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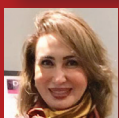
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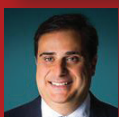
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Moderator – Grand Keynote Panel



**Dorine Farah**  
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Moderator – 3rd Grand Panel



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**H.E Justice Shamlan Al Sawalehi**  
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**Sarah Malik**  
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SCHEDULE

8:50 – 9:05	Welcome Message by Chairman John Bishop, International Independent Arbitrator	12:40 – 13:55	Networking Lunch
9:05 – 9:15	Opening Address Robert Stephen, Registrar, DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre (DIFC-LCIA)	13:55 – 14:00	Welcome Message by Chairman Adrian Darbishire QC, QEB Hollis Whiteman
9:15 – 9:40	Keynote Session – Recent Developments Affecting Global International Arbitration and the Outlook for 2020 Yves Derains, Founding Partner, Derains & Gharavi International	14:00 – 14:45	2nd Grand Panel – Managing Cross Border Investigations Moderator • Robert Rhodes QC, Outer Temple Chambers Panellists: • Jeff DuVal, Partner and Co-Lead of the Government Contracts Group, HKA • Benjamin Hopps, Of Counsel and Head of Employment, Middle East, Herbert Smith Freehills • Ghassan El-Daye, Head of Regional Arabic Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP
9:40 – 10:30	Grand Keynote Panel Discussion – Can Arbitrations Be Done Quickly and Fairly: Understanding Expedited Procedures, Emergency Arbitration & Mediation As Your Best Dispute Fix Moderator • Sami Huerbi, Director for Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East & Africa, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Abu Dhabi/Tunis; Partner, Huerbi Law Firm Panellists: • Sara Koleilat-Aranjo, Board of Directors, ArbitralWomen; Senior Associate, Al Tamimi & Company • Aarta Alkarimi, Managing Director, Chrysalis International Legal Advisors • Sana Belaïd, Senior Corporate Counsel, Cisco; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration	14:45 – 15:15	Cyber Security & Data Arun Visweswaran, Senior Associate, Clifford Chance
10:30 – 10:45	The Perfect Arbitrator- Why Parties Should Insist Their Arbitrator Be “PERFECT”. Where are Arbitrator Competencies Heading, And How Should Your Arbitrator Conduct Your Case? Victor P. Leginsky, Independent International Chartered Arbitrator	15:15 – 15:35	Adequate Procedures” As a Defence Under the Bribery Act 2010 Robert Rhodes QC , Outer Temple Chambers, UK
10:45 – 11:10	Networking & Morning Refreshment	15:35 – 16:00	Networking Break & Afternoon Refreshment
11:10 – 11:30	Effective use of Technology in Arbitration: Practical Observations for Inhouse Counsels Julian Cohen, Barrister, Gilt Chambers, Hong Kong	16:00 – 16:20	Competition Law, What is it and What do In-house Counsel Need to Know Dr. Derek Ritzmann, Expert, Economics Partners; Adjunct Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong
11:30 – 11:50	Energy Disputes: Emerging Shapes and Shades Arvin Lee, Partner, Wee Swee Teow LLP	16:20 – 17:35	3rd Grand Panel – Arbitrators, Experts, Lawyers and Clients: Managing Each Other’s Expectations with Respect to Expert Evidence in Arbitration Moderator • Dorine Farah, Partner, Baker Botts Panellists: • Conrad Bromley, Director, HKA • Michael Tonkin, Partner & Head of Expert Services MEA, HKA • Shafiq Jamos, Senior Legal Counsel, A W Rostamani Properties • Yves Derains, Founding Partner, Derains & Gharavi International
11:50 – 12:40	1st Grand Panel – Enforcement of Awards in the UAE: Practical Reality and Guidance. A View from the Judiciary Moderator • Sarah Malik, CEO and International Disputes Counsel, SOL International Ltd Panellists: • Dr. Hassan Arab, Head of Dispute Resolution, Al Tamimi & Company • H.E Justice Shamlan Al Sawalehi, Judge of the Appeal Court of the DIFC (Dubai International Financial Centre) Courts • Asim Ahmed, Partner and Head of Litigation, BSA Ahmad Bin Hezeem & Associates LLP	17:35 – 17:40	Closing Remarks & Lucky Draw
		17:40 – 18:35	Networking Cocktail Party

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**John Bishop, International Independent Arbitrator**

John Bishop is a member of Arbitration Chambers, Hong Kong and London. Arbitration Chambers has amongst its members many of the world's leading arbitrators. John has more than 40 years' experience as a construction lawyer. He now practices as an Arbitrator, Mediator & Dispute Board Member. He is a panel member of many leading arbitration institutions.

