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Derrick Dale QC, Barrister, Fountain Court

Derrick Dale QC is a barrister at Fountain Court with a practice covering commercial disputes, civil fraud, banking, insurance and professional negligence. Since taking silk in 2010 he has become increasingly part of the international arbitration scene. Specifically, in the last year he appeared in numerous arbitral court challenges in the Commercial Court in London which have raised important points of law is ufficiently certain (KCM v U&M [2014] EWHC 2374); (ii) the circumstances in which the English Court will grant a worldwide freezing injunction notwithstanding the existence of an exclusive enforcement jurisdiction clause in favour of the Zambian courts (U&M v KCM [2014] EWHC 3250); (iii) the test as to when a party making a court challenge to the arbitral award should be required to pay as security the full amount due under the award as a condition of making the challenge to the award; (KCM v U&M [2014] EWHC 2145. Derrick also sits as an LCIA arbitrator.

Christopher Grout, Registrar, Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre

Christopher has occupied the role of Registrar at the QICDRC since 2012. As Registrar, he is head of the Registry that services both the Qatar International Court and the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Tribunal. The Qatar International Court (established in law as the QFC Civil and Commercial Court) has jurisdiction over civil and commercial disputes which relate to those institutions, authorities and other entities established or conducting business in the QFC. In addition, since 2017, the Court has additional responsibilities where it is nominated as the Competent Court for arbitrations seated in Qatar pursuant to the provisions of Law No 2 of 2017 issuing the Law of Arbitration in Civil and Commercial Matters. Christopher is responsible for the case management of cases that come before the Court and Tribunal and will, where necessary, conduct costs assessments following the conclusion of cases. Where required, Christopher will provide procedural directions in relation to cases and, along with his team, will be available to assist parties with any queries they may have.

Christopher is a qualified barrister of England and Wales and is an Associate Member at 15 New Bridge Street (London), the Chambers of Martin Rutherford QC, having been called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 2007. Christopher's main specialism is in the field of crime, particularly criminal defence.

In 2019, Christopher was appointed a Deputy District Judge (England & Wales) assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Mark Kantor, International Independent Arbitrator

Mark Kantor is a retired partner of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, an international arbitrator in investment and commercial disputes, Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, Editor-in-Chief of the online journal Transnational Dispute Management and a member of the World Bank Group Sanctions Board. He is on the Council of the American Arbitration Association (former member, Board of Directors), and former Chair of the DC Bar International Investment Committee and the DC Bar International Dispute Resolution Committee. He has authored numerous works, including Reports of Overseas Private Investment Corporation Determinations (eds. Mark Kantor, Michael D. Nolan and Karl P. Sauvant), Valuation for Arbitration: Compensation Standards, Valuation Methods and Expert Evidence (OGEMID Best Book 2008) and "A Code of Conduct for Party-Appointed Experts in International Arbitration - Can One be Found?" 26 Arbitration International 323 (2010) (OGEMID Best International Dispute Resolution Article 2010). More information at www.mark-kantor.com.

Victor Leginsky, Independant International Chartered Arbitrator B.Ed., J.D., FCIArb

Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and Barrister & Solicitor, resident in Dubai, UAE since April 2007. Victor has prior high-level mediation experience having been appointed by the Attorney Generalof British Columbia, Canada, to be the Chair of the Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee. He brings over 25 years of arbitration experience in Canada. Victor has earned the internationally-recognized designations of Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a committee member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC) – UAE and member of ICC-Canada. He is alternate regional chapter co-ordinator of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) and launched its seminar on oil & gas dispute resolution in the Middle East. He co-instructs, with Prof. Dr. Klaus Peter Berger a practical course in International Commercial Arbitration in Dubai. He is registered as a Barrister with the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts and is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Julian Cohen, Barrister and Arbitrator, Gilt Chambers

Julian has nearly 25 years of specialist experience of heavyweight international commercial arbitration in Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Europe. In addition to acting as counsel, he also acts sits regularly as an arbitrator. His areas of practice include a wide range of company and commercial disputes as well as construction and engineering arbitrations. He was called to the Bar in England in 1990, became a solicitor in 1993, and moved to Hong Kong in 1998. He was a Partner in the Construction and Engineering Disputes practice of Pinsent Masons before moving to the Hong Kong Bar in 2010. Julian has been recognised as one of the world's leading construction disputes lawyers (Expert Guides 2013 and 2015) and lectures and writes regularly on arbitration related topics.

