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Educational/Professional Memberships

- Member of the Beirut Bar Association.
- Registered Dubai Legal Consultant (Formerly).
- Qualified to appear before the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts (Formerly).
- Former Member of the Beirut Bar Information Technology Law Committee.
- Former Vice-President of the Lebanese Association for the Development of Information Technology Law.
- Member of the IBA Arbitration Committee and Real Estate Committee.
- Vice-Chairman of the IBA Mediation Committee and Former Conference Quality Officer of the IBA Mediation Committee.
- Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.
- Member of the ICC Task Force on "ADR and Arbitration".
- Member of the ICC UAE Commission on Arbitration & ADR Steering Committee.
- Member of the ICC Lebanon.
- Former member of the ICC Task Force on Emergency Arbitration Proceedings.
- Former member listed with 'Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage' – ASA.
- Member of the LCIA.
- Initiator of the Arab Arbitration Forum – Civil Law Focus Group.
- Arbitrator listed with DIAC, ADCCAC, CRCICCA, ADGMAC, SIAC, the Kuala Lumpur Regional Arbitration Centre, the South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission / Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and the Tashkent International Arbitration Center.

Current Position

Nassif Arbitration FZE, Principal
Karim Nassif Project Management Services, Principal

Professional Experience

LPA-CGR (formerly Lefevre-Pelletier), Partner and Head of Arbitration Practice Group, 2016-2020; Cotty Vivant Marchisio Lauzeral, Partner and Head of Arbitration Practice Group, 2012-2016; Habib Al Mulla (now Baker Mckenzie Habib Al Mulla), Senior Associate and Partner, Head of Arbitration Practice Group, Head of Real Estate and Construction Group, Interim Head of Corporate and Banking and Finance, 2005-2011; CMA-CGM, Counsel, 2003-2005; Sami Nahas law Offices, Associate, 1997-2003.

Arbitration Experience

Acted as counsel, mediator, adjudicator and arbitrator in many complex disputes under the most leading international and regional arbitration rules, including the rules of the ICC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, CRCICCA, AAA-ICDR, GCC, UNCITRAL, IICRA and ADCCAC; in various cases seated in the UK, France, USA, Switzerland and throughout the Middle East; and governed by a variety of national laws (Lebanon, UAE – including DIFC, KSA, France, England and Wales, Qatar, Bahrein, Oman, Libya, Kuwait, Syria, New York, OHADA ...) or sharia law.

Acted as expert in civil law in many complex disputes whether before arbitration panels (ICC) or courts (Difc Courts, England and Wales, Australia ...).

Example of Work Performed:

- Chair in an arbitration between two UAE parties regarding an AED 300,000,000 claim over a construction project related to a Dubai tower.
- Chair in an arbitration between two Saudi parties regarding an SAR 10,000,000 claim over a FBO agreement related to airport operations in Jeddah.
- Chair in an arbitration between a Saudi party and an Egyptian party regarding a USD 90,000,000 claim over a concession agreement related to a property development in Cairo.
- Chair in an arbitration between a Mauritius party and a UAE party regarding a USD 5,000,000 claim over a construction project related to a project in Mauritius.
- Chair in an arbitration between a Kuwaiti party and a Dutch party regarding a USD 30,000,000 claim over a construction project related to a refinery.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between two UAE parties regarding an AED 1,100,000,000 claim over a construction project related to a property complex in Abu Dhabi.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between two Saudi parties regarding an SAR 10,000,000 claim over a design engineering contract related to the construction a building.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between two Qatari parties regarding a USD 16,000,000 claim over a contract for the supply of hydrogen and nitrogen.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between two Omani parties regarding an OMR 15,000,000 claim over a construction of water tanks and water treatment facilities.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between an Iraqi party and a French party regarding a USD 25,000,000 claim over a contract for the distribution of pharmaceuticals in Iraq.
- Co-arbitrator in an arbitration between a US party and a UAE party regarding a USD 15,000,000 claim over an operator's contracts in the hospitality sector.
- Sole Arbitrator in more than 45 cases related to commercial contracts, distribution, property matters.
- Adjudicator in DIAC file no. AA1 and in boards in Qatar and the Sultanate of Oman.
- Mediator in DIAC file no. 1/2017 and under the OHADA Uniform Act on Mediation.
- Counsel to the Respondent in an ICC arbitration concerning a dispute relating to sale of chemical products under the laws of France – Paris is the place of arbitration.
- Counsel to the Respondent in an LCIA arbitration concerning a dispute relating to sale of chemical products under the laws of England and Wales – London is the place of arbitration.
- Counsel to Claimant in a DIAC arbitration concerning an AED 4 billion relating to a major property developer's takeover dispute.
- Co-Counsel to the Respondent in a DIAC arbitration concerning a dispute relating to performance of works and obligations arising in the context of a half a billion US dollar worth port concession.
- Co-Counsel to the Claimant in an ICDR arbitration concerning a dispute relating to the distribution of jewelry and watches under the laws of the State of New York and seated in New York.
- Counsel to the Respondent in an ADCCAC arbitration concerning a dispute relating to payment obligations arising in the context of a completed AED 500,000,000 worth IPO.
- Counsel to the Respondent / Counterclaimant in an ICC arbitration concerning an AED 150,000,000 claim relating to the construction of a chemical industrial plant in Abu Dhabi under the laws of England and Wales.
- Counsel to the Respondent in an ADCCAC arbitration concerning an AED 200,000,000 dispute relating to escalation of steel prices.
- Counsel to the Claimant in a DIAC arbitration concerning a dispute relating to the non-payment of ID&FFE subcontracted works in the framework of a major Dubai based hotel construction project.

