**Curriculum Vitae**

 for

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***Nationality: Jordan; Green Card Holder***

**Qualifications**: B.A., English language 1967- American University of Beirut (AUB).

**Work Experience**:

--February 1, 2013 –until present: Director of a translation office at Al Naqeeb and Partners Law Firm.

--4/2010 until February 1, 2013:

* Translator/interpreter for Mr. Tony Blair’s Team of consultants who provided a lot of consulting work to the Government of Kuwait.
* Then I worked as a full time translator for the Technical & Advisory Office (TAO), which was part of the Diwan of H.H. The Prime Minister of Kuwait. Since June 2012, I was transferred to the Prime Minister’s Office as a translator after the GOK dissolved the Technical & Advisory Office.

2009: Translator to the World Link Organization (Founded by the World Bank) in Amman, Jordan, to help spread IT education in various schools of the Arab and the developing countries.

1988-2007: Senior Commercial Specialist at the American Embassy, Kuwait. Key functions in this position included:

* + Advocating and promoting U.S. business in Kuwait and helping American companies facing problems in Kuwait by providing them with guidance and appropriate assistance and sometimes direct intervention;
	+ Keeping American companies informed about various business opportunities in Kuwait (especially major projects);
	+ Leading Kuwaiti business delegations to major trade shows in the USA;
	+ Organizing and receiving US trade missions to Kuwait;
	+ Assisting Kuwaiti companies to find American products and American companies to act as their local agents; and helping American companies find local agents and associates; preparing due diligence reports about local companies at the request of US companies;
	+ Accompanying US ambassadors and senior Embassy officials to their important meetings with senior GOK officials for interpretation;
	+ Arranging and coordinating meetings of senior USG officials visiting Kuwait with the Kuwaiti counterparts;
	+ Establishing strong relations with key Government of Kuwait officials as well as major players in the business community;
	+ Preparing various reports about various economic, financial and political developments in Kuwait which affect the business environment and business opportunities for American companies in Kuwait.

--1979-1988: Political Specialist and Senior Translator, American Embassy, Kuwait.

* 1976-1979: Instructor of English at the Training Center of the Kuwait National Petroleum Co., Shuaiba (KNPC)
* 1967-1976: Teacher of English at Kuwaiti public schools.

Throughout my career, I have received several achievement, honor and meritorious awards. I received a Special Award of Achievement from former Secretary of State G. Rice in recognition of my “Services in developing American and Kuwaiti political and commercial relations”.

**Additional information:**

-I am a certified translator by the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait;

--I am the translator for AlShall Economic Consulting Office since 1992;

-I do a lot of translation for various local companies.

-I translated three books so far. Most recently, I translated a 300 page feasibility study for an industrial project (Tire Recycling).

**References:** H.E. Ambassador Matt Tueller currently in Kuwait; Mr. Robert Beschel, World Bank Washington, D.C., Mr. Jassem Al Sadoun, Chairman of AlShall Consulting Services.