John has been selected by the main legal directories for his expertise in the construction, arbitration and mediation. Comments include "One of the world's pre-eminent construction experts" and "One of the top 30 construction lawyers in the world".

John is a Fellow of the International Academy of Construction Lawyers, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building, Fellow of the International Construction Law Association, Grade A Accredited Professional of IBEC, Fellow of the Faculty of Building. He has been Chairman, then President of TeCSA, Vice Chairman of the Academy of Experts, Dean of the Faculty of Mediation & ADR, Board Member of the Civil Mediation Council, Chairman of the LCIA consultative committee.

**Adrian Darbishire QC, QEB Hollis Whiteman**

Adrian Darbishire QC is recognised as one of the leading QCs at the UK Criminal Bar. He is renowned for his particular expertise in the field of Corporate and Financial Crime. He specialises in advising and defending professional individuals and corporates in relation to allegations of Financial Crime and Health and Safety breaches.

Adrian is recognised as a shrewd strategist, impressive drafter and a compelling advocate. He is ranked by Chambers UK as a Star Individual in Financial Crime: Individuals, Band 1 in Financial Crime: Corporates, Band 1 in Health and Safety, Band 1 in Chambers High Net Worth and in Tier 1 for Business Regulatory Crime (including Global Investigations) in The Legal 500.

Adrian has been involved in the majority of high profile investigations in Corporate and Financial Crime including Marine Hose, BA/Virgin, Darmoo & Brown, Sweett Group plc, UBS FX Trading, UBS LIBOR, Barclays LIBOR, Mizuho Bank, Tesco, Rolls-Royce and Unaoil. His experience extends to anti-competitive behaviour; fraud; cartels, corruption; market abuse; sanction breaches; serious professional misconduct and negligence.

Adrian has also been instructed in some of the most high profile and complex Health & Safety cases including Hatfield Rail Crash (2005); LLEL (2007); Moyano (operating theatre death, 2009); Maurice Agis (Dreamspace "flyaway artwork" deaths, 2009); Counsell (firework display linked to seven deaths on nearby M5, 2012); Naylor (catastrophic door failure causing deaths of two members of singing group, 2016). All manslaughter prosecutions resulted in acquittal.

Adrian has significant experience in and knowledge of the international dimension to domestic criminal law, for example where parallel domestic and foreign investigations are in place. He has vast experience across numerous tribunals both in category and hierarchy.

He is the author of numerous articles published in leading UK Publications. He lectures regularly on niche and complex areas of law to fellow leaders in the Corporate and Financial Crime, and Health and Safety fields and he is the head of QEB Hollis Whiteman Chambers' Management Committee. Adrian was called to the Bar in 1993 and took Silk in 2012.

**Robert Stephen, Registrar, DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre (DIFC-LCIA)**

Robert Stephen is the Registrar of the DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre (DIFC-LCIA). He is an arbitration specialist who has been based in the UAE since January 2011 and practised with Herbert Smith Freehills for more than 10 years before joining the DIFC-LCIA on 1 May 2017. From its base in the Dubai International Financial Centre, the DIFC-LCIA provides alternative dispute resolution services for those doing business in and with the Gulf and Arab states and for those looking for an arbitration and mediation centre with world class capabilities, situated in a neutral and highly connected jurisdiction.

During his time at Herbert Smith Freehills, Robert advised and represented clients on international disputes across a wide range of industry sectors, including the oil and gas, energy and natural resources, construction, real estate, and finance and banking sectors. He has advised and represented clients in international arbitrations under the DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, LCIA, and SIAC Rules as well as in ad-hoc proceedings and DIFC and English Commercial Court litigation.

