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Counsel

Profile & Experience

I am a Counsel in international arbitration at SAAS. Prior to joining SAAS in 2013, I was an associate in the international arbitration practice group of Orrick Rambaud Martel LLP in Paris. Between 2009 and 2010, I was an intern in the international arbitration practice groups of Dechert LLP and Freshfields Bruchhaus Deringer LLP.

My practice focuses on complex commercial, investment, and construction disputes. I have extensive experience in assisting companies as well as States and governments in various jurisdictions across Europe, the Middle East and the GCC.

My experience covers a range of international contracts including general commercial transactions, construction, oil and gas, aerospace, cybersecurity as well as corporate and white-collar disputes.

I represent and advise clients in ICC, ICSID, DIAC, and UNCITRAL *ad hoc* arbitral proceedings.

I am also a fellow at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Experience as Counsel

- Counsel to a Middle Eastern State in ICC proceedings exceeding 250 million euros in a dispute over the construction of two Power Plants (Seat Paris, Law of the Middle Eastern State).
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration exceeding 200 million dollars between an aircraft and helicopters manufacturer and its agent regarding the sale of commercial and military airplanes to a GCC country, involving issues of wrongful termination as well as allegations of corruption and bribery (Seat Paris, French law).
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration opposing a cybersecurity and surveillance company to a GCC country in a dispute amounting to 60 million dollars.
- Counsel in DIAC arbitration proceedings between an Emirati subcontractor and a Spanish main contractor. (seat DIFC, English law).

Bar Admission

Beirut

Education

Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth (LL.B Lebanese Law and French *maîtrise en droit privé*) Beirut (2004-2005)

Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences, Beirut (2006)

HEC – Paris, Master's in Law and International Management (corporate law). Thesis on "Consent to ICSID Arbitration" (2008 – 2009)

Hague Academy of International law - Diploma in Private International Law (2015)

Languages

English(fluent)
French (native)
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- Counsel in DIAC arbitration proceedings between a Saudi consultancy company and a Saudi luxury retail group.
- Counsel in DIAC arbitration proceedings between a Lebanese franchisor and UAE franchisee related to a dispute in the hotels and restaurants industry (Seat Dubai, UAE law).
- Counsel to a Lebanese party in an *ad hoc* arbitration against a Saudi party in a construction dispute exceeding 60 million USD relating to the construction of an airport in Saudi Arabia (seat Riyadh, Saudi law).
- Counsel to major US defense and aeronautics group in ICC arbitration against an Emirati party relating to an agency agreement (Seat Abu Dhabi, UAE law).
- Counsel in BCCI arbitration proceedings, a FIDIC dispute between a Lebanese contractor and a real estate developer (Beirut, Lebanese law).
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration amounting to 40 million dollars between a Lebanese-Qatari JV and a Qatari developer regarding a FIDIC dispute under Qatari law (Seat Paris, Qatari Law).
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration amounting to 35 million dollars between an aircraft manufacturer and a real estate fund in a shareholder's dispute involving minority veto rights, gridlock and termination (Seat Paris, French law)
- Counsel in an ICSID arbitration (ICSID Case No. ARB/07/12 - jurisdictional phase) against the Government of Lebanon under the Lebanese-Italian BIT in relation with an infrastructure project.
- Counsel in a Potential ICSID arbitration between a Spanish investor and the Government of Lebanon under the Lebanese-Spanish BIT in relation with a tender for the construction of a Power Station in North Lebanon.
- Counsel in a Potential ICSID arbitration exceeding 200 million dollars between a Kuwaiti investor and the Government of Iraq in relation with a BOT contract of one of Iraq's airports.

Experience as Arbitrator

- March 2021: Appointed as sole arbitrator by the Lebanese Arbitration Center of the Beirut Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI). The applicable law was the Lebanese law, the seat of

arbitration was Beirut, Lebanon and the language of the proceedings was Arabic. The dispute revolved around the wrongful termination of a franchise agreement.

- February 2022: Appointed as sole arbitrator by the ICC Arbitration Court in expedited proceedings. The applicable law was Qatari law, the seat of arbitration was Doha, Qatar, the language of the proceedings was English. The dispute revolved around dewatering services in relation to the construction of phase 1 of an artificial island in Qatar.
- January 2023: Appointed as co-arbitrator by a party in an *ad hoc* arbitration between two Lebanese companies. The dispute arose out of a concession agreement. The governing Law was Lebanese law, the language of the proceedings was English, and the seat was Beirut.
- January 2024: Appointed as sole arbitrator by the ICC Arbitration Court in expedited proceedings. The applicable law is Saudi law, the seat of arbitration is DIFC, UAE, the language of the proceedings is English. The dispute is in connection with a shipping contract.

Experience as Administrative Secretary

- ICC arbitration proceedings in a multi-party dispute exceeding EUR 60 million between European, Emirati and Iranian parties in the oil and gas sector (Dubai, UAE law).
- *Ad Hoc* proceedings in Lebanon concerning a multi-million USD JV dispute in the real estate development sector.
- ICC Emergency Arbitrator proceedings relating to a US\$ 35M bank guarantee in Saudi Arabia (Riyadh, Saudi law)
- ICC construction arbitration exceeding 30 million USD between Bahraini and Korean Party and Dubai parties in Qatar (Doha, Qatari law).
- ICC arbitration proceedings in a multi-party dispute exceeding 25 million USD between Egyptian, UAE, and Canadian parties in the luxury hotels industry (Cairo, Egyptian law).
- ICC arbitration between UAE parties in a multi-million USD real estate dispute (Dubai, UAE law), ICC complex arbitration proceedings in a multi- million USD banking dispute involving multi-party and non-signatories' issues (Dubai, UAE law).

- BCCI proceedings in a construction and engineering dispute concerning a large touristic residential village project in Lebanon (Beirut, Lebanese law).
- ICC complex arbitration in a 20 million USD banking dispute involving multi-party and non-signatories' issues (Dubai, UAE law).
- ICC arbitration in a construction dispute exceeding 55 million USD (Muscat, Omani law)
- ICC arbitration related to a construction dispute between Dubai based parties (Seat Dubai, UAE law).
- ICC arbitration between Iranian and UAE parties regarding the sale in India of oil and gas derivatives originating from Iran and involving embargo issues (Seat Paris, Swiss Law and international sales law).
- ICC arbitration between a Lebanese music production company and a French music provider regarding a digital internet music distribution agreement (Seat UAE, Swiss, UAE and Lebanese law).
- ICC arbitration related to a dispute between a Saudi Arabian company and a Kuwaiti company over a luxury fast food concept (Seat Geneva, Luxembourg Law).

Recognition

I have been identified as a future leader in the field of international arbitration and dispute resolution by Who's Who Legal (July 2020 and January 2017) and as a Private Practice Power House in the Middle East by Legal 500 in September 2023.

Professional and Academic Memberships

I am a member of the Beirut Bar Association, the International Bar Association (IBA), the International Law Association (ILA, HQ, London), the ICC YAF association, the young ICCA association, the Arbitral Women Association, the ICC UAE's committee on Arbitration, the ICC Lebanon's Committee on Arbitration and I am a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) London,