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SPEAKERS



David Joseph KC
Counsel and Arbitrator,
Essex Court Chambers
Keynote Speaker



Rozana ALTayyar
Managing Director, TASWEA
Moderator — 1st Grand Panel



Leonora Riesenburg
Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC
Moderator — 3rd Grand Panel



Euan Lloyd
Partner, Al Tamimi & Company
Moderator — 4th Grand Panel



Victor Leginsky
Independent Arbitrator,
Arbitralis
Moderator — 5th Grand Panel



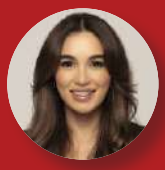
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SCHEDULE

9:15 — 9:30	**Welcome Message by Chairperson**
9:30 — 9:50	**Welcome Address by Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration**
9:50 — 10:10	**Keynote Session: Update in Global Arbitration 2026 and Looking into 2027** David Joseph KC, Counsel and Arbitrator, Essex Court Chambers
10:10 — 10:30	**Understanding the Significant Arbitration Changes in the KSA in 2026**
10:30 — 10:50	**Generative Artificial Intelligence in International Arbitration: Responsible Use, Mitigation of Risk, and Avoiding Reputational Damage** Julian Cohen, Arbitrator & Barrister, Resolution Chambers International
10:50 — 11:15	**Networking & Morning Refreshments**
11:15 — 11:55	**1st Grand Panel: Interim Relief in Cross-Border Disputes: Freezing Assets, Preserving Evidence, Securing Leverage — Legal Strategies, Tactical Timing and Enforcement Realities** **Moderator:** • Rozana ALTayyar, Managing Director, TASWEA **Panellist:** • Dania Fahs, Independent Arbitrator & Mediator
11:55 — 12:15	**Managing Cross-border M&A & JV Disputes in the Region — What's the Future Looking Like in the Middle East?**
12:15 — 12:55	**2nd Grand Panel: Energy Industry Disputes — The Cataclysmic Changes in 2026** **Moderator:** • TBC **Panellist:** • Marcus Khoury, Chief Legal Officer, ICD Technologies
12:55 — 13:55	**Networking Lunch**
13:55 — 14:40	**3rd Grand Panel: Mediation and Hybrid ADR Models — Is Dispute Avoidance the Lawyer's New Value Proposition?** **Moderator:** • Leonora Riesenburg Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC **Panellists:** • Michael Patchett-Joyce, Barrister, 3 Hare Court • Christine Maksoud, Founder and Executive Director, Mediation Hub MENA & Dispute Resolution Counsel
14:40 — 15:00	**Rise of Cross-border Shareholder & Director Disputes — Avoidance Tips and Issues in 2026**
15:00 — 15:20	**Managing Regional Investor State Disputes in The Current Climate**
15:20 — 15:45	**Short Break & Afternoon Refreshment**
15:45 — 16:05	**Advising on Use Expert Witness in the Current Climate & Evaluation Quantum in the Region**
16:05 — 16:45	**4th Grand Panel: Construction: Disputes in the Region, Cross-Border Issues, Supply Chains, Tariff & the Trump Effect.** **Moderator:** • Euan Lloyd, Partner, Al Tamimi & Company **Panellists:** • Nesreen Osman, Partner, Pinsent Masons • Michael Davies, Country Director, Quantum Global Solutions
16:45 — 17:25	**5th Grand Panel: Why is Arbitration Often so Slow? — Answers to Speeding Up the Process in Arbitration: Are Expedited & Emergency Arbitration the Answers? If not, what is the Question?** **Moderator:** • Victor Leginsky, Independent Arbitrator, Arbitralis **Panellist:** • Marcus Khoury, Chief Legal Officer, ICD Technologies
17:25 — 17:30	**Closing Remarks & Lucky Draw**

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David Joseph KC, Counsel and Arbitrator, Essex Court Chambers

David Joseph KC practices as counsel and arbitrator from Essex Court Chambers in London. He has appeared as counsel in courts at all levels in England and Wales in some of the leading courts cases concerning arbitration. He has similarly appeared and as counsel in the DIFC, in the highest appellate courts of Singapore, Hong Court and the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal. He has appeared as counsel in over two hundred arbitrations at most of the leading arbitral seats in the world and under a variety of the institutional arbitral rules. He is the author of Jurisdiction and Arbitration Agreements and their Enforcement (3 rd Ed Thomson, Sweet & Maxwell). He also enjoys sitting as arbitrator, whether as part of a panel or as sole. He sits on the Court of the LCIA and lectures as a Visiting Professor in International Arbitration.

