

LegalTech Essentials Course

AI and Innovation for Modern Law Practice

offered by the
Center for Continuing Education in collaboration with the **Faculty of Law**,
and in partnership with **SADER Legal** and **ZAKA**.

This course provides Law professionals with essential insights into the transformative role of technology in the legal field, equipping them with the tools and knowledge to thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape.

Program Calendar

Saturday February 22, 2025		
8:00 - 8:30	The Legal Evolution	Rany Sader
8:30 - 10:00	Digital Transformation	Amanda Hachem
10:00 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Cybersecurity	Harout Topjian
Saturday March 1, 2025		
8:00 - 10:00	Big Data Analytics	Soulayman Al Abdallah
10:00 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Data Privacy and GDPR	Noor Abboud
Saturday March 8, 2025		
8:00 - 10:00	Artificial Intelligence	Amanda Hachem
10:00 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Regulatory Framework of AI	Julien Khoury
Saturday March 15, 2025		
8:00 - 10:00	Artificial Intelligence (LLMs + Tools)	Soulayman Al Abdallah
10:00 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Intellectual Property and AI	Julien Khoury
Saturday March 22, 2025		
8:00 - 9:00	Blockchain and Crypto	Jihad Ftouny
9:00 - 10:00	Blockchain and Crypto	Ornina El Hajjar
10:00 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Legaltech Tools (Saderlex and LAITRON Demo)	Georges Naffah
Saturday March 28, 2025		
16:30 - 18:30	Legal Innovative Thinking + Law 2.0: Reinventing Legal Practice	Rany Sader
18:30 - 19:00	Break	
19:00 - 20:00	Graduation	Rany Sader

Instructors (by session order)



Rany Sader

Chief Legal Innovation Officer at SADER

Rany Sader represents the 5th generation of the oldest and most distinguished family-owned Arab Legal Information Provider (SADER Legal), established in 1863. Under his leadership since 1996, SADER Law Research Center (established in 1921) has noticed a revolution in the Arab legal research and legal informatics fields. He conceived and executed many regional legal tech and Rule of Law projects. He also created several leading legal publications and series in the Region, such as SADER Annotated Codes Series (Ar/Eng). Attorney Sader is the co-Founding Partner of SADER & Associates (Advocates & Legal Consultants), which is considered the leading IP Law firm in Lebanon. As a legal strategist, he has over 24 years of experience advising many Fortune 500 leading international clients in different businesses, as well as SMEs and Start-Ups, on Intellectual Property Rights, New technologies, and creative industries laws. He is also the creator, project lead, and member of the advisory board of the Sports Law Middle East, the first platform in the MENA region as well as the first trilingual sports law platform in the World. Attorney Sader is an active member in several local, Arab and International Legal Associations where he is always invited to speak around the Globe.



Amanda Hachem

Education Lead at ZAKA

Amanda is a seasoned AI instructor and mentor with a strong multicultural background and a deep passion for sharing her knowledge in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. She has an engineering background and has transitioned into a role where she combines her technical expertise with her teaching skills. Amanda is known for creating engaging educational materials and delivering high-impact workshops and training programs. At ZAKA AI, she led several AI training initiatives, including a 20-week Machine Learning & Data Science certification program for over 100 participants and a technical bootcamp that engaged more than 1500 participants. Additionally, she has contributed globally, notably mentoring at the Qatar Imagine Cup Competition 2022 and delivering Microsoft Azure training in the UAE. Previously, at La Cité Culturelle, she worked as a Robotics Coordinator and Instructor, enhancing robotics education. Amanda holds Microsoft Certifications and has published research in IEEE. Fluent in English and Arabic, her work bridges technical complexity with accessible learning, making her a leading figure in AI education.

Instructors (by session order)



Harout Topjian
AI Instructor at ZAKA

Harout Topjian is an accomplished AI instructor and software developer with a robust technical background and a passion for education. At ZAKA AI, Harout has been instrumental in creating educational content and delivering impactful AI and data science training to various organizations. His professional journey includes working in the banking sector with SopraBanking, where he specialized in COBOL and application maintenance. He also gained hands-on experience in mobile software development during his internship at Intalio, focusing on Flutter cross-platform development.

In addition to his technical expertise, Harout is an active leader in the IEEE community, serving as a Student Representative for the IEEE Lebanon Section. Harout holds a Master's degree in Web Development and is certified in data science from ZAKA AI.



Soulayman Al-Abdallah
AI Instructor at ZAKA

Soulayman Al-Abdallah is a Certified AI/DS Practitioner who has trained and mentored over 500 individuals in the MENA region in various areas such as Machine Learning (ML), Deep Learning (DL), large language models (LLMs), Data Analytics (DA), and AI Innovation and Technology. His expertise has been sought by prestigious entities, including KSA SDAIA, KSA Ministry of Culture, and Microsoft UAE.

Soulayman is renowned as a dedicated AI instructor and content developer at ZAKA. At ZAKA, he specializes in developing educational materials focused on data-related subjects.



Nour Abboud
IT/Digital and Data Counsel at Moët Hennessy

Nour Abboud is an IT/Digital and Data legal counsel at Moët Hennessy (ex Skeepers, Amadeus), bringing over 5 years of in-house expertise. With master's degrees in Intellectual Property and International Business Law, as well as Algorithmic Law and Data Governance, Nour is a proficient expert at the intersection of law and technology. His advanced studies in Artificial Intelligence further enhance his understanding of emerging legal challenges in the digital realm.

Instructors (by session order)



Julien Khoury
IP Specialist at SADER

Julien Khoury, an IP Specialist at SADER & Associates since 2021, manages research, IP portfolios, agreements, and enforcement strategies. Khoury participated in numerous IP publications and is actively involved in Lebanon's IP landscape, he also contributes to seminars on IP, AI, and LegalTech. His expertise spans Luxury, Franchising, Licensing, IP Transactions, New Technologies, Corporate and Entertainment Law. Armed with a master's in "Intellectual Property Law and International Trade" and a University Diploma in Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property" from CEIPI, Strasbourg University, as well as practical experiences at esteemed IP firms in Lebanon and France, Khoury recently completed the WIPO Advanced Course on Intellectual Property Management, further enhancing his professional repertoire.



Jihad Ftouny
AI Instructor at ZAKA

Jihad Ftouny is a dedicated AI Instructor at ZAKA, where he specializes in teaching foundational concepts in artificial intelligence with a focus on computer vision and Large Language Models. With a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Jihad combines his technical expertise with practical applications to inspire his students, encouraging hands-on learning and problem-solving. He stays actively involved in the AI community, participating in various tech forums to keep abreast of the latest trends and technologies in AI.



Ornina El Hajjar
Editor and Project Coordinator of the MENA FinTech Law Platform

Ms. El Hajjar obtained her LLM in Business Law from the Lebanese American University, with a research thesis about Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) and its connection to intellectual property and crypto assets. She subsequently wrote several FinTech articles. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology at the University of Macerata in Italy.

Instructors (by session order)



Georges Naffah
Senior Software Developer at SADER

Georges J. Naffah is a Senior Software Developer and Microsoft Trainer with over 15 years of experience in software development, database management, and web technologies. He has led major projects, including the Landmines in Lebanon Project for the Lebanese Army, the E-Laws Project for the UAE Ministry of Justice, and SADERLEX projects at SADER. Holding a Master's in Computer Science from Capitol University, he is Microsoft and Oracle certified, with expertise in .NET, PHP, SQL, and web development. Known for his leadership, analytical thinking, and public speaking, Georges continues to drive innovation in software solutions.

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