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Faisal Al Sahouti
CEO,
Qatar International Court and
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Opening Address



Victor Leginsky
Independent International
Arbitrator
Moderator – 1st Grand Panel



Christopher Grout
Registrar,
Qatar International Court and
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SCHEDULE

8:55 – 9:00	Welcome Message by Chairman	14:45 – 15:15	Section 5 – Role of the QFC Civil and Commercial Court Under the New Qatar Arbitration Law Christopher Grout, Registrar, Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Address by Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre Faisal Al Sahouti, CEO, Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre	15:15 – 15:35	Section 6 – Arbitration of M&A Transactions in Middle East
9:45 – 10:15	Keynote Session – Recent Developments Affecting Global International Arbitration – How it Effects Companies in the ME	15:35 – 15:55	Section 7 – Saving Costs and Time in An Arbitration Joseph Huse, CEO and Editor, Newton Arbitration
10:15 – 10:45	Section 1 – Investment Arbitration – A Brave New World	15:55 – 16:25	Short Break & Afternoon Refreshment
10:45 – 11:15	Networking & Morning Refreshment	16:25 – 17:15	2nd Grand Panel – Update in Arbitration Rules from Around the Regions – Different Rules Different Jurisdictions Moderator • TBC Panellists: • Mohamed A. ElGhatit, Director and Registrar, DIFC-LCIA • Sami Hourbi, Director for Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East & Africa, ICC International Court of Arbitration; Partner, Huerbi Law Firm, Dubai/Tunis • Ravi Shankar, Senior Partner, Head of Arbitration, Law Senate • Julian Cohen, Barrister, Gilt Chambers
11:15 – 11:45	Section 2 – MENA Construction and Infrastructure Disputes Damian Honey, Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan	17:15 – 17:20	Closing Remarks & Lucky Draw
11:45 – 12:15	Section 3 – Advising on Shareholder Disputes – Advice for Counsels	17:30 – 18:30	Networking Cocktail Party
12:15 – 12:45	Section 4 – Contract Disputes in the Energy Sector Amir Ghaffari, Partner, International Dispute Resolution & Arbitration, Vinsons & Elkin		
12:45 – 14:00	Networking Lunch		
14:00 – 14:45	1st Grand Panel – Expert Witnesses- Appointment, Removal and Challenges for Arbitrators and Judges Moderator • Victor Leginsky, Independent International Arbitrator Panellists: • Professor Yarik Kryvoi, Senior Research Fellow, International Economic Law and Director, Investment Treaty Forum • Christopher Grout, Registrar, Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre • Yazid J. Tamimi, General Counsel & Company Secretary, Astad		

Faisal Al Sahouti, CEO, Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre

Faisal Rashid Al-Sahouti is the CEO of the Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre (QICDRC). He is responsible for overseeing the overall management of the non-judicial operations of the court. Also, he is responsible for the overall management and operations of the Dispute Resolution Centre. He is involved in the QICDRC's contribution to the development of international legal practice in Qatar and the development of the rule of law internationally through the Qatar Law Forum. Faisal is a member of the QICDRC's Advisory Board, contributes to the drafting of the laws and regulations of the QICDRC and is responsible for delivering the QICDRC's overall vision, mission and strategy. Faisal holds a Bachelor in Law from Qatar University and an LLM in International Trade Law with Public International Law from Nottingham Trent University in the UK. He is a CEDR accredited mediator. Faisal has previous experience at the QICDRC working closely with senior judges from around the world, case management and projects related to the growth and development of the QICDRC.

Victor Leginsky, Independent International 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.

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 a tenant at 15 New Bridge Street (London), the Chambers of David Aaronsberg QC, having been called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 2007. Christopher's main specialism is in the field of crime, particularly criminal defence.

