# Laila El Shentenawi

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#### WORK EXPERIENCE

# Senior Legal Counsel

# Siemens LLC | Dubai | July 2019-Present

• In-house counsel for Siemens for the Middle East region.

### **Visiting Lecturer**

Middlesex University | Dubai | 2019-Present

# Senior Associate, Arbitration Department

# Al Tamimi & Company | Dubai | 2014 – 2019

- Advising and representing clients in commercial and real estate arbitrations in various jurisdictions, conducted under the LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, DIAC and ADCCAC Rules.
- Advising clients on enforcement and annulment proceedings.
- Advising a governmental entity on the establishment of an arbitral institute including drafting the relevant rules and decree.
- Advising several arbitral institutes on their arbitration and mediation rules as well as reviewing/amending their rules in Arabic.
- Assisting the UNCITRAL Secretariat with their new mandate relating to expedited arbitral procedures and emergency arbitration.
- Attending the UNCITRAL Expert Group Meetings to work on amending the UNCITRAL Mediation Rules and drafting the Notes on Organizing Mediations.
- Drafting suggested amendments to the draft UAE Federal Arbitration Law and presenting them to the UAE National Federal Council.
- Acting as a presiding arbitrator or a co-arbitrator in several arbitrations conducted under the DIAC and DIFC-LCIA Rules as well as ad-hoc arbitration.
- Handling the arbitration department's trainees' programme.
- Handling the firm's Mediation Unit.
- Assisting the firm's Spots Law Group.

## Legal Advisor

# Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration | Cairo | 2008 – 2012

- Handled the day to day work at CRCICA including responding to queries relating to the CRCICA Rules, handled jurisdictional queries, the appointment of arbitrators and mediators and challenges to/replacement of arbitrators.
- Represented CRCICA at various international organizations including the UNCITRAL (attended Working Group II sessions and worked on amending the 1976 UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules which led to the 2010 revised rules as well as reviewing/amending the Arabic translation of the 2010 UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules).
- Amended the 2007 version of the CRCICA Arbitration Rules issuing the 2011 version of the CRCICA Arbitration Rules.
- Participated in drafting the 2013 CRCICA Mediation Rules.
- Reviewed and amended the mediation and arbitration rules issued by the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones Investors' Disputes Settlement Center.
- Trained judges, lawyers and other professionals on arbitration and mediation.

## EDUCATION

Bucerius Summer School on Global Governance – A Disrupted World and the Future of the Liberal Order ZEIT Stiftung *Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius*, Heinz Nixdorf Stiftung, Germany | August 2018

#### Master in Law and Business-MLB

Bucerius Law School and WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management, Germany | 2006-2007

### **International Commercial Arbitration Certificate**

School of International Arbitration Queen Mary University of London | 2005

#### License en Droit

Faculty of Law (English Department) Cairo University | 2000-2004

# BAR ADMISSION

- Egypt | 2004
- Dubai the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department | 2014

# SELECTED MEMBERSHIPS AND ACCREDITATIONS

- CAS Arbitrator, General Arbitrators' List | July 2019-Present
- IBA Mediation Committee, Officer | 2018-Present
- DIFC LCIA Users' Council, Officer | 2017-Present
- Women in Arab Arbitration (WiAR), Co-founder |2016
- ICC Arab Arbitration Group, Member | 2016-Present
- IBA Young Mediators' Subcommittee, Co-chair | 2015-2018
- CEDR, Accredited Mediator and Trainer | 2000-Present
- LCIA, YIAG Middle East Representative | 2006-2010

## LANGUAGES

Arabic: Native English: Bilingual Spanish: Basic German: Basic

# Assistant Lawyer Dr. Nabil Elaraby | Cairo | 2009 – 2012

- Assisted with research in relation to an international arbitration over a border dispute conducted under the UNCITRAL Rules.
- Assisted in advising the offices of the French and Egyptian Presidents on a project relating to the Union for the Mediterranean.
- Assisted with work relating to the ICAS, including the revision of the CAS Arbitration Rules, appointments of arbitrators and arbitrators' applications to be listed on the CAS Arbitrators' Panel.
- Acted as tribunal secretary in an investor-state arbitration case conducted under the ICSID Arbitration Rules.
- Advised the ICRC office in Cairo on international humanitarian laws.
- Advised the League of Arab States on bringing proceedings before the International Criminal Court.
- Advised the Government of Egypt with regard to an international treaty relating to water rights.
- Advised the Government of Egypt ministry in a dispute with a European Government relating to the rightful ownership of an iconic monument.