Rozana ALTayyar, Managing Director, TASWEA

Rozana is a prominent Saudi international arbitrator and mediator who established her career as a financial consultant in the region after 14 years in corporate banking. She is widely recognised as a pioneer in advocating for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Rozana is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute, member of the CIArb-KSA steering committee and serves on the ICC International Court of Arbitration. As chair of the ICC Saudi Arabia Arbitration and ADR Committee she has focused her leadership on the integration of the Saudi legal framework with international standards by analysing the role of Shari'ah principles within international commercial frameworks along with contributing to the discussions on Saudi Arabia's draft Arbitration Law and its impact on the enforcement of awards.

Rozana is based in Saudi Arabia and has been an arbitrator and mediator for over a decade and established herself as a leading specialist in handling complex and high-value commercial disputes. Rozana's encompasses a diverse range of industries, including real estate, construction, technology, joint ventures, family businesses and the commercial sector.

Leonora Riesenburg, Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, INTADR DMCC

Leonora Riesenburg is an Independent Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator at INTADR DMCC, Dubai, and an International Tenant at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square in London.

She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), a Fellow of Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR), and stands as a leading figure in international arbitration, mediation and ADR in Middle East, Asia, and the UK. Leonora specialises in complex disputes across key sectors, notably in investment, infrastructure, construction, real estate, joint ventures, banking and finance, and receives routine Chairmanship appointments. Her affiliations with prestigious arbitral institutions—among them the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, ADCCAC, SCCA, MIAC, AIADR—further solidify her standing as a leading figure in international arbitration. Leonora's leadership is reflected in her previous roles as Branch Chair of CIArb UAE, as an Elected Member of the Board of Management for CIArb London, and member of DIFC Courts Arbitration Division Working Group. She is a member of LCIA Arabs Users' Council and a member of the Swiss Arbitration Association. Leonora is a highly in demand faculty member for the CIArb globally and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in the MENA Region and in the UK, playing a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of dispute resolution practitioners. Her global influence extends through her service with leading institutions worldwide, including in Asia, the Governing Council of the Hyderabad Arbitration Centre (HAC) in India as well as the Global Advisory Panel for Musaliha International Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR) in Pakistan.

Euan Lloyd, Partner, Al Tamimi & Company

Riyadh-based partner Euan Lloyd leads Al Tamimi & Company's Construction & Infrastructure practice. Qualified as a solicitor in both England & Wales and New South Wales, Euan has practised across a wide range of civil and common law jurisdictions throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia Pacific. He also served as Group General Counsel for a global construction and engineering company for more than four years. This combination of private practice expertise and senior in-house experience gives him a unique, commercially grounded perspective that clients value on complex, high-stakes projects.

Euan brings extensive experience in both contentious and non-contentious construction matters, including arbitration, court proceedings, expert determination, and mediation or conciliation, and advises on high-value concession agreements, construction contracts, O&M agreements, and consultancy arrangements across power, utilities, infrastructure, building, and large-scale development projects.

Recognised as a Leading Partner for Real Estate and Construction in the 2025 edition of The Legal 500, Euan is noted for his work on market-leading projects across Saudi Arabia.

Victor Leginsky, Independent Arbitrator, Arbitralis

Victor P. Leginsky, Canadian citizen, is an experienced international arbitrator and mediator resident in the United Arab Emirates since 2007. Victor has earned the internationally-recognized designations of Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is appointed to the CIArb Panel of Arbitrators. Victor is a CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London) