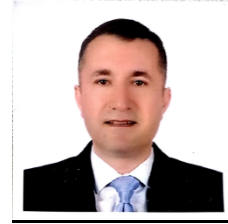


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## A. Personal Details

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## B. Education

2002	(Ph.D.)	Arbitration in International Commercial Law Edinburgh University – Scotland/UK
1992	(LLM)	International Commercial Law (With Honor) Ein Shams University – Cairo/Egypt
1989	(LLB)	Law Degree University of Jordan – Amman/ Jordan

## C. Career Summary

Years of professional experience: 20

July 2011 - Present	<p><b>Legal Consultant to the H.E. Minister of Finance - UAE</b> Ministry of Finance (MOF) – United Arab Emirates</p> <p><u>Job Responsibilities:</u> Providing legal consultation to H.E the Minister of Finance on various matters, including advice on dispute resolution matters that concern the Ministry of Finance and its Affiliate Authorities; advice on drafting agreements; supervising the preparation and drafting of important Federal Legislations and Ministerial Orders relating to commercial, economic and financial laws, such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Insolvency and Reorganization of Business law (Chairman of the Committee in drafting this law);</b> (The aim of this new law will be to promote the reorganization of business operators in those</li></ol>
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	<p>situations wherein reorganization should be preferred to liquidation).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b>Investment Law and Financial Services Law</b> (the latter is known as the Twin Peaks Law which comprises rules that concern services provided by the Central Bank and the Securities and Commodities Authority);</li> <li>3. <b>Secured Transactions law (Chairman of the Committee in drafting this law);</b></li> <li>4. <b>Rent to Own Law;</b></li> <li>5. <b>Tax Laws and relevant bilateral and international treaties;</b></li> <li>6. <b>Discloser &amp; Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises.</b></li> </ol> <p>I represent the Ministry of Finance as the legal expert to discuss the draft of laws with the <i>Technical Legislative Committee</i> at the Ministry of Justice – UAE. Also, I represent the Ministry (MOF) in several missions relating to negotiating contracts, reaching settlements and I have represented the Ministry in several meetings held in Washington DC with the World Bank relating to issues that concern discussing relevant laws for the ease of doing business in the UAE.</p>
<p>2003 – (June) 2010</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Director of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)</b></p> <p>Dubai – UAE</p> <p>Successfully established an International Legal Institute – Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) 2003-2010.</p> <p><u>Job Responsibilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrating more than 250 active arbitration cases a year, which includes managing various legal procedural details, replying to legal questions from (arbitrators-parties-Executive Committee) and making reasoned decisions reached through analysis and logical conclusions of all documents submitted in the arbitration procedures.</li> <li>• Processing arbitration applications for commercial disputes.</li> <li>• Overseeing of legal communications between parties and arbitrators.</li> <li>• Drafting the rules and laws relating to dispute resolution procedures.</li> </ul>

<b>See more details below in the Career Highlights</b>	
1993 – 2003	Partner - MidGlobe Law Firm (Middle Eastern Legal Advocates) Amman – Jordan Legal consultant, providing legal consultation to various entities pertaining to different legal transactions; drafting and examining a wide range of contracts involving commercial distributorship and contracting agreements.
2002 – 2003	Lecturer at Amman Arab University. Amman – Jordan Teaching (Commercial Arbitration) to postgraduate students.
1994 – 1997	Lecturer at Al-Isra'a University. Amman – Jordan Teaching (Civil Law “sources of obligations including contracts”– Arbitration – Business Law).

#### **D. Career Highlights**

- Experience in almost every field of civil and commercial laws, with an emphasis on arbitration and litigation of disputes arising in international commercial relations.
- Received wide exposure in different areas of the law with good experience in all aspects that relate to: arbitration; international commercial agreements; insolvency and bankruptcy (including financial reorganization and restructuring of business); insurance disputes; joint venture; intellectual property disputes; legal structuring of family business companies; VAT and corporate tax; government contracting and a variety of corporate practices.
- Extensive experience in the field of enforcement of national and foreign arbitral awards under bilateral, regional and international treaties.

#### **As an International Commercial Arbitrator**

- Professional practitioner in international commercial arbitration and the design of all types of dispute resolution procedures to resolve disputes as efficiently and quickly as possible.
- *Member of the Executive Committee of the Sharjah International Arbitration Centre since February 2015.*
- Drafted the Statute Rules and the DIAC Arbitration Rules of 2007 of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre. (The first draft of the DIAC Arbitration Rules was initially based on the structure of the UNCITRAL Rules. A comparison was then made between the UNCITRAL Rules with the relevant articles from the ICC, LCIA, WIPO, AAA, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce arbitration rules, the previous rules of the Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration of

Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry No. (2) of 1994 and the arbitration rules situated in the UAE Civil Procedure Law (Federal Law No. (11) of 1992). As a result of that process various arbitration principles and rules that reflect the best practice in international arbitration have been selected. An analyses and consistency study was then undertaken by me to ensure that the Rules are user friendly. The first draft of the Rules was accordingly submitted to the DIAC Board of Trustees for their approval. The draft was translated into Arabic and discussed with the Legal Department at the Dubai Ruler's Office. The final version of the Rules was issued by Decree No. 11 of 2007, published in the Official Gazette of the Government of Dubai No. 321 on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

- In the past few years (between 2010-2013) I have been appointed as Chairman, Sole arbitrator and Co-arbitrator in Ad Hoc and Institutional Arbitrations in cases conducted in English and Arabic languages. **For reference, please view the following list:**

- The value of the cases varies between small, medium and high amounts; the subject of the disputes concerns Construction Agreements, Property Development, Franchise Agreements, Commercial Agency Agreements, Stock Market disputes and various other commercial subjects.

