

The Judge: A Documentary Look at Shari'a Law ... and a Discussion on How It Intersects with U.S. Law



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In 2009, **Judge Kholoud Al-Faqih** made history by becoming the Middle East's first woman judge in the religious courts. The Judge is a documentary film (**with Arabic subtitles**) that offers a unique portrait of Judge Kholoud's brave journey as a lawyer, her tireless fight for justice for women, and her drop-in visits with clients, friends, and family. With unparalleled access to the courts, The Judge presents an unfolding vérité legal drama, with rare insight into both Islamic law and gendered justice. In the process, the film illuminates some of the universal conflicts in the domestic life of Palestine - custody of children, divorce, abuse - while offering an unvarnished look at life for women and Shari'a. Join us for this unique opportunity to not only watch the documentary film, but to hear from **Erika Cohn**, the film's director, as well as scholars and practitioners about the impact of Shari'a law in the American legal system, including: the differences between U.S. Constitutional law and Shari'a law; the practice areas where attorneys may see the use of Shari'a law; how the validity of legal instruments incorporating elements of Shari'a law may be impacted; and the steps taken by various states to ban the use of Shari'a law.

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