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Experience

- University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), US** 02/2025 - Present
Research Assistant (Constitutional Law)
 - This project focuses on examining the "history and tradition" of constitutional interpretation by state courts, particularly as they apply their own state constitutions. States that value their unique historical and traditional perspectives are more likely to engage in meaningful constitutional dialogue with federal courts.
- University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), US** 06/2024 - 10/2024
Research Assistant (International Criminal Law)
 - Research Assistant for gathering cases related to the crime of pillage in International Criminal Law context
- Omid's PET-CT Center, Tabriz, Iran** 2019 - 2023
Legal Adviser
 - Provided legal services to the first Iranian NorthWestern PET Center regarding administrative proceedings before government agencies.
- Pishgaman.Manshur.Salamat Non-Profit Legal Organization, Tabriz, Iran** 2019 - 2022
Legal Adviser
 - Provided legal counsel in litigation matters involving medical malpractice

Projects

- Minoritarian Judges (forthcoming presentation at Constitutionalism Summit of the University of Texas, 2025)**
 - This empirical study seeks to determine how constitutional structure impacts judicial behavior. Findings show that minoritarian judges are more ideologically polarized in civil rights cases compared to majoritarian judges.
- Influential judicial decisions of five legal systems in the field of public law: European Court of Human Rights, French Conseil constitutionnel and Conseil d'État, German Federal Constitutional Court, The Supreme Court of Great Britain and the Supreme Court of the United States of America.**
 - This book is currently undergoing the publication process at the research center of Iranian judiciary.
- Independent Research about economics of Constitutional Law, Supervisor: Professor Thomas S. Ulen**
- Judicial Review of Direct Democracy; Possibility, Impossibility or Necessity (Case Study of The US Legal System) Public Law Collection of Essays. 1st ed. Tabriz: Nameh Kherad, 2022.**
 - This study presents both the arguments in favor of and the objections to judicial review of direct democracy. It also examines the framers' understanding of direct democracy and explores how this understanding shapes the interpretation of the Republican Guarantee Clause in Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution.
- Recall, Case Study of The United States Legal System (Contemporary Comparative Studies, vol. 14, no. 33, December 2023, Tabriz University)**
 - Recall election allows voters to remove an elected official from office before the completion of official's term. This paper compares the recall election process across different U.S. states and explores the potential for implementing such a mechanism under the federal constitution.
- Penumbral Rights Based on Judicial Interpretation of US Constitution**

Education

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** 2024-2029

JSD (Doctor of the Science of Law)	
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL LLM (Justice, Democracy, and Legal Rights Concentration)	2023-2024
Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran Bachelor of law	2019-2022
Shahid Madani Exceptional Talents High School, Tabriz, Iran Diploma	2016-2019

Skills

- English (fluent), Persian (native), Turkish (native), Arabic (reading skills)

Achievements & Awards

- Third in the World in Children Rights Moot Court Competetion of Leiden University
- Exceptional Talents Degree from Shahid Beheshti University
- First Rank in Public Law from Shahid Beheshti University
- CALI Award (Highest Grade in Law School Course), Empirical Methods in Law. (Fall 2024).
<https://www.cali.org/award/6CB24370>
- CALI Award (Highest Grade in Law School Course), Professional Responsibility (Spring 2024).
<https://www.cali.org/award/6BA90130>
- CALI Award (Highest Grade in Law School Course), International Criminal Law (Fall 2023).
<https://awards.cali.org/6a590960>
- One of the authors of a book entitled "Public Law studies" published by University of Tabriz (May 2022).
- Finland's Scholarship on International and Comparative Law

Publications

- Vahdat Center of Tehran University, No 37, January 2023**
Appeal to Nature Fallacy in Sexuality Debates
- Shahid Beheshti Law Scientific Student Association, No 1, Summer 2023**
Right to Die
- Vahdat Center of Tehran University, No 36, September 2022**
Abortion, Liberty-Right or Murder? (A Legal and Historical Analysis of US System)
- Divan Law Magazine, No 4, July 2021**
An Analysis of Death Penalty in The USA

Certificates

- "Best Team Certificate" in International Criminal Law Summer School 2022, Istanbul University
- High Honors Certificate in fall 2023 & Spring 2024 from University of Illinois College of Law
- Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC) Certificate
- Coursera Certificates in American Constitutional law and English Common Law