah, Palestine

**Graduate Diploma in Practical and Professional Legal Skills** 2007

University of Jordan Amman, Jordan

**B.A., Law** 2004

# Professional Experience

United Nations International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism for Syria (IIIM) Geneva, Switzerland

**Consultant** November 2019- April 2020

* Developed an innovative theoretical framework for IIM’s victims and survivors cantered approach (VSCA) to investigating war crimes with special focus on gender, cultural and religious considerations.
* Developed a written strategy proposal for IIIM’s VSCA.
* Conducted fieldwork in Turkey and Lebanon.
* Mapped and researched the emergence of the survivors’ associations in the context of Syria.
* Developed a plan for targeted consultations with special focus on gender, cultural and religious considerations.
* Moderated focus groups and presented in conferences in Lebanon and Turkey.

International Center for Transitional Justice New York City, NY

**Consultant** April 2018- April 2019

* Conduct a research on the Syrian refugees in Jordan with the focus on experiences of women, juveniles and minorities regarding displacement, durable solutions, and reconciliation.
* Conduct fieldwork in refugee camps and host communities.
* Conduct meetings and interviews with stakeholders, local and international organizations working on the Syrian refugees in Jordan.

UN Women Ramallah, Palestine

**Consultant**  March 2018

* Conduct a research, Palestine Mapping of Laws, Policies and Practices on Gender Justice.
* Gap analysis and harmonization proposals for Laws, Policies and Practices on Gender Justice.
* Conduct consultations meetings with key stakeholders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
* Facilitated discussions between governmental officials and stakeholders in Gaza Strip and the West Bank.
* Developed and provided training on gender mainstreaming of laws and policies for stakeholders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Geneva, Switzerland

**Consultant** 2015-2016

* Developed a situation report on the status of human rights in besieged and hard to reach areas in Syria.
* Conducted needs assessment for the besiegement classification criteria. Conducted fieldwork in Gaziantep, Amman and Beirut. Proposed alternative frameworks and areas of interventions

Public Interest Network (Pilnet) New York City, NY

**Consultant**  Summer 2016

* Research development on advocacy and public interest lawyering in the MENA region. Designing capacity building programs for Egyptian and Palestinian lawyers and judges. Training delivery in Tunisia, Lebanon, Jordan and Morocco

Columbia Law School New York City, NY

**Academic Fellow, Center for Gender and Sexuality Law**  2012 –2017

* Co-taught upper-year seminar, Occupation: Law, Politics and Morality, with Professor Franke.
* Researched access to justice and disenfranchised groups rights in the Middle East, women conceptions of justice, intersectionality and gender mainstreaming in the public sector.
* Programs development, manuals development, and training delivery.
* Organizing and participating in events with other academic institutions, NGOs, INGOs and at the UN Headquarters.

European Union, Seyada Project Ramallah, Palestine

**Legal Expert**  2009 - 2012

* Managed a three-year project supporting the institutional building of the Palestinian Bar Association (“PBA”). Developed the PBA’s regulatory framework; delivered legal training; won multi-million Euro grants.
* Co-prepared the first strategic plan of the PBA. Co-prepared gender mainstreaming strategy for the PBA and the legal profession in Palestine.
* Co-drafted the Legal Profession Code of Conduct.
* Developed and delivered initial and continuous training programs for trainee and practicing lawyers.
* Designed a proposal and bylaws for establish a Palestinian Lawyers Training Institute.
* Drafted cooperation protocols between the Bar Association and the Paris Bar.

Birzeit University Ramallah, Palestine

**Lecturer in Law, Faculty of Law and Public Administration** 2008 - 2012

* Taught the following courses: Principles of Criminal Law; Introduction to Criminal Law; Legal Terminology Course in English; Introduction to the Palestinian Legal System; Introduction to Criminal Law. Received students’ token of appreciation for best teacher in 2010, 2011and 2012.

Al-Quds University Abu Dis, Jerusalem

**Lecturer in Law, Faculty of Law** 2011 - 2012

* Taught International Law

Birzeit University Ramallah, Palestine

**Head of the Continuing Education Unit, Institute of Law** 2008 - 2009

* Head of the Professional Diploma Program in Legal Practice; organised regional conferences; wrote grants applications and proposals, developed a training series for Palestinian policewomen.
* Developed policy papers and strategies on engendering the Palestinian Judicial system. Developed policy papers and strategies for the security sector. Legal review and legislative assessments. Co-development of the Palestinian Women Charter. Legal Review of the applicable Personal Status Laws in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Developed of Shadow Reports on the status of women in the Palestinian law. Developed of model laws: Family Law, Criminal Law, Code of Ethics for Lawyers.

UN, Office of Legal Affairs New York, NY

**Extern** 2008

* Undertook an externship as part of Columbia Law School LL.M. Conducted extensive legal research on UN regulations; revised contracts; drafted legal opinions on the adherence of UN agencies to UN regulations.

Birzeit University Ramallah, Palestine

**Legal Researcher** 2006 - 2007

* Head of the Professional Diploma Program in Legal Practice; conducted research and prepared manuals with the focus on human rights, security sector reform, women’s rights, juvenile justice and children’s rights; developed and delivered a training series for Palestinian policewomen; coordinated a regional project on Security Sector Reform in the MENA Region.

Ahmad Al-Sayyad Law Firm Ramallah, Palestine

**Staff Attorney** 2004 - 2006

* Represented clients before the Magistrate and first instance courts in civil, criminal, labour, and insurance cases. Drafted agreements, contracts, pleadings and appellate briefs.

# Training Delivery

EUPOLLCOPPS Ramallah, Palestine

 April 2018

* Training government officials on legislative harmonization and compatibility with international instruments
* Main focus on women and children in conflict with the law
* Delivering training for the National Legislative Drafting Committee on Legislative Harmonization, International Standards and Compatibility with special focus on women and Juveniles

UN Women Ramallah, Palestine April 2018

* Legislative drafting and legal reform
* Public interest lawyering as a means to enhance marginalized groups access to justice
* Rethinking defending and representing women and girls in conflict with the law

Legal Agenda Beirut, Lebanon

 Summer 2016

* Training curriculum development on public interest lawyering for change and strategic litigation in the MENA region
* Training delivery for lawyers, journalists, judges and prosecutors from the MENA region

Columbia Law School New York City, NY

 2016-2017

* Advocacy and gender mainstreaming
* A matter of equality: Engendering the justice systems

Public Interest Network (Pilnet) New York City, NY

 2015-2017

* Multiple courses in Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan
* Advocacy and strategic litigation
* Cause lawyering for social change
* Legal aid and pro bono services

New York City Bar Association New York City, NY

 2015

* Women’s’ rights post the Arab Spring
* Gender Mainstreaming of Islamic Laws

Columbia Law School New York City, NY

 2013-2014

* Social Justice Initiative, human rights in the Middle East.
* Human rights under conditions of occupation.
* Women’s rights in the Middle East.
* Cause lawyering and advocacy for social change.

Palestinian Bar Association Ramallah, Palestine

 2011- 2013

* Assisting Victims of Gender-based Violence And Women in Conflict With The Law Project conducted with UN Women.
* Lawyers Capacity Building Program, Advocacy, ToT and Curriculum Development, Training Design and Development.
* Training Design, material Development and Co-Trained on International Criminal Law for Palestinian Practicing Lawyers.
* Empowering Women Affairs Committee Program, ToT and Curriculum Development on Gender Justice and Awareness Building.

Médecins du Monde (MDM)- Swiss West Bank, Palestine

 2009-2010

* Professional responsibility and ethics for mental health workers in refugee camps in Hebron.
* Professional responsibility and ethics for medical and mental health workers in refugee camps in Nablus.

Palestinian Judicial Training InstituteRamallah, Palestine

 2010

* Capacity Building Program, Training Design and Delivery on Usage of English language in Criminal Law for Palestinian Prosecutors and Judges.

Institute of Law, Birzeit UniversityRamallah, Palestine

 2009

* Professional Diploma in Legislative Drafting, training design, material development, curriculum development and evaluation, for legal advisors and civil servants at the Palestinian ministries. Training topics: Introduction to the Palestinian Legal System and Legal terminology.
* Empowering Palestinian policewomen, training design and delivery, Legal Terminology and Gender Justice.

# Committee Memberships And Certifications

***2019,*** Arab Council of Social Sciences, 4th Annual Conference, Lebanon.

***2018/2019,*** Asian Forum on Global Governance, Observer Research Foundation, the 3rd and 4th global forums, India.

***2018,*** Forum of the Arab Graduates in the West, Doha Institute, Qatar.

***2017/ 2016,***The Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) at Harvard Law School, the 7th and the 8th global workshops.

***2011,***Palestinian Taskforce: assisted the Palestinian Ministry of Women Affairs and the Palestinian Legislative Council (“PLC”) with adopting new legislation that improved the security of Palestinian women and girls.

***2006,***National Legislative Committee: commissioned to amend Palestinian Child Law No. 7.

***2011/2012****,* International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, 11th and 12th Specialization Courses in International Criminal Law for Young Penalists (Siracusa, Italy).

***2008,***Columbia University, The Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law, Certificate of Achievement in International and Comparative Law (NYC, USA)

# Professional Memberships

***2014 - Present***New York City Bar Association, Former Secretary of Committee on Middle East and North Africa

***2013- Present*** Law and Society Association

***2011 - Present***International Association of Penal Law, Young Penalist Admission

***2011 - Present*** Palestinian Bar Association, Women’s Committee

***2006 - Present***Palestinian Bar Association, Bar Admission

# Publications

***Forthcoming,*** Zeina Jallad Charpentier, *Plural Belonging: The Samaritans’ Negotiation of Space*

 *in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,* American University International Law Review, Volume 37

***2019,*** Zeina Jallad Charpentier *et al.,* *An Uncertain Homecoming: Views of Syrian Refugees in Jordan on Return, Justice and Co-existence,* International Center for Transitional Justice, New York

***2018****,* Zeina Jallad Charpentier*, Gender Justice & The Law: Assessment of Laws Affecting Gender Equality in The Arab States Region*, UN Women, New York

***2016,*** Zeina Jallad, *The Power of the Body: The Corporeal Logic of Law and Social Change in the Arab Spring,* Columbia Journal of Race and Law, Columbia University, New York

***2016,***Zeina Jallad, *Public Interest Law in the MENA Region: Cause Lawyering in Egypt and Palestine*, PILnet: The Global Network for Public Interest Lawyering, New York

***2012*,** Zeina Jallad, *Accessing Justice and Advancing Gender Equality in the MENA: Procedural Manual*, UN Women, Palestine

***2011****,* Zeina Jallad, *Legal Analysis: Palestinian Women and Security*, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Force (DCAF), Geneva

***2008,***Zeina Jallad et. al., eds., *Juvenile Justice in Palestine: Between Theory and Practice*, Institute of Law, Birzeit University, Palestine

***2007,*** Zeina Jallad et. al., *Legal and Regulatory Framework of the Government’s Management of the Legislative Process: The Palestinian Case*, Institute of Law, Birzeit University, Palestine

***2007****,* Zeina Jallad et. al., eds., *A Legal Framework of Future Palestinian Citizenship and Citizens’ Rights*, in The Contours of a Future State: A Multi-Part Compendium*,* commissioned by the Institute of Law, Birzeit University, Palestine

***2007,*** Zeina Jallad et. al., eds., *Women’s Rights Charter*, Institute of Law, Birzeit University, Palestine

# Languages

Arabic (native); English (fluent)