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Education

- LL.M in International Arbitration from Queen Mary University (London).
- Bachelor of Law from ASU Bahrain.
- Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from Chartered Institute for Arbitrators (CIArb).
- Diploma in Management & Leadership from Chartered Managers Institute (CMI) in the United Kingdom.

Qualifications

- Licensed attorney in Bahrain.
- Licensed before the Cassation Court of Bahrain.
- Licensed before the Constitutional Court of Bahrain.
- Member of Bahrain Bar Association.
- Licensed arbitrator in before the Bahraini Courts.
- Registered arbitrator at: Court of Sports Arbitration (CAS), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Arbitration Centre, GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre (GCC-CAC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Vienna International Arbitration Centre (VIAC), the Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) and the German Arbitration Institute (DIS).
- Licensed Mediator by the Chartered Institute for Arbitrators.

Professional Experience

- **Resident Partner at Mena Chambers Bahrain (November 2015 - Present)**

Serves as arbitrator and counsel in regional and international arbitration cases. Experienced in arbitrations under various rules including: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Dubai International Financial Centre Arbitration Centre (DIFC-LCIA), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre (GCC-CAC), Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR-AAA), UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and others.

Represents clients in litigation proceedings. Appears before the highest courts in Bahrain; the Cassation Court and the Constitutional Court. Advises regional and international clients on a wide range of disputes including civil, commercial, corporate, banking, insurance and reinsurance, investment, energy, technology, construction and real estate in the Middle East Region. Gives advice on the laws of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Jordan and Lebanon.

- **Acting Senior Case Manager at Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA) (April 2012 - October 2015)**

Responsible for managing litigation, arbitration and mediation cases at the BCDR-AAA. Managed various large and complex cases alongside the case management team. Worked on various cases relating to international commerce, banking, investment, insurance and reinsurance, corporate governance, Islamic finance, real estate and construction.

- **Tribunal Secretary at Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA) (February 2009- October 2015)**

Served as tribunal secretary to appellate court and cassation court judges and international arbitrators at the BCDR-AAA. Also served as tribunal secretary in *ad hoc* arbitrations.

- **Case Manager at Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA) (February 2009 - April 2012)**

Responsible for managing litigation, arbitration and mediation cases at the BCDR-AAA. Managed various large and complex cases alongside the case management team. Worked on various cases relating to international commerce, banking, investment, insurance and reinsurance, corporate governance, Islamic finance, real estate and construction.

- **Case Manager at International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR-AAA) (March 2009- June 2009) - New York, U.S.A**

Responsible for managing arbitration and mediation cases at International Centre for Dispute Resolution headquarters in New York, U.S.A. as well as *ad hoc* arbitrations under UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

- **Litigation Lawyer at Ali Al Jabal Law Firm and Al Salam Law Firm (2008 - 2009) - Bahrain**

Advised and represented private, regional and international clients on a wide range of disputes including civil, commercial, banking and finance, insurance, real estate and construction, labour, mergers and acquisitions, maritime, Sharia'a disputes and international commercial disputes.

Professional Affiliations

- Bahrain representative and member of the Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**) (2021-2027).
- Bahrain representative and member of the International Court of Arbitration at the International Chamber of Commerce (**ICC**) (2018-2021) and (2021-2024).
- Member of the Board of Directors of the **ICC Bahrain National Committee**.
- Member of the International Chamber of Commerce **Arab Group**.
- Member of the Panel of arbitrators at **Court of Sports Arbitration (CAS)**.
- Member of the Equal Representation in Arbitration (**ERA**) Middle East Committee.
- Member of the Legal Advisory Committee at the **Royal University for Women** in Bahrain.
- Member of Chartered Institute for Arbitrators (**CIarb**).

Memberships

- Member of London Court of International Arbitrator (LCIA) arbitrator's roster.
- Member of Vienna International Arbitration Centre arbitrator's roster.
- Member of Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration arbitrator's roster.
- Member of GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre arbitrator's roster.
- Member of Dubai International Arbitration Centre arbitrator's roster.
- Member of Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Arbitration Centre arbitrator's roster.
- Member of Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration arbitrator's roster.
- Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association arbitrator's roster.
- Member of the German Arbitration Institute arbitrator's roster.
- Registered and admitted arbitrator before the national Bahraini courts.
- Member of the Middle East & North Africa Pre-Vis Moot Mentoring Committee.

- Member of the young and international groups of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, the International Council for Commercial Arbitration and the London Court of International Arbitrator.
- Former Board Secretary of CIarb (Bahrain Branch).
- Former member of the Steering Committee of the Chartered Institute Arbitrators (Bahrain Branch).
- Former member of the Arbitration Committee at Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
- Former member of Professional Committee at Bahrain Bar Association.

Publications & Contributions

- Contributed to the Bahrain chapter of “*Getting the deal through*” a Global Arbitration Review (GAR) publication, (2011, 2012 and 2013).
- Contributed to the Arabic translation of the *International Council for Commercial Arbitration guideline on the interpretation of the New York Convention*, a publication by the Permanent Court of Arbitration and BCDR-AAA (2013-14).
- “*The Psychology and Art of Persuasion*”, Kluwer publication (2015).
- “*Harmonising Cultures in International Arbitration*” Volume 4, Issue 1, The European Arbitration Review, pp 44, (2015).
- “*Tribunal Secretaries in Arbitration*” GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre Journal Volume 28, pp.38, (2015).
- “*A Practical Note on litigation at Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution*” – Lexis Nexis, (2018, 2019 and 2020).
- “*Right to a Physical Hearing-the Bahrain Chapter*” published by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (2020).
- The *Bahrain National Report on Arbitration*, a publication by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (2020)(2021).

Speaking Engagements

Spoken at various events and conferences organised by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Young MENA Arbitrator Group, Global Arbitration Review (GAR), International Centre for Dispute Resolution Young and International, BCDR-AAA International Arbitration Training Programme, International Council for Commercial Arbitration Young Group, University of Miami “*Laws Without Walls*” program, the Judicial & Legal Studies Institute in Bahrain as well as universities and various government entities.

Nationality: Bahraini

Languages: Arabic and English