Publications

- a. Books
 - Comparison of MENA International Arbitration Rules (ed. together with Dr. H. Al Mulla and G. Blanke), Juris Publishing, 2011
 - Comparison of Gulf International Arbitration Rules (ed. together with Dr. H. Al Mulla and G. Blanke), Juris Publishing, 2010
- b. Book Contributions
 - "UAE" Chapter in Arbitration World, Fourth Edition, 2012, European Lawyer – Thomson Reuters (together with Kristel Ferjane-Momdjian), pp. 843-859
 - "UAE" Report in Global Legal Group: International Arbitration 2011 (together with G. Blanke), pp. 413-421
 - "UAE" Chapter in Global Arbitration Review – The International Journal of Commercial and Treaty Arbitration 2010 (together with Dr. H. Al Mulla and G. Blanke); electronic version.

- “UAE” Report in *Getting The Deal Through: Arbitration 2010 and 2011* (together with Dr. H. Al Mulla and G. Blanke), pp. 359-366
- “UAE” Report in *Getting The Deal Through: Dispute Resolution 2010 and 2011* (together with Dr. H. Al Mulla and G. Blanke), pp. 240-246; *Dispute Resolution 2011* (together with Dr. H. Al Mulla and G. Blanke), pp. 248-253;
- “Arbitrating in the UAE and the Middle East – Some Cultural Insights for the Unaware” in M. Kraham (ed.), *Inside the Minds: ADR Client Strategies in the Middle East and Africa*, Aspatore Books, Thomson Reuters, 2009 (together with G. Blanke), pp. 17-36.

c. Articles

- “Recovery of Attorney’s Fees in Arbitration: The UAE Enigma?”, in *The International Journal of Arab Arbitration*, Vol. 12, No. 2, 2020, p. 5 (together with F. ElHajj-Purice)
- “Enforcement of foreign judgments and foreign awards: the DIFC Conduit” in *The International Journal of Arab Arbitration*, Vol. 9, No. 1, 2017, p. 71 (together with F. ElHajj-Purice)
- “ADCCAC: New Rules ... a year later” in *The International Journal of Arab Arbitration*, Vol. 7, No. 1, 2015, p. 9
- “Arbitrability under UAE law” in *The International Journal of Arab Arbitration*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2013, p. 5
- “Arbitration under UAE law: towards a modern legal framework?”, in *The In-House Lawyer*, Issue 183, September 2010, pp. 60-63 (together with G. Blanke and S. Corm-Bakhos)
- “Damages and contracts in the UAE”, in *The In-House Lawyer*, Issue 178, March 2010, pp. 65-67 (together with C. Kanakri)
- “Contractual misrepresentation under UAE law”, in *The In-House Lawyer*, Issue 190, May 2011, pp. 58-59
- “Litigating in the UAE: Initial Guidance”, in *The In-House Lawyer*, Issue 176, December/2009 – January 2010, pp. 1-5 (together with G. Blanke)
- “Arbitration in the UAE – is it winning the war on litigation?”, in *the International Litigation News*, IBA, September 2009, pp. 64-67
- “Overview of enforcement of domestic and foreign arbitral awards under UAE Law”, in *Arbitration News*, IBA, March 2010, Vol. 15, No. 1, pp. 77-81
- “Chronique de Jurisprudence Etrangère – Dubai”, in *Revue de l’Arbitrage*, 2010, No. 2 (together with Rana Chaaban).

Languages

English, French and Arabic