

## **Biography of Professor Ibrahim Bounah**

Mr. Ibrahim Bounah is considered as one of the prominent names associated with the history of the Sonelgaz Group, and one of the national talents who contributed deeply to building the legal and institutional framework of the energy sector in Algeria, until he truly became one of its established pillars and a reference in his field..

Mr. Ibrahim Bounah was born in 1948 in the municipality of El Aouana in the wilaya of Jijel, in the midst of an authentic mountainous environment that shaped his personality and values from an early age. He received his initial education at the Quranic school in his village, before moving to Algiers, where he continued his studies, progressing successfully through his educational path until he obtained his baccalaureate degree, then a law degree in 1975.

After completing his national service for two years at the Cherchell Military Academy, During this time, he contributed to providing legal lessons for officer cadets and at a later stage he joined Sonelgaz in October 1977, where he was appointed as a studies officer, thus begun a long and fruitful career within one of the most important economic complexes in the country. As part of developing his skills, he benefited in 1984 from a secondment period for postgraduate training in France at the Institute of Business Administration (IAE) in the city of Bordeaux, where he received in-depth training that lasted until the end of 1985, which strengthened his academic and professional background in the fields of management and corporate governance.

Upon his return to his homeland, Mr. Ibrahim Bounah assumed several sensitive positions of responsibility within the central structures of the Sonelgaz Group, particularly in the fields of human resources and legal affairs, before being appointed as a legal advisor at the Group level, a position through which he dedicated his extensive experience to serving the Group.

Throughout his rich career, Mr. Bounah played a key role in executing and overseeing several major activities and projects, such as representing the Sonelgaz Group at the energy sector level in preparing the legislative and regulatory texts governing electricity and gas activities, for over twenty years; handling the legal and administrative aspects of establishing the majority of the Group's subsidiaries and joint-venture companies, "Overseeing and contributing to the preparation of the Group's fundamental guidelines, including regulatory instructions and procedures; playing an active role in negotiating and executing strategic partnership projects with leading international firms."

In addition to his professional career, Mr. Ibrahim Bounah possesses a remarkable intellectual background, reflected in his book titled "Practical Guide for Shareholders, Managers, and Executives of Joint-venture Companies," published by several libraries. This work is the culmination of extensive practical experience, presented in clear and accessible language that enables readers to grasp the complexities of legal texts related to corporate governance, legal functions, effective management of joint-venture companies, share capital, boards of directors, general assemblies, and other essential aspects of the business world.

The book serves as a valuable reference tool for anyone engaged in or aspiring to engage with the corporate and business sector. It also clearly demonstrates the author's standing as a legal expert and field practitioner, combining theoretical insight with practical experience.