Prior to moving to Herbert Smith Freehills' Dubai office in January 2011, Robert had also practised from Herbert Smith Freehills' offices in London, Moscow and Paris. He also sits as the Chair of the UAE Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Member's Group Committee and is a member of the Global Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Member's Group Committee. Robert is also a member of the ICC Young Arbitrators' Forum, and the LCIA Young International Arbitration Group.

**Yves Derains, Founding Partner, Derains & Gharavi International**

YVES DERAINS, former Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Director of the Legal Department of the ICC, is member of the Paris Bar and founding partner of the law firm Derains & Gharavi. He is specialized in commercial and investment arbitration and is acting both as arbitrator and counsel of parties in arbitration proceedings. Yves Derains is the Chairman of the ICC Institute of World Business Law. He has been the Chairman of the Comité Français de l'Arbitrage and was also the Chairman of the Working Party on the Revision of the ICC Rules of Arbitration. He is a member of the French Committee on Private International Law since 1978, a member of the Governing Board of ICCA and he is Honorary Professor of several Universities in Lima, Peru.

Yves DERAINS is also author of many publications on International Commercial Arbitration and on International Business Law, in particular: "Evaluation of damages in international arbitration", ICC Institute of World Business Law, 2006 - "A Guide to the ICC Rules of Arbitration" (Second Edition, with E. Schwartz), Kluwer Law International, 2005.

**Sami Houerbi, Director for Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East & Africa, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Abu Dhabi/Tunis; Partner, Houerbi Law Firm**

Sami Houerbi is the Director of the ICC Eastern Mediterranean, Middle-East and Africa ICC Dispute Resolution Services, where he is in charge of raising awareness about Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms throughout the region and promoting ICC Arbitration and ADR Rules. Prior to that, he was member of the Secretariat of the International Court of Arbitration in Paris, where he was directly involved in the administration and managing ICC arbitration proceedings.

Mr Houerbi is a registered lawyer of the Tunis Bar Association and the Managing Partner of Houerbi Law firm, which areas of practice include mainly: Corporate Law, Arbitration and Litigation. Sami Houerbi acts regularly as arbitrator under ad hoc and various international arbitration institutions.

He holds a post-graduate degree in international law from the University of Paris II and an LL.M in German Law from the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich. His working languages are Arabic, English, French and German.

**Sarah Malik, CEO and International Disputes Counsel, SOL International Ltd**

Sarah Malik is an experienced and well-regarded lawyer whose 20-year career to date has spanned internationally. Prior to founding SOL International Ltd in the UAE in August 2018, she practiced as a Barrister at a leading set of Chambers in London, worked as employed Counsel at a leading UK law firm and headed the Advocacy and Investigations team of an International law firm in Dubai. She is a member of the SIAC Users Council in the Middle East and is appointed on the Lagos Panel of Arbitration Neutrals. Sarah is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and accepts appointments to sit as an arbitrator. Sarah undertakes international commercial arbitrations as Counsel (DIAC, ADCCAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC) and practices commercial litigation in the DIFC and ADGM Courts. In addition to practice, she is a visiting lecturer at Middlesex University Dubai in International Commercial Litigation and Arbitration. Sarah is often invited to speak at conferences within UAE and internationally and has participated in numerous successful arbitration events in Dubai and overseas.

**Robert Rhodes QC, Outer Temple Chambers**

Robert Rhodes QC specialises in business crime (e.g. civil and criminal fraud, tax investigations, bribery and money laundering), international mediation and international arbitration (both as counsel and mediator / arbitrator), financial services, regulatory and disciplinary law. He is also registered for direct access with the public. Robert is noted for his utter dedication to his clients. He has a commercial approach to his clients' problems, and always gives clear, practical advice. He is Adjunct Professor of the Academy of International Dispute Resolution & Professional Negotiation.