❖ <b>DIAC cases:</b>
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 274-2010 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator in DIAC Case number 426-2010 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 294-2011 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 295-2011 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 368-2011 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator in DIAC Case number 112-2011 (Co-arbitrator) (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 181-2010 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 100-2011 (language of procedures - in English);

- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 360-2012 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 342-2012 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator in DIAC Case number 33-2013 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 07-2013 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Chairman in DIAC Case number 201-2013 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator in DIAC Case number 78-2014 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator in DIAC Case number 95-2014 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator in DIAC Case number 124-2014 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator in DIAC Case number 9-2014 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as sole arbitrator in DIAC Case number 87-2015 (language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as co-arbitrator in DIAC Case number 165-2015 (language of procedures - in English);
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<b>❖ ICC Cases</b>
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| - Appointed as Co-arbitrator in ICC Case number 18861/MCP (language of procedures in English); |
| - Appointed as Co-arbitrator in ICC Case number 21214/ZF (language of procedures in English);  |

<b>❖ DIFC/LCIA Cases</b>
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| - Appointed as Sole arbitrator in DIFC-LCIA Case “Arbitration No: D-L 16071” (language of procedures in English); |
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<b>❖ ADCCAC Cases "the Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Centre":</b>
- Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in Case number 53-2011 (Language of procedures - in Arabic);
- Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in Case number 71-2014 (Language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in Case number 10-2015 (Language of procedures - in English);
- Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in Case number 35-2015 (language of procedures - in English);

<b>❖ SCA Cases "Securities and Commodities Authority" UAE:</b>
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator under the arbitration rules of the Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) Case number 1/2011 (Language of procedures - in Arabic);

<b>❖ G.C.C. Commercial Arbitration Centre Cases:</b>
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator under the rules of the G.C.C. Commercial Arbitration Centre Case number 59/2011 (Language of procedures - in Arabic)

<b>❖ RAK Cases "the Ras Al Khaimah Reconciliation &amp; Arbitration Centre"</b>
- Appointed as Chairman in RAK Case number 02-2011 (language of procedures - in Arabic);
- Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in RAK Case number 28-2012 (language of procedures - in Arabic);
- Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in RAK Case number 17-2012 (language of procedures - in Arabic);
- Appointed as Sole Arbitrator in RAK Case number 15-2012 (language of procedures - in Arabic);

<b>❖ Ad Hoc Cases:</b>
- Appointed as Chairman in three cases – language of procedures - in English.
- Appointed as Chairman in one case – Language of procedures - in Arabic.
- Appointed as Co-arbitrator in one case – Language of procedures - in Arabic.

- Preparation of cases as arbitrator, administrator of arbitration procedures, including drafting and preparing: arbitration agreements, Terms of Reference, agendas, submissions for all stages, partial awards and final awards.

- Professional trainer for arbitrators to provide high quality training on commercial arbitration and various dispute resolution mechanisms by using a combination of lectures, workshops and case study.

## **E. Membership**

Member of the UAE Federal Committee for establishing Federal Tax Laws in the UAE (appointed by decision of H.E the Minister of Finance, decision number 184-2012); Member to the UAE Federal Committee for Developing Alternative Dispute Resolution under the UAE Courts' System (established by a decree from H.E the Minister of Justice 2008); Member to the Jordanian Lawyers Society; Member to the UAE Jurists Association; Listed member with the International Who's Who organization (IWWHS); the International Bar Association (IBA); the Asian-Mena in-house counsel community.

## **F. Professional Development**

Received professional training in various administrative skills including: Time Management; Communication in Administration; Performance Management; Free Trade Agreement and WTO; Finance for non-Finance Managers; Strategic Planning; ISO 900; Strengthening Organisations through Individual Effectiveness; Interviewing and Selection Skills workshop.

## **G. Publications**

- Author of a book on *the Effect of Public Policy on the Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards* - Edinburgh University 2002.
- Author of "Workbook on the Best Practice in International Commercial Arbitration" (for Arabic speaking Arbitrators) 2013-2014.
- Editor of the **DIAC Journal "arbitration in the Middle East"**, a Quarterly Journal published by the Dubai International Arbitration Centre between 2005-2010.
- Regular writer of articles and speaker on a wide range of arbitration and legal matters. Delivered papers at various international conferences and symposia.
- Author of several publications on various legal topics.

## **H. IT / Computer skills**

- Developing online dispute resolution services. Bronze medalist as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Effective Arbitral Tribunal in ICODR 2003 Arbitration Competition Results (an Online Dispute Resolution Competition 2003 – For reference visit "<http://www.ombuds.org/icodr2/arbitrationresults.html>")
- Administrator of the DIAC website (2003 -2010). [www.diac.ae](http://www.diac.ae)

- Administrator of [www.uaearbitrators.com](http://www.uaearbitrators.com)
- Computer knowledge in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Power Point.

## **I. Languages**

Arabic & English