# Associate, Corporate Department DLA Matouk Bassiouny | Cairo | 2005 – 2008

- Worked on various mergers and acquisitions, including preparing due diligence reports on several banks and media companies.
- Drafted various legal advice relating to Egyptian laws.
- Drafted contracts including shareholders' agreements, loan agreements and sale & purchase agreements.

# Associate, Dispute Resolution Department Nabli & Associate PLC., Arbitration & International Legal Consultants, Cairo Rep. Office | Cairo | 2004 – 2005

 Assisted the senior partner on several arbitration cases conducted under the LMAA, LCIA, ICC and CRCICA Rules.

# INTENRSHIPS & PRO BONO

- Intern, Corporate Legal and Compliance
   Siemens A.G. | Munich | April 2013 June 2013
- Pro Bono, Assistant Lawyer
   Dr. Aziza Fahmi | Cairo | 2013 2014
- Intern, Arbitration and Litigation Department Linklaters | Munich | February 2007 - April 2007
- Intern, Litigation Department
   Shalakany Law Office | Cairo | August 2002

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Africa Arbitration 2019: rising star of the month.
- DIAC Awards 2018: best arbitrator under 40.

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"UAE Chapter 2019" Sports Law Review, Second Edition, Law Business Research, co-authored with Steven Bainbridge & Ivor McGettigan, forthcoming (2019).

"CRCICA Chapter" Max Planck Institute, Encyclopedia on Private International Law, forthcoming (2019).

"Egypt Sports Law Chapter" Getting the Deal Through, Sports, co-authored with Steven Bainbridge & Ayman Nour, 2018.

"Mediation Q&A: United Arab Emirates" Thomson Reuters, Practical Law, co-authored with Taiba Al Safar, June 2018.

"UAE Chapter 2018" Sports Law Review, Second Edition, Law Business Research, co-authored with Steven Bainbridge & Ivor McGettigan, January 2018.

"Finally, a Comprehensive Sports Law in Egypt" Law Update, co-authored with Farah Ramzy and Youssef Sallam, June-July 2017.

"An Overview of Egypt's New Sports Law" LawInSport, coauthored with Farah Ramzy and Youssef Sallam, June 2017.

"UAE Chapter 2017" Sports Law Review, Second Edition, Law Business Research, co-authored with Steven Bainbridge & Ivor McGettigan, January 2017.

"The UAE launches an independent maritime arbitration centre to be seated at the DIFC" Emirates Law Magazine, co-authored with Omar Omar, October 2016.

"The Dissolution of the Egyptian Football Association's Board of Directors" Law Update, May 2016.

"Vienna said "I do!" Why A New York Convention for Mediation Might Be Brewing" Kluwer Mediation Blog, September 2015.

"A New York Convention for mediation may be coming soon" Law Update, August 2015.

"The Morocco and Tunisia Appeals Before the Court for Sports Arbitration" Law Update, April 2015.

"Chapter on The Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration" Getting the Deal Through-Arbitration, 2012.

"Chapter on the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration" Arbitration Rules-International Institutes: Guides to International Arbitration, Third Edition, Edited by Lukas A. Mistelis, Juris Publication, 2011.

"The Scope of Revision of Arbitral Jurisdiction: The Swiss Liberal Approach in Sports Arbitration" Arab Arbitration Journal Vol. XV, December 2010.

"The Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration" World Arbitration Reporter, Second Edition, Juris Publication, 2010.

"Arbitration in the Middle East" LCIA-YIAG E-Letter, Vol. 1, 2006.