Robert is a Mediator at the international Court of Arbitration for Sport, Switzerland. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' panel of arbitrators for its Business Arbitration Scheme. He also sits on a number of Far Eastern panels of arbitrators / mediators, including the Arbitration Panel of the Beijing Arbitration Commission, and has rights of audience in the Dubai International Financial Centre. He has been appointed a Senior International Mediation Expert at the Mainland-Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center, Hong Kong. He is an Invited Expert on the Professional Committee on Investment Arbitration of the China Academy of Arbitration Law. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the London Court of International Arbitration and of the International Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Corporate Panel of the Dispute Board Federation, and has been recommended as a Leading Silk in Fraud, Banking and Finance by the Legal 500. He has spoken in various continents on international mediation, international arbitration, fraud, bribery, and money laundering. He has published extensively on those subjects, and has been interviewed by the media.

Robert is a Goodwill Ambassador for the UK-Cyprus Enterprise Council, and a member of the Advisory Council to the UK Sichuan Business Association. He is a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple, and a Member of the Bar Council of England & Wales.

**Dorine Farah, Partner, Baker Botts**

Dorine has extensive experience with arbitral practice and procedure both in civil and common law systems. Dorine's practice is a mixture of international commercial arbitration and investment-state arbitration and routinely advises clients on disputes involving large and complex energy and infrastructure projects. Her practice also includes representation in public international law matters and pre-contentious advice on various international law and cross-border issues. Dorine is bilingual in Arabic and English and a significant part of her practice focuses on the Middle East.

**Michael Tonkin, Partner & Head of Expert Services MEA, HKA**

Michael Tonkin is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Arbitrator, CEDR Accredited Mediator, RICS Accredited Expert Witness and testifying Expert Witness in quantum with 29 years of experience in the construction industry. He leads HKA's Expert Services practice for the Middle East, Asia & Africa.

Michael acts, and has testified on nine occasions, as an expert witness in quantum and has been instructed more than twenty times as a party appointed Expert Witness, a single joint Expert Witness and a Third Party Expert Evaluator on disputes up to US\$4bn in value. He has given oral testimony in traditional cross-examination as well as concurrent evidence/hot-tubbing. Michael often acts as "Coordinating Expert" across several disciplines of expert. He is named in Who's Who Legal Construction: Expert Witnesses and Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders - Construction 2019.

Michael has been appointed as Arbitrator on more than 60 occasions (as sole Arbitrator, Chairman of a tribunal of three, and Co-Arbitrator) under the auspices of ICC, LCIA, DIAC, ADCCAC and the TAL. He also acts as dispute resolver in other ADR such as adjudication and DAB's. Michael is an "Arbitrator" Member of the Society of Construction Arbitrators and a former Trustee and Honorary Treasurer of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as well as a past Chairman and past Vice Chairman of the UAE Branch.

**Jeff DuVal, Partner and Co-Lead of the Government Contracts Group, HKA**

Jeff DuVal is a Partner and Co-Lead of the Government Contracts Group in the Washington, DC office of HKA. Jeff is responsible for directing engagements in the field of business and litigation consulting, primarily for US government and construction contractors. These engagements focus on cost and damage analyses, investigations, project management as well as other dispute and compliance related issues. Jeff has assisted counsel on liability, damages and penalty issues on numerous matters involving allegations of over-billing, defective pricing and false claims, many of which have involved labor and expense charging issues. He has presented the findings of his analysis to government attorneys and auditors including personnel from the Defense Contract Audit Agency, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice. In addition, Jeff has extensive experience analyzing large data sets for a variety of different industries that allow the team to isolate the key damages issues in the case. He has assisted contractors with issues relating to Multiple Award Schedule contracting including the impact of the triggering of the Price Reduction and Defective Pricing clauses. Jeff has investigated the commercial sales practices associated with Alliance Agreements and analyzed the impact of different interpretations of the Basis of Award category of customers on the triggering of the Price Reduction and Defective Pricing clauses. His work has included the quantification of cost impacts and negotiation with government auditors and oversight personnel.

**Conrad Bromley, Director, HKA**

Conrad Bromley is a testifying Quantum Expert and Director of the HKA office in Dubai, specialising in quantum expert witness and arbitration support in construction and engineering disputes.

