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Professor Dr. Nada Mourtada-Sabbah is the Secretary General of the University Leadership Council (ULC), which brings together the leading institutions of higher learning in the UAE in ongoing mutual dialogues and joint educational and capacity-building endeavors for the continued enhancement of the educational eco-system of the UAE, the fostering of human capital in our region, and the empowerment of the UAE youth, through the *BUNYAN* Initiative for the UAE Youth, under the Chairmanship of His Highness Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, UAE Cabinet Member, Minister of Culture & Knowledge Generation | Chairman of the ULC.

Prior to ULC, Professor Mourtada was named as the founding Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs of the American University of Sharjah (AUS) in 2009. She was one of the dozen pioneer faculty members who joined AUS when it first opened its doors in September 1997. Professor Mourtada-Sabbah was subsequently elected President of the AUS Faculty Senate, and served as the founding Chair of the Department of International Studies for three years, successfully overseeing its initial accreditation by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and the Middle States accrediting commission in the US. She was then appointed as the Assistant to the Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs from 2007 to 2009 and held this position until the AUS Board of Trustees appointed her to the newly created position of the Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs.

In her capacity as the Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs, Dr. Mourtada-Sabbah built up the newly created Office of Development and Alumni Affairs from the ground up, spearheading the University's endeavors to further institutional advancement efforts by overseeing the interrelated tracks of outreach, career advancement, corporate relations, alumni affairs, and resource development.

As Chairperson of the Council of Development and Outreach, comprised of the Provost and the four Academic Deans, Dr. Mourtada led both the institutional advancement endeavors of the institutions and the formation of the Advisory Councils of the four Schools and College within AUS.

A freshly minted Ph.D. holder as she joined the American University of Sharjah at its inception in September 1997, Dr. Mourtada-Sabbah was promoted through the ranks at AUS from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and then to Full Professor of Public Law and International Studies. She is the recipient of the "AUS Excellence in Teaching Award" (rewarding the best faculty-member of the American University of Sharjah as voted by the

entire student body) and the “AUS Excellence in Service Award” (rewarding the strongest contribution to enhancing the visibility of the University within the GCC and beyond).

Professor Mourtada received a BA with distinction from the American University in Beirut where she was the recipient of the Penrose Award for the most outstanding qualities of leadership, scholarship, and contributions to the University as a whole. She holds a PhD in Public Law with distinction from the University of Paris II.

Dr. Mourtada has held visiting professorships at leading universities and research institutions in the US and Europe, including the University of California at Berkeley; the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; the Congressional Research Service (Library of Congress); the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University in Washington, DC; the University of Paris Law School; and the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po).

Her books include *Le Privilege de l’Exécutif aux Etats-Unis* (L.G.D.J), *Is War a Political Question; Globalization and the Gulf* (UK: Routledge, 2007), and *The Supreme Court of the United States and the Political Question Doctrine* (Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2007). Some of her many articles have appeared in the *Harvard Middle Eastern and Islamic Review*, *White House Studies*, *Maghreb-Mashrek*, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Revue Pouvoirs*, *Revue Internationale de Droit Comparé*, *Annuaire Francais de Relations Internationales*, and *Revue du Droit Public et de la Science Politique en France et a l’Etranger*.

Professor Mourtada-Sabbah has been invited to lecture at Johns Hopkins University (SAIS); Georgetown University (CCAS); Washington Center for Strategic Studies; the American University of Cairo; American University; Science Po; the United Nations; NATO; Chatham House; the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR); the Dubai School of Government (now MBRSG); and the Emirates Institute of Diplomacy.

Dr. Mourtada is a Trustee of St Benedict College, one of the leading Catholic liberal arts universities in the United States (Minnesota). She is also a Board member of the Women for Sustainable Growth Association, in charge of enhancing economic ties between the GCC and Scandinavian countries. She currently serves as the Secretary-General of the University Leadership Council under the distinguished chairmanship of His Highness Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, UAE Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development.

Professor Mourtada is the Senior Advisor of the University of Paris II Board of Trustees in Paris, and the Senior Advisor to the President of the University of Balamand. She is a Board member of the Arab Council for Social Sciences (ACSS), and a member of the Board of Trustees of AMIDEAST. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the “Make A Wish Foundation” of the UAE. Dr. Mourtada has also been named on the distinguished higher Committee of the *Centre des Monuments de France*.