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Professional Summary:

- Certified Lawyer in the UAE Ministry of Justice – March 2023
- Officer – IBA Arab Forum – appointed January 2023
- Member of ICC ADR Commission – Paris Elected Oct 2022
- Vice Chair – ICC – UAE ADR Commission Elected May 2021
- Board Member – RICS MENA Advisory Panel (MAP) Elected February 2020
- Board Member – ICC – UAE elected on June 2019, re-elected January 2022
- Vice Chair – Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) – Elected in March 2019 till May 2022
- RICS Certified Evaluative & Facilitative Mediator – Listed on RICS Global ADR Panel
- Certified Arbitration – Listed in Several International and Domestic ADR Centers

Arbitration Centers/ Initiatives memberships:

1. Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) – Arbitrators and Mediators Panel
2. Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) – Panel of Mediators
3. Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) – Panel of Arbitrators
4. CI Arb Presidents panel for Arbitrators
5. Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) – Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators
6. Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC)- Arbitrators Panel
7. Sharjah International Commercial Arbitration Center (Tahkeem) – Arbitrators Panel
8. RICS Global Panel – Mediators Panel
9. The Pledge – MENA Subcommittee
10. Greener Arbitration – MENA Subcommittee
11. Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)'s Arabic Saudi Moot – Member in the scientific committee in 2020, President of scientific committee 2021 and 2022

Arbitrations & Mediations:

No.	Type of Dispute	Center	Role	Language	Status
1	Infrastructure Dispute	ICC	Sole Arbitrator	Arabic	On Going
2	Construction Dispute	Adhoc - KSA	Co-Arbitrator	English	On Going
3	Construction Dispute	Adhoc (UNICITRAL Rules)	Sole Arbitrator	English	Award Issued
4	Real-estate Sales Dispute	Tahkeem Sharjah	Sole Arbitrator	Arabic	Award Issued

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5	Construction Dispute	ADCACC	Co Arbitrator	English	On Going
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7	Construction Dispute	DIAC	Co Arbitrator	English	Award Issued
8	Real-estate Sales Dispute	TAHKEEM Sharjah	Sole Arbitrator	Arabic	Award issued
9	Real-estate Sales Dispute	TAHKEEM Sharjah	Sole Arbitrator	Arabic	Award issued
10	Construction Dispute	ADCACC	Presiding Arbitrator	English	Award issued
11	Dispute of late payment against Mortgage	SCCA	Sole Arbitrator (Expedited Arbitration)	Arabic	Award issued
12	Real Estate Sales Contract (SPA) dispute	DIFC-LCIA	Co-Arbitrator	English	Award issued
13	Insurance Dispute	TAHKEEM Sharjah	Co-Arbitrator	Arabic	Award issued
14	Supply contract and payment delay dispute	Ad-hoc Arbitration	Sole Arbitrator	English	Proceeding stayed (pending settlement negotiations)
15	Real-estate Sales Dispute	TAHKEEM Sharjah	Sole Arbitrator	Arabic	Award issued
16	Construction Dispute	ICC	Co-Arbitrator	English	Award issued
17	Construction Dispute	ICC	Co-Arbitrator	English	Arbitration terminated
18	Infrastructure dispute, delay and payment	Ad-hoc Mediation	Claimant Counsel	Arabic	Didn't succeed



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19	Infrastructure dispute, delay and payment	ADCCAC	Claimant Counsel	Arabic	Overall winner of the claim
20	Sub-contracting Infrastructure dispute and payment delay	DIAC	Sole Arbitrator	English	Consent award issued
21	Facilities Management Dispute, wrongful termination and indemnification	DIAC	Sole Arbitrator	English	Award issued
22	Construction dispute	DIAC	Co-Arbitrator	English	Award issued
23	Construction Dispute	DIFC/LCIA	Tribunal Secretary	English	Arbitration stayed/ terminated
24	Insurance Dispute	DIFC/LCIA	Tribunal Secretary	English	Arbitration stayed/ terminated
25	Energy Dispute	DIFC/LCIA	Tribunal Secretary	English	Arbitration stayed/ terminated

