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Academic Qualifications:

- Master degree in Law, Durham University, United Kingdom (1998).
- Bachelor degree in Sharia and Law, Al Azhar University, Arab Republic of Egypt (1990).
- Preparation Diploma Program for Government Leaders (LEADERS 6), Institute of Public Administration, Kingdom of Bahrain (2012).
- Professional Certificate in "Preparation and Training of Trainers (TOT)" approved by the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions.

Current Positions:

- Secretary General, National Institution *for* Human Rights, since 2019.
- Member of National Committee for International Humanitarian Law, since 2014.
- Member of Bahrain Red Crescent Society, since 2012.

Other Positions:

- Deputy Secretary General, National Institution *for* Human Rights, (2015-2019).
- Acting Secretary General, National Institution *for* Human Rights, (2015-2017).
- Director, Legal Affairs Directorate, National Institution *for* Human Rights, (2011-2015).
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain (1994-2011):
 - Counselor, Legal & Human Rights Department - Member of the Human Rights Unit.
 - Deputy of the Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Swiss Confederation.
 - Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Washington DC, United States of America.
- Member of the Specialists' Committee of the Member States assigned to Study the Two Subjects of (Shura Mechanism and Human Rights) prescribed within the vision of the Kingdom of Bahrain for the development of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (2010).
- Member of the teamwork in charge for following-up the preparation for the detailed studies of nuclear energy uses for peaceful purposes, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (2009-2010).
- Member of the Kingdom of Bahrain delegation for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland (2008).
- Member of the legal team of the Kingdom of Bahrain before the International Court of Justice on Bahrain - Qatar Territorial boundary dispute, The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands (1999-2001).
- Legal Governmental Auditor, State Audit Institution, United Arab Emirates (1991-1994).