Conrad has over 19 years of experience working internationally in the construction and engineering sectors on a variety of major oil and gas, power and infrastructures projects and disputes across the UK, Middle East, Africa and Australasia. He is adept in the major standard forms of contract, particularly bespoke forms and the FIDIC suite.

Conrad has been appointed as Quantum Expert on multiple disputes and has given oral expert testimony in Arbitration and DAB proceedings. He possesses the capability to lead complex disputes through the whole dispute process, and is experienced in presenting to Tribunals, counsel, clients, and other expert disciplines.

Conrad is the Honorary Treasurer of the UAE branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

**Benjamin Hopps, Of Counsel and Head of Employment, Middle East, Herbert Smith Freehills**

Ben is Of Counsel in Herbert Smith Freehills' dispute resolution team and Head of Employment for the Middle East. He has over 17 years' experience of representing clients in international legal disputes across a broad range of industry sectors including financial services, construction, energy, infrastructure and tourism & leisure. Based in the firm's UAE offices for the last 10 years, Ben spent the prior 7 years practising as a litigator in London.

Ben advises and assists clients with employment disputes, business crime & investigations, anti-bribery & corruption, JV disputes, real estate and professional negligence. He also advises on regulatory and governance issues.

In hand with litigation, Ben's international arbitration practice includes managing disputes under all the major international and local institutions including the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, ADDCAC and GCC.

**Aarta Alkarimi, Managing Director, Chrysalis International Legal Advisors**

Aarta Alkarimi is the Managing Partner of Chrysalis International Legal Advisors, a boutique firm with offices in the UAE and New York City. Chrysalis attorneys primarily focus on complex litigation, arbitration, and mediation. Aarta started her career as a construction disputes lawyer in New York City in 2003 and later moved to the UAE (in 2008), continuing to represent some of the most notable developers and contractors in the US, Middle East, Turkey and the Indian Subcontinent.

Aarta routinely serves as chairperson, sole, and party-appointed arbitrator under various institutional rules.

She is the recipient of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre's Award (in Gold Category) for Best Young Arbitrator (2018). She is recognized by Who's Who Legal, under Construction Law as a leading international legal practitioner. She serves as the current co-chair of the of the International Bar Association's (IBA) Sub-Committee on Project Establishment (2018-2020) and served as co-vice chair of the IBA Sub-Committee on International Projects (2016-2018).

Aarta believes in the prevention of disputes at the onset through proper documentation, contract administration and ADR techniques.

**H.E Justice Shamlan Al Sawalehi, Judge of the Appeal Court of the DIFC (Dubai International Financial Centre) Courts**

H.E Justice Shamlan Al Sawalehi has a breadth and depth of experience and knowledge on international financial service disputes in both Common and Civil law systems. He joined the DIFC Courts in 2010 as a Judicial Officer before becoming a Small Claims Tribunal Judge and then a Court of First Instance Judge.

H.E Justice Shamlan holds a master's degree with Merits in International Commercial Law from Westminster University in the UK, a Higher Diploma with Honors in Advanced Legal and Judicial Studies from the Dubai Judicial Institution, and a Bachelor with distinction in Shari'a and Law from the UAE University.

In July 2017, His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE, in his capacity as Ruler of Dubai, appointed H.E. Justice Shamlan Al Sawalehi to serve as a judge of the Appeal Court of the DIFC (Dubai International Financial Centre) Courts.

**Arvin Lee, Partner, Wee Swee Teow LLP**

Arvin Lee is a Partner of Wee Swee Teow LLP, a 108-year-old Singapore law firm. He is an Arbitrator of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board and the Beijing Arbitration Commission, and an Adjudicator of the Financial Institutions Dispute Resolution Centre (Singapore). In 2011, he worked in the DIFC Courts as Manager - Law and Policy, seconded from Singapore by then-Chief Justice Michael Hwang. He acts as lead counsel in international arbitrations, with a focus on energy-related arbitrations (conventional and renewables). Recent work includes wind power project finance disputes and oil and gas hedging disputes. He also regularly co-counsels with foreign lawyers on their Singapore-seated arbitrations. He has a track record of securing arbitral awards that have been enforced outside Singapore, such as in China of an SIAC award he successfully obtained for a Singapore-listed company for specific performance. Arvin is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the International Dispute Resolution Academy. He holds law degrees from Harvard (LL.M.) and the LSE (LL.B., First Class Honours).

**Sana Belaïd, Senior Corporate Counsel, Cisco; Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration**

Sana Belaïd is Senior Legal Counsel for Cisco, supporting the sales activities of the company in Africa, the Gulf and the Middle-Eastern region. Before joining Cisco in 2006, Ms Belaïd was a member of the International Arbitration department of two major law firms in Paris: Coudert Frères and White & Case. During these years, she worked on several ICC and ad hoc arbitrations. Ms Belaïd has two post-master degrees from the university Panthéon-Assas in public international law and comparative law.

Ms. Belaïd is qualified to practice as a lawyer with the Tunisian and French Courts of Appeal. Ms. Belaïd is also an executive coach and holds a certification from the prestigious Coaching Training Institute and a qualification in team coaching from the ORSC Institute in the US.

Ms. Belaïd is a member of the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC and acts as an independent arbitrator.

**Sara Koleilat-Aranjo, Senior Associate, Al Tamimi & Company**

Sara Koleilat-Aranjo is a Senior Associate with Al Tamimi & Company admitted to practice in New York, Paris and Beirut. Sara regularly advises and represents clients in international and domestic arbitration proceedings, both ad hoc and institutional (ICC, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, GCC Centre for Commercial Arbitration, LCIA, ICSID, UNCITRAL) as well as complex commercial litigation, particularly in cases with cross-border facets. Sara has been involved in Arabic, English and French language proceedings in Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Oman, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia in addition to the United States, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and France. Sara also represents clients in arbitration-related court proceedings, including recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and annulment proceedings. In addition to her practice of law, Sara regularly publishes and delivers talks on dispute resolution. She has held several prestigious teaching and editorial appointments, such as Editor of the Harvard Business Law Review and Lecturer in Law at the Sorbonne Law School in Paris.

Sara is appointed as a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR and was elected to the Board of Directors of ArbitralWomen where she is currently serving as a Director for MENA. Sara also serves as the Y-ICCA Events Coordinator for the MENA Region. 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. Sara has been awarded the Middle East Rising Star Lawyer of the Year Award at the 2019 Middle East Legal Awards.

**Julian Cohen, Barrister, Gilt Chambers**

Julian obtained his MA from Oxford University and became a solicitor in the UK in 1994. He was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 1998 and switched to the Bar in 2010. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), a holder of the Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (Dip ICARB) and a Qualified Dispute Resolver on the Academy of Experts Register (QDR (Academy of Experts)).

Julian practises in criminal, administrative and public law, arbitration, building and construction, commercial, common law, constitutional law, defamation, insolvency, insurance, professional negligence, public international law, and sale and carriage of goods.

**Dr. Hassan Arab, Head of Dispute Resolution, Al Tamimi & Company**

Dr. Arab is a leading dispute resolution expert in the UAE and the wider Middle East with full rights of audience before all courts in the UAE. He regularly sits as an arbitrator and is called upon to provide legal expert opinions before arbitral tribunals and foreign courts.

Dr. Arab has been recently elected as the Chair of the Steering Committee of the ICC-UAE Commission on Arbitration & ADR.

He has authored several publications on arbitration and dispute resolution, including a book on the Civil Procedures Law in the UAE and the Summaries of UAE Courts' Decisions on Arbitration.

**Shafiq Jamoos, Senior Legal Counsel, A W Rostamani Properties**

“Highly Commended as Senior Corporate Counsel of the Year 2017- Middle East” by the Association of Corporate Counsels. Acting as Senior Legal Counsel for “AWR Properties” and “Al Rostamani Family Affairs Office”. Served previously as In-House Counsel for “Majid Al Futtaim Properties” and as Legal Manager for the public listed developer “Deyaar Development”.

Advised and worked as lead counsel during the past years on a variety of complex commercial transactions and mixed use projects in UAE, UK, US, Oman, Turkey, Tunisia and Lebanon, as well as some of the largest real estate, construction and commercial disputes before arbitration institutions, Dubai Courts and DIFC Courts. He further advised on the drafting of the real estate chapter of a new UAE federal law and multiple Dubai and Sharjah property laws.

Prior to moving to Dubai, he worked as private practitioner and professor of international and commercial law at An Najah National University in his hometown, Nablus- Palestine. He was also member of the first Arbitration Committee of ICC Palestine in 2012.

Shafiq received his Master of Laws from the University of Pittsburgh- US, trained at a prominent Pittsburgh law firm and he is Alumnus and Ambassador of the Arbitration Academy in Paris. Shafiq is an independent arbitrator, Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London and the Arab and International Arbitrators group in Dubai and is a frequent speaker on in-house practice, real estate and arbitration law.

**Dr. Derek Ritzmann, Expert, Economics Partners; Adjunct Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong**

Dr. Derek Ritzmann is an Economic Expert at Economics Partners, working across the Asia-Pacific region based in Hong Kong. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Hong Kong, teaching competition law. Dr. Ritzmann has been practicing as an economist for over 20 years, specializing in the economics of competition, regulation, and arbitration. He has served as expert on a wide range of matters, including many mergers, anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominance, and economic regulation cases.

Dr. Ritzmann spent over a decade as a senior economist at competition and regulatory agencies and consequently has significant expertise in dealing with agencies on such matters. He was the first Chief Economist of the Hong Kong Competition Commission, served in the Chief Economist Team at the European Commission’s Competition Directorate, and the Principal Economist (for both competition and telecommunications regulation) at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. Most recently, he headed the Asia-Pacific practice based in Hong Kong of a large economic consulting firm; previously, he worked in private practice as an economist at two leading consulting firms in Europe, and as a competition lawyer in Australia.

He is listed in the Who’s Who Legal Directory as a Competition Economist and is a recent winner of a Concurrences Antitrust Writing Award. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Oxford University, an M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics, and is a qualified lawyer in the USA, the UK, and Australia.

**Ghassan El-Daye, Head of Regional Arabic Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP**

Ghassan heads the Arabic regional litigation practice in the Middle East and specialises in all areas of dispute resolution with a particular emphasis on construction, commercial, civil, banking, real estate and criminal matters. Ghassan has over 23 years’ experience in litigation and dispute resolution. His extensive in-depth experience in civil, Sharia, commercial, real estate, banking, construction and criminal laws have enabled him to represent clients in some of the region’s most high profile and complex cases. Offering a full scope of litigation services from drafting to implementation of case strategies locally and internationally, Ghassan is one of few litigators who won multi-billion dollar cases for clients and advised on high complex and cross border disputes. In addition, Ghassan possesses thorough expertise in matters of civil, administrative, real estate, banking and Sharia’h law. Ghassan is admitted to practice in Lebanon.

**Arun Visweswaran, Senior Associate, Clifford Chance**

Arun is a senior associate in the Disputes practice of Clifford Chance, Dubai and is also a qualified engineer. Arun joined Clifford Chance, London in 2010 and has been practicing in Dubai since October 2012. Arun specialises in commercial arbitration (including construction and project related disputes) and DIFC/ADGM Court litigation. Arun also leads the Clifford Chance cybercrimes and data protection practice in the Middle East.

He is admitted as a solicitor of England & Wales and has rights of audience before the DIFC Courts.

**Victor P. Leginsky, Independent International Chartered Arbitrator**

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 General of 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.

**Asim Ahmed, Partner and Head of Litigation, BSA Ahmad Bin Hezeem & Associates LLP**

Asim is a Partner and the Head of the Litigation Department, based in our Dubai office with over 29 years’ experience in the GCC region. Asim has vast experience in the UAE and Sudanese Court systems. His expertise spans civil, criminal, maritime, insurance, commercial, employment, telecommunications matters, and real estate. He provides succinct, pragmatic and commercial legal advice to his clients and delivers clear-cut solutions to their problems.

Asim regularly handles arbitrations and acts for clients in the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) in addition to other forums of alternative dispute resolution.

Asim is licensed by the Chief of Justice in Sudan to act as a Commissioner for Oaths, drafting contracts and agreements, authenticating and attesting the execution of documents and signatures and administering oaths.

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