Education:

- **Bachelor of Law** • Al Ain University. GPA 3.68 / 4.0 Honors
- **Masters of Business Science In International Business** • Zayed University. GPA 3.71/ 4.0 Honors
- **Bachelor of Business Science In Finance** • Zayed University. GPA 3.56/ 4.0

Technical Skills:

International Technical Certifications:

- Chartered Fellow – Institute of Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply Chain (CIPS)
- Chartered Facilities Management Surveyor – Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- A Chartered Arbitrator in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIarb)

Languages:



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- Arabic: Mother Language, Advanced written and spoken
- English: Advanced, both written and spoken

Training Experience

- **Certified Trainer with Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply Chain (CIPS)** • Training several modules in both Arabic and English, and skills training programs
 - **Co – Trainer with Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)** • Training Several cycles of RICS Certified Mediation course from 2020 to date
 - **Certified Trainer with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIarb)** • approved trainer for several Modules within the CIarb training in Arabic and English

Work Experience:

Sep 2023 – Current	MiddleSex University - Dubai Adjunct Lecturer in Law	Dubai, UAE
Nov 2022 – Current	Saudi Commercial Arbitration Center - Dubai SCCA Dubai Director	DIFC Dubai, UAE
Dec 2018 – Current	Balfaqeeh Advocates & Legal Consultants Managing Partner	Abu Dhabi, UAE

Fatima Abdulla Balfaqeeh Advocates & Legal Consultants, Previously Known as (RKAH Legal Consultancy) is a leading company that specializes in providing Dispute Avoidance Consulting Services, Corporate Governance Consulting Services, Litigation in addition to Alternative Dispute Resolution Services such as Arbitration and Mediation.

Clients trust that Balfaqeeh Law to safeguards their interests and turns their business ambitions into realities. We help clients overcome the complexity and problems arising from competition, disputes, regulation, globalization and market disruption.

Our clients consist mainly of construction developers, contractors and subcontractors, corporates, investors, commercial and government entities. They rely on us to provide them with clear and sound legal advice, wherever and whenever it's needed. We effectively collaborate with them by offering strategic value and long for lasting relationships.

As a UN Global Impact signatory, we guide our clients in alignment with the 10 principles of the UNGC that include robust governance, sustainability, ethics and human rights. Some of our projects are:



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- Assisting in benchmarking and drafting legislations with regional governments in GCC.
- Creating Policies, Procedures and Standard Operating Procedures for leading and prominent government organizations in the Government in UAE.
- Advising Boards for privately owned organizations.
- Advising SMEs on how to set up their organizations and creating governance framework.
- Assist in guide international organizations on contacting government organizations.

Tourism Development & Investment Company (TDIC)

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Apr 2015 – Jun 2018

Acting Procurement Director

Projects which I worked on, all below construction projects used FIDIC amended Contracts:

- Louvre Museum – Abu Dhabi;
- Mamsha Al Saadiyat – Abu Dhabi
- Infrastructure works for Al Saadiyat Island, including construction of roads, sewerage pipelines, cooling stations and other infrastructure.
- Al Bateen Marina – Abu Dhabi
- Various construction, Asset management, Facilities Management, Marina Operation and Hotel Operation.
- Insurance policies and brokerage for various construction sites and assets.

Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Jan 2010 – Mar 2015

Contracts Section Manager

Projects which I worked on:

- Construction of Hay Feed warehouses across the emirate of Abu Dhabi
- Construction and refurbishment of Veterinary Clinic across the emirate of Abu Dhabi.
- Various operational needs, such as Facilities Management and Asset Management

ALDAR Properties

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Jul 2007 – Dec 2009

Procurement Specialist

Projects which I worked on:

- Formula One circuit in Abu Dhabi
- Infrastructure works for Yas Island and Al Falah Island
- Government Housing, Al Raha Beach Development and Al Bateen Area

TAKREER (ADNOC)

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Aug 2005 – Jun 2007

Accountant

First Gulf Bank

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Mar 2004 – Aug 2005

Credit Relationship Officer