Moses W. Park, Barrister, Liberty Chambers

Moses W. Park is a dispute resolution lawyer practicing as a barrister (trial advocate) based in Hong Kong. His practice mainly focuses on conduct and resolution of cross-border and international commercial arbitration and litigation. He has successfully handled a broad spectrum of commercial work with an emphasis on civil fraud, asset-tracing/recovery, enforcement of foreign arbitral awards and judgments, securities and investment products as well as shareholder disputes. His clients have included international corporations and businesses as well as high and ultra-high net worth individuals.

Moses' work extends to regulatory fields (providing advice on matters governed by securities and competition legislation) often involving a mix of private and public law elements. He has recently contributed a chapter in Construction Contract Essentials in Hong Kong published by the University of Hong Kong Press. He is currently serving in the Committee of Arbitration and the Committee of International Law at the Hong Kong Bar.

Luigia Ingianni, Commissioner of the Employment Standards Office, Qatar Financial Centre

Luigia is an Italian Lawyer and legal advisor with more than 25year experience in employment and data protection. She holds a Master degree in Law, a Post-degree Master in Human Resources and is a conciliator of labour disputes certified by the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

She has worked in several countries assisting international clients and governmental institutions in regard of employment matters including employment disputes in courts. As labour negotiator, Luigia managed several Merger and Acquisitions and Companies' transfer of ownership.

In September 2015 she joined the QFC and designed the current structure of the Employment Standards Office of the QFC, making it the first administrative employment dispute resolution centre in the GCC operating under the ILO guidelines. In 2018 she also established the Data Protection Directorate, the first data protection supervisory authority in line with the European General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

She currently holds the position of Commissioner of the Employment Standards Office and her role is to lead the Employment Standards Office's directorates with particular focus on the dispute resolution functions including management of complaints, conciliation and adjudication of employment disputes.

Girgis Abd El-Shahid, Managing Partner, Shahid Law Firm

Girgis Abd El-Shahid is the managing partner of Shahid Law Firm in Cairo, which has grown to become one of the leading international law firms operating in Egypt and the region since its inception in 1987. With a vision of wanting to create an institution orientated law firm, Girgis recently took over the day-to-day running of the firm by developing an adaptive strategy that ensures competitiveness and includes regional growth and even global diversification beyond Egypt.

Girgis specializes in dispute settlement, with a particular focus on energy-related disputes; media and entertainment; construction; M&As; corporate and commercial agreements; banking and finance; telecommunications; and intellectual property.

He is one of the youngest Egyptian lawyers to be appointed to tackle some of the most difficult arbitration cases in Egypt and the Middle East. He is thus identified amongst the world's leading and Egypt's youngest arbitration practitioners in Who's Who Legal: Future Leaders 2018 and Who's Who Legal: Energy 2017 "as being among the world's leading energy lawyers". Girgis is also recognized by Legal 500 as "extremely personable, [having] vast knowledge of Egyptian law", "extremely responsive and having a unique international outlook" "smart, articulate, knowledgeable and business-oriented," and "simply excellent, very bright and entrepreneurial" with advice that is "always spoton". He is also featured as a notable practitioner in the Chambers Dispute Resolution guide, recognized as "impressive - very driven and very business-oriented". According to Who's Who Legal, clients have said that Girgis Abd El-Shahid "has, time and time again, proved himself able to successfully, and swiftly, navigate the complexities and challenges that Egyptian law routinely poses".

As a student, Girgis was one of very few who initiated the new trend in Egypt of combining both an LL.B. and a BA in Economics and Business Administration from Cairo University and the American University in Cairo simultaneously, because he did not simply want a law degree like most lawyers but wanted to revolutionise the entire legal sector altogether. Equipped with his knowledge of the inner workings of businesses, the complexities of the law, and the intersection of the two has given Girgis a unique ability and a competitive advantage in the corporate/legal world. He then travelled to the USA to receive an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University Law Centre and returned to Egypt in 2005 to become a Public Prosecutor before resigning in 2007 to become a full-time legal practitioner.

Girgis is also a regular panellist and speaker in many local and international conferences on arbitration, energy & infrastructure projects.

Dr. Dania Fahs, Deputy Director, International Chamber of Commerce - MENA Representative Office

Dania is a lawyer specialized in transactional commercial law, holds a Phd in Contractual law (France). She joined Al Tamimi Law Firm - Dubai, in 2014, Corporate Commercial Practice. Dania was a senior legal counsel with Oracle Corp and a Former lecturer - Business Law at American University of Beirut. She holds a PhD from University of Montpellier -France and an Executive EMBA Insead 2018.

