

Omar Ha-Redeye is a Toronto lawyer focusing on health law (personal injury, medical malpractice, occupational health and safety, health policy) and reputation management (online defamation, crisis communications, public relations).

He is a recent graduate (Juris Doctor) of the law program at the University of Western Ontario. He teaches law and ethics at Ryerson University as an Adjunct Faculty member, and is a regular lecturer in communications and social media at the Schulich School of Business. He currently sits on the Ontario Bar Association as an executive of the Young Lawyers Division.

Omar contributes to Slaw.ca and The Lawyers Weekly, and is frequently contacted by the media.



#### Legal Education

Omar Ha-Redeye won or placed in more than half of UWO Law's oral advocacy competitions, making the finals in all of the school's upper-year appellate moots. He has received numerous awards for advocacy, including the Patricia DeGuire Cup for Best Oralist in the Koskie Minsky LLP Diversity Moot, the Justice C.D. Stewart Trophy for best team in the Lerner LLP Cup, and winner of the Borden Ladner Gervais LLP Client Counselling Competition.

During his time in law school he published with Oxford University Press (ISBN 9780195560558), CRC Press (Taylor & Francis Group) (ISBN 9781439821299), and the Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues (Vol. 1, No. 1, April 2010). He also spoke at a number of professional venues while studying law, including at the United Nations, to a diplomatic delegation from China, as well as several academic conferences and post-secondary institutions.

Omar is one of the few law students in Canada to participate in multiple law exchange programs with other universities internationally, including partnerships with the University of Toronto, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Whittier Law School, Bar-Ilan University, Baylor University, and Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara. He received two international CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in academic achievement for the highest performance in law courses in the holocaust and genocide and religious legal systems.

He was actively involved in his law school community, holding the role of President of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), the Health Law Club, and the Mature Students Club. As Magister of Rand Inn he lead UWO's chapter of Phi Delta Phi (ΦΔΦ), an international legal fraternity. He founded the Western Law Review Association, a group dedicated to establishing the University of Western Ontario Journal of Legal Studies, and created the largest law school blog and podcast in Canada at Law is Cool.

#### Life Before Law

Prior to law school, Omar began his clinical career in Nuclear Medicine in the U.S. While working at a veteran institution in the U.S., he began his research into radiological hazards. He continued working in the field of nuclear medicine for a major health care system, before taking on various administrative roles in the areas of emergency management. He completed an additional degree in health administration, where he graduated as the only student in his class with honours and was presented the Dennis Mock Student Leadership Award for community involvement. After finishing a certificate in corporate communications & public relations he worked briefly in communications for a provincial cabinet member.

Omar has operated as a Hazardous Materials (HazMat) respondent and First Responder, and has field experience in South-East Asia after the 2004 tsunami. In the past he has consulted for business, NGOs, and governmental entities on subjects such as ethics, media issues, disaster management and crisis communications.