Joseph Huse, CEO and Editor, Newton Arbitration

Joseph Huse is the CEO and Editor of Newton Arbitration. (Newton Arbitration is a web-based international arbitration resource platform and provides arbitration management services. The goal of Newton Arbitration is to increase efficiency in the arbitration process.) Joseph is also the Managing Director of Newton Legal (Manama and Doha) and the Managing Director of Newton Consult. In Doha, he acts as an adviser to the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy and to Al Jazeera.

Prior to 2012, he was the MENA Regional Managing Partner of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP and a member of its Projects and International Arbitration Groups for over twenty years. Joseph is a leading expert in disputes arising out of construction, infrastructure and energy projects. Joseph frequently sits as an arbitrator. He is a past member of the LCIA Court as the special delegate for the DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre. He was the first Registrar of the Centre from 2009 to 2010. He also acted as Chairman of the Appeals Committee of the Dubai Mercantile Exchange.

Joseph is the author of the Third Edition of "Understanding and Negotiating EPC and Turnkey Contracts". Joseph received a JD/MBA from Boston College and a Masters in Business and Tax Law from the University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne).

Amir Ghaffari, Partner, International Dispute Resolution & Arbitration, Vinsons & Elkin

Amir is an experienced international arbitration and dispute resolutions lawyer. He has represented clients across a number of sectors, with particular experience in energy and natural resources and construction and engineering. Amir has also represented international corporations, governments and private clients in cross-border (including boundary) disputes, criminal investigations and complex litigation. Amir routinely conducts his own advocacy at both procedural and merits hearings. He also sits as an arbitrator (including as sole arbitrator), and is currently sitting on several international tribunals.

His energy and construction dispute resolution experience includes acting for a European contractor in a billion dollar ICC arbitration arising out of the cancellation of a major offshore pipeline project; Counsel in a dispute representing a state-owned utilities entity in the Middle East against three foreign joint venture investors in relation to events arising out of the Arab Spring; representing a claimant in an arbitration under the Rules of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration arising from the alleged payment of bribes in the procurement of major construction projects in the Middle East; and Co-arbitrator in two parallel LCIA proceedings between an energy company and its former directors.

Damian Honey, Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan

Damian Honey, Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan Damian specialises in the two areas of commodities and dispute resolution. In his work in commodities, he advises commodity traders, producers, oil majors, financiers and insurers on all aspects of their business, including in particular physical and financial sale and purchase, trade finance and transportation. LNG and oil matters are a regular feature of Damian's work. Damian heads up the International Arbitration (IA) practice at HFW which is spread over the firm's fourteen offices. In IA, Damian has experience of a variety of institutional rules: LCIA, ICC, DIFC/LCIA, SIAC, as well as arbitration under UNCITRAL rules and ad hoc arbitrations. Recent experience over the last year has included disputes arising under LCIA, DIFC and SIAC rules, in respect of crude, products, LNG and LPG. Damian studied at the University of Sheffield (LLB Hons First Class), and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1994. He qualified as a solicitor in 1996 and joined HFW in the same year. Chambers 2014 stated that "Acclaimed litigator Damian Honey is widely admired by both clients and peers. Clients enjoy working with him and describe him as "calm, considered, proportionate and very commercial." He has particular experience of commodities work in the UAE and also handles trade finance matters."

Mohamed A. ElGhatit, Director and Registrar, DIFC-LCIA

Mohamed is the Director of the DIFC-LCIA. He has more than 10 years' experience working in the Middle East. Previously he worked in Hogan Lovells's dispute resolution group where he regularly acted as counsel and arbitrator in a broad range of complex and transnational disputes in various sectors including real estate, construction, oil and gas, IT, hotels and tourism and banking. Mohamed spent a significant portion of his time advising on engineer and general construction disputes. He has handled cases under most of the major arbitration rules, including ICC, LCIA, DIAC, CRCICA, QIAC and UNCITRAL. Arab Civil law qualified, Mohamed is also able to advise clients in regional Court litigation. He has also been involved in Court litigations in numerous jurisdictions including, Egypt, Syria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE (including DIFC) and England.