Beau McLaren, Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan

Beau McLaren is a partner at HFW and heads up the Construction and Construction Disputes practice in the Middle East. Beau has over 10 years' experience in the Middle East having been permanently based here since 2007. During this time, he has advised on a range of construction projects and commercial disputes in the Gulf region and further afield. He represents and advises parties at every level of the supply chain, from procurement through to contract management, and has significant experience of a wide variety of project contractual arrangements across a number of types of projects. In addition to his front-end work, Beau also advises clients on bringing and defending claims arising out of construction projects, which are often both complex and high-value. Beau has experience of all common forms of dispute resolution, such as mediation, dispute adjudication and court litigation, but has a particular focus on construction-related arbitration. He regularly represents his clients in international and domestic arbitration proceedings and has extensive experience of proceedings under most institutional rules, including the DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC and LCIA rules, as well as proceedings under the UNCITRAL rules and ad hoc proceedings. Beau also sits as an arbitrator and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Prior to 2007, Beau was based in London, where he advised on several infrastructure projects in England, including PFI/PPP schemes and a variety of other construction projects.

Sara Koleilat-Aranjo, MENA Regional Director, ArbitralWomen; Senior Associate, Al Tamimi & Company

Sara Koleilat-Aranjo is a Senior Associate with Al Tamimi & Company based in Dubai and the MENA Regional Director for ArbitralWomen. She is admitted to practice in New York, Paris and Beirut. Sara's practice focuses on arbitration and complex litigation. Sara regularly advises and represents clients in international and domestic arbitration proceedings, both ad hoc and institutional (ADCCAC, ICC, DIAC, LCIA, GCC Centre for Commercial Arbitration, ICSID, UNCITRAL) as well as complex commercial litigation, particularly in cases with cross-border facets.

Sara is well versed in both the civil and common law legal traditions having practiced law at top tier law firms in London, Paris and Beirut prior to relocating to the Middle East. In addition to her practice of law, Sara regularly publishes and delivers talks on dispute resolution.

Sara holds an LL.B. in French and Lebanese law from Saint Joseph University, Masters in International Business Law from the University of René Descartes (Paris V), an Advanced Masters degree in Management and Finance from the ESSEC Business School and LL.M. from Harvard Law School.

George M. Vlavianos, Managing Partner, Bennett Jones (Gulf) LLP

George is the managing partner of Bennett Jones (Gulf) LLP, which carries on the practice of law in association with Bennett Jones LLP. Leader of the firm's arbitration practice, George practises in the areas of dispute resolution and construction law. He acts for owners, contractors and engineers in a wide range of construction disputes and has advised on insurance claims arising out of large industrial construction projects. George has extensive experience representing major institutional clients in complex multi-party disputes and in mediating and arbitrating significant commercial disputes in North America, Europe and the Middle East.

George is a fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, a charter fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, and a member of the Congress of Fellows of the Center for International Legal Studies. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and a member of the London Court of International Arbitration. George is admitted to the Panel of the International Commercial Arbitrators of the ICC National Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. George is fluent in English, French and Greek. He has a working knowledge of German and a basic knowledge of Arabic.

Ishaq Burney, General Counsel, Qatar Financial Centre

Ishaq ("Issy") Burney is the General Counsel of the Qatar Financial Centre. His experience spans disputes, corporate and regulatory law in Australia and the Middle East. Before the QFC, Issy has also worked with the financial services regulator of the QFC where he dealt with a diverse range of legal, policy, compliance and litigation matters. Previously, Issy held various senior positions with the Australian regulator where he was involved in a number of high profile transactional financial markets and takeover matters. Issy was a corporate counsel for an energy conglomerate before moving to Qatar. At the QFC, as the lead technical counsel Issy has technical oversight of the group's multi-award winning and highly respected legal team.

Issy is a regular speaker at various professional forums and is a guest lecturer in postgraduate corporate law, investment and regulation. Issy holds a Juris Doctor from University of Queensland, Master of Commercial Laws from University of Melbourne and a Postgraduate Diploma with Distinction from the University of Oxford. Issy qualified as a chartered secretary (awarded a BDO Dux Medal), and is an elected Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (Australia chapter). Issy a CEDR accredited Mediator.

Dr. Zain Al Abdin Sharar, Senior Legal Counsel – CEO, Qatar International Court and Dispute resolution Centre

Dr. Zain Al Abdin Sharar is a Senior Legal Counsel at the CEO's Office at the Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre (QICDRC). Dr Sharar has an extensive experience in the legal industry spanning over 19 years and across varying legal sectors. He has a Bachelor of Laws, a Master in International Trade Law, a Juris Doctor, and a Doctor of Legal Sciences from Bond University in Australia, specifically focused on Corporate Governance. Prior to Joining QICDRC, Dr. Zain was the Director of the Legal Affairs and Enforcement at the Qatar Financial Markets Authority (QFMA), giving him unrivalled extensive experience in capital markets, including financial services regulations, regulatory compliance, investment disputes, arbitration, mergers and acquisitions, risk and crisis management, public affairs, and litigation. Dr. Sharar has also served for three years on the QFMA's disciplinary committee. Dr Sharar has taught corporate law and corporate governance at a number of Australian Universities, and has provided legal advice and guidance regarding legal matters to board members of a number of publically listed companies in Australia. Dr Sharar has worked at Qatar University for three years as an Assistant Professor of Commercial Law and has taught companies law and arbitration law. He has also taught commercial law and maritime and aviation Law at Ahmad Bin Mohammed Military College in Oatar, and has lectured on many topics at the Legal and Judicial Studies Centre at the Qatari Ministry of Justice. Dr. Sharar is a certified mediator by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution in London and a qualified arbitrator by the GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre. He has provided mediation and arbitration services in many commercial and construction cases. He also participates in ADR training programs. Dr. Sharar has published many articles in leading law journals.

Marieke Witkamp, Representative for Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Qatar & QFC Branch); Associate, K&L Gates LLP

Marieke Witkamp is a Member and representative of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Qatar & QFC Branch) that she helped to set up end 2017; Marieke works as attorney within the Dispute Resolution Practice of K&L Gates' Doha office. She obtained her degree in Dutch law from the Erasmus University in Rotterdam in 2002 and holds an additional master's degree in US law from the University of Houston. Marieke was admitted to the Texas bar in 2017. She originally trained as a commercial judge in The Netherlands and still acts as substitute judge for the Court of Rotterdam.

Francis Nii Botchway, Professor of Law and Sir William Blair Chair in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Qatar University

Francis Nii Botchway is a Professor of Law and Sir William Blair Chair in Alternative Dispute Resolution at Qatar University. He has additional responsibility as Head of Contracts and Compliance at Qatar University Research Office. He also served as Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies for five years. He obtained law degrees from leading universities in Canada, Ghana, the U.S and the UK. He teaches and researches in International Economic Law, specifically, International Investment Law, International Law, Natural Resources Law, Comparative Law, Arbitration and Negotiations. He has also taught at the University of Warwick Law School for six years and briefly at Hull University in the UK. Formerly, he was Adjunct Professor at Leuven University in Belgium, Warwick, and Visiting Professor at the University of Puerto Rico. He is a member of TradeLab, providing legal services to governments, NGOs and businesses. He is a member of the London Court of International Arbitration and also on the ICSID roll of arbitrators. He is consulted by law firms in the UK, the US, the Middle East and the continent of Africa, on litigation, arbitration as well as international business transactions. He has published books and dozens of articles in leading International journals in Europe, United States, Australia, Asia and Africa. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Global Journal of Comparative Law. His latest edited book is entitled Natural Resource Investment and Africa's Development. His forthcoming book is on Defences in International Investment Law, to be published by Routledge, UK.

Tom Kapapa, Operations Director Qatar, HKA

Tom Kapapa has over 20 years of experience in the construction industry, specialising in quantum and delay analysis on a variety of projects across Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the UK.

Throughout his experience acting as both a delay and quantum expert, he has worked on commissions for disputed sums up to US\$600 million for project values in excess of US\$5billion. He has been cross-examined in international arbitration, including giving concurrent evidence (hot tubbing). Tom also acts as both an arbitrator and mediator and has taken the lead on a dispute adjudication board (DAB), as well as leading numerous claims negotiations.

Tom has been an assessor for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) for over three years, assessing candidates aiming to become a member of the RICS in the Middle East and is preparing for his Fellowship (FRICS) to the Institute. He provides training and often acts as counsellor or mentor for several quantity surveyors and contract administrators in Qatar.

Orhan Berberoglu, Senior Manager-CPA, Indirect Tax Services, KPMG Qatar

Orhan has a vast amount of experience as a tax professional during the last 14 years, specializing in VAT including 3 years VAT implementation experience in GCC region. At KPMG, Orhan is advising clients (in various sectors) on VAT implementation and also conducting trainings to private and public organizations on VAT readiness.

Dr Nasser Mehsin Al-Adba, Chairman & Lawyer, Omani & Partners Law Firm LLP

Dr. Nasser Mehsin Al-Adba is an accomplished, highly respected and well-known lawyer, having practiced law extensively throughout the world last 15 years. He specializes in the practices the fields of International Law and International Trade and Dispute Resolution, having recently been chosen for the World Trade Organization roster of panellists (WTO) as the sole representative from State of Qatar. He is renowned for his skills in commercial Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Successfully run over 7 Billion USD cases. Academically, he is full time professor in school of law in Qatar University.





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