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Overview

Senior counsel, international arbitrator, and accredited mediator with extensive international experience in commercial arbitration (under various institutional rules), major construction / infrastructure projects, real estate transactions, transportation, technology shareholder / joint venture and commercial disputes.

Listed under Who's Who Legal (WWL) as a global leader in construction law (2014 through 2020 editions).

Empaneled arbitrator at the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC), Maldives International Arbitration Centre (MIAC), Asian International Arbitration Center (AIAC) and the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA).

LL.M. in International Trade and Commerce (New York, New York).

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Accredited CI Arb Mediator.

Recipient of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre's award (Gold Category) for best arbitrator (2018).

Served as the co-chair of the IBA's International Projects sub-committee (2018-2020).

Served as co-vice chair of the IBA's International Projects sub-committee (2016-2018).

Serves as Senior Diversity Officer at the International Bar Association (IBA) (2020-2022).

Education and Bar Admissions

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| CI Arb Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration | 2021 |
| CI Arb Accredited Mediator | 2020 |
| Admitted to the DIFC Courts as advocate (in Part II) – due for renewal | 2015 |
| Admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States of America | 2008 |
| Admitted before the Federal Court of the Southern District of New York | 2005 |
| New York State Bar Admission | 2002 |
| Fordham University School of Law (New York, New York) | 2001 |

Professional Experience Serving as Arbitrator

Has acted on over 30 arbitrations as sole, chairman and party appointed arbitrator under a variety of institutional rules with respect to construction, infrastructure, transportation, energy, real estate and commercial disputes.

Professional Experience Serving as Counsel

As counsel, acted on complex litigation and arbitrations (both internationally and in the United States) with respect to construction of airports, geopolitically sensitive infrastructure projects (including transnational pipelines and compressor stations), waterway systems, highrise towners and mixed-use facilities, highways and a variety of social infrastructure projects.

Professional Memberships

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| International Bar Association (IBA) (officer) | 2004 - present |
| Society of Construction Law (SCL – Gulf) | 2007 - present |
| New York City Bar Association | 2002 - present |
| Chartered Institute of Arbitrators | 2019 - present |
| London Court of International Arbitration | 2015 – present |

Publications

Author: *“Mediation: What Are the Benefits to Clients and Counsel?”* Lawyer Monthly (July 2022)

Author: *“Changes to Dubai’s Legislation on Arbitration Centers”* – International Bar Association’s ICP publication (2022).

Co-Author: *“Keys to Successful Project Establishment”* - International Bar Association’s ICP publication – (2019).

Peer reviewed Persian translations of *The IBA Rules on Conflict of Interest and Party Representation* and *the IBA Rules on Taking of Evidence* (Due to be published in 2018).

Co-Author: *“Tackling Global Construction Claims in the Middle East”*- Bahrain Chamber of Dispute Resolution – International Arbitration Review - Kluwer Law International (2017).

Author: *“The Road to Qatar’s Construction of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Stadiums”* - International Bar Association’s ICP publication – online (2016).

Author: *Tips for Construction Contractors to Avoid Costly Missteps*, (Chadbourne’s Project Finance NewsWire) April (2013) and Lexology on-line (2013).

Co-Author: *Construction Law 2008* (Publisher: Getting the Deal Through) United States’ chapter.

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Speaking Engagements

Is regularly invited to speak on various topics related to dispute avoidance and resolution since 2009.

Has been an invited speaker at the International Bar Association’s Annual Conference and other events, in Sao Paulo (Brazil), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Washington DC (USA), Vienna (Austria), Edinburgh (Scotland), Athens (Greece), Cancun (Mexico), Tokyo (Japan) Male (Maldives), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Dubai (United Arab Emirates).

Other Languages

Basic Arabic and French
Fluent in Persian