

Fehmi Rachid Karami

Fehmi Karami graduated from the Lebanese University with a degree in Law in 1994; he finished his apprenticeship training and became a member of the Syndicate for Lawyers in 1996. He is currently an owning partner and senior lawyer in the Rachid Karami law firm in Tripoli, North Lebanon.

Since his graduation, he was interested in ADR as an approach to problem solving and saw it as a conduit to overcome the challenges often faced in the Lebanese Judicial system. He had his first training in mediation in 2004 in Egypt at Cairo regional center of arbitration. In 2004, he became a fellow and a tutor at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and was appointed as an arbitrator in a number of local and international disputes.

Fehmi was the first to introduce the concept of mediation as an ADR to north Lebanon societies, and he organized in 2005 and 2008 two pioneer trainings that culminated in graduating 35 lawyers trained on mediation. In 2009, he became a Chartered mediator and later tutor at The Egyptian ADR Association. In 2010, he became accredited mediator at the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and later a tutor. And in 2019, he became an approved faculty list (approved trainer) at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

In 2010, He was appointed by the president of Tripoli bar association to Draft the bylaw and rules of the bar's newly established center of mediation and arbitration. Since 2010, Fehmi was nominated as Project Coordinator of the ADR program with IFC and he drafted the first mediation law which was submitted to the parliament by Tripoli bar Association. Later, he has been assigned as a consultant at the World Bank particularly to draft the judicial mediation law. He also drafted laws on mediation in sport dispute in 2012 and on mediation in solving trader's insolvency in 2013.

Moreover to being a mediator, Fehmi is a professional trainer; he trained on arbitration, mediation, human rights, and other legal subjects, and was an invited speaker on these topics in many local and international conferences.

He has many publications on issues related to mediation, arbitration, and various research projects on rule of law. He designed also mediation training programs. The most recent was the training program developed to the official schools as a part of TAMAM Project with the American University of Beirut, to create a school leadership team based on the mediation skills and techniques to lead groups to reduce conflict and increase productivity.

Fehmi who is born in Tripoli Lebanon and lived and work there, has also delivered training in many Arab and foreign countries. Though a fervent advocate for promoting mediation as practice and culture around the region and the world, he is particularly passionate about building capacity in his hometown - Tripoli wherefore he established in 2014 Training and Dialogue House Organization, which become a center of mediation practice and learning in Lebanon.