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Educational/Professional Memberships

- Bachelor of Law, UAE
- Licensed to practice before all Courts, Police Stations and Public Prosecutions in the UAE
- Licensed Private Notary Public by Dubai Court
- Arbitrator registered with Dubai International Arbitration Centre
- Arbitrator registered fir the Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration
- Arbitrator registered with Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Registered Legal Practitioner with the DIFC Courts
- Member of the International Bar Association, London
- Member of the UAE National Committee for International Chamber of Commerce (ICC UAE)

Current Position

Managing Partner

Professional Experience

See examples below:

A multinational contractor in relation to a dispute arising out of an EPC contract in relation to several construction projects at eight ports across the UAE. The opponent filed a dispute before ADRC, requesting the appointment of an expert to verify their entitlement to AED49.2m, stating this relates to additional works and variations carried out by the claimant. The expert later confirmed our client's liability to pay just AED8m, a significantly lower amount that originally claimed.

A major property investment and development company in a AED800m DIAC arbitration against a semi-government owned master developer, relating to an infrastructure development in the UAE. The crux of the dispute between the parties lies in the Master Developer's project wide failure to provide the minimum required infrastructure to enable the Sub-developer to commence construction; and the sub-developer ceasing to make further payments to the purchase price of the plot in response to it being prevented from proceeding with its development plans. The proceedings are ongoing.

A UAE-based master developer in a DIAC arbitration in relation a mixed-use infrastructure project in the UAE, successfully awarding our client approx. AED52.9m. The claim related to infrastructure, defaults in payment obligations and compensation for damages.

A UAE-based construction company in relation to disruption and delay claims made by the employer valued at AED200m+. The employer, a governmental entity, threatened our client for encashment of the bonds while the client maintained there was no fault on their part. The case was successfully argued in the Abu Dhabi Courts that the employer was being unreasonable and we obtained a precautionary attachment preventing the employer from encashing the bonds.

Arbitration Experience

- Arbitrator registered with Dubai International Arbitration Centre
- Arbitrator registered fir the Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration
- Arbitrator registered with Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

See examples below:

*DIAC arbitration – Claimant’s Counsel (DIAC **/2020)*

Claimant claims related to repeated failure to make payments to its subcontractors and suppliers which has caused critical delays to project. The Respondent also wrongly encashed advance payment guarantee.

*ICC arbitration – Claimant’s Counsel (ICC *****/AYZ & *****/AYZ)*

Claims related to certification and payment for measured works at the date of termination, costs of procured materials, payment for variations & additional works and entitlement to EOT together with prolongation costs.

*ADCCA arbitration – Claimant’s Counsel (case no. **/2018)*

Claimant seeking contractual entitlement to additional costs incurred (AED 454,214,508.18). Filed arbitration case to protect attachment injunction. Defending counter claim of AED 915,430,425

Publications

<https://iclg.com/practice-areas/international-arbitration-laws-and-regulations/united-arab-emirates>

Languages

Arabic
English