Mohamed has been recognised in a number of industry publications including Legal 500 and Chambers where he is seen as a "tremendous asset" and "a bilingual lawyer with a solid knowledge of litigation." Previously, Mohamed worked for the Ministry of Justice in Egypt.

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

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.

Ravi Shankar, Senior Partner, Head of Arbitration, Law Senate

S. Ravi Shankar is an International arbitration lawyer practising in the field of arbitration and corporate dispute resolution. He is a Senior Partner in the New Delhi based Lawsenate law firm. He is a qualified Advocate on Record in the Supreme Court of India. He is also the President of "Arbitration Association of India" which is a national body of practitioners, arbitrators and users. He is holding a Post graduate degree in Business Administration and a degree in the field of law. He is having about 20 years of experience in the field of dispute resolution and has travelled across the globe on various assignments. He has published various publications in the field of law particularly in the field of Arbitration. He also has addressed various international and domestic conferences in the field of Dispute resolution. He has handled various high value arbitrations and litigations in India and outside India. He is an active member of various international professional organisations including IBA, ICCA, IAA, IAI, AAI etc.

Julian Cohen, Barrister, 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.

Professor Yarik Kryvoi, Senior Research Fellow, International Economic Law and Director, Investment Treaty Forum

Professor Yarik Kryvoi is the Senior Research Fellow in International Economic Law and Director of the Investment Treaty Forum. Prof Kryvoi's expertise is primarily in the areas of international dispute resolution, including investor-state arbitration and international commercial arbitration, international administrative law and international public law.

In addition to his role at the BIICL, he is a Professor of Law at the University of West London and teaches arbitration at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He has several years of experience practicing international dispute resolution with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London, Morgan Lewis & Bockius in Washington, DC and Baker & McKenzie in Saint Petersburg. He has advised governments, international organisations and major international corporations on issues of international commercial law and dispute resolution and worked on cases decided under ICSID, ICC, LCIA and SCC rules.

He is the founding editor of the CIS Arbitration Forum and serves on editorial boards of several international legal periodicals, including International Legal Materials published by the American Society for International Law. He is a former Co-Chair of the ABA International Courts and Tribunals Committee and has also served as a part-time counsel for the Economic Court of the Commonwealth of Independent States advising on issues of international administrative law. He holds law degrees from Harvard, Moscow, Nottingham, Utrecht and St Petersburg. He is admitted to practice in the State of New York.

Yazid J. Tamimi, General Counsel & Company Secretary, Astad

A recognized General Counsel with a solid history of success in oil and gas, telecommunications, financial services, and manufacturing industries, Yazid Tamimi provides a wide range of unique proficiency in matters pertaining to joint ventures, commercial agencies, pharmaceuticals, hotel management and operation agreements, governmental and regulatory affairs, and defense contracting. As a strong advocate for corporate governance, anti-corruption, trade sanctions and related regulations, Yazid is in great demand as a highly regarded speaker in global legal and compliance events, serving as chair of the C5 first edition of Anti-Corruption North Africa in 2014. Yazid has significant experience as well as a counselor to C-suite and board members in directing mergers and corporate acquisitions and cross-border transactions. Yazid's experience includes international arbitration matters, being directly responsible for a litigation portfolio of approximately \$1B USD, with several complex LCIA and ICC arbitration cases. Yazid is well-known within London arbitration circles and has instructed and worked with high profile QCs and arbitrators.

With an expansive background in leading one of the largest and most diversified legal teams in the MEA region, Yazid's ability to manage corporate affairs for multiple businesses and joint ventures has been instrumental in streamlining and simplifying processes, costs, and structures. During the past several years, Yazid has worked closely with senior management to direct regional projects and ensure adherence to regional, OFAC, U.S. trade sanctions, and trade compliance matters as a director, senior officer, and board member. Yazid has hands-on experience directing investigations related to OFAC, compliance, and trade sanctions, dealing with government agencies on these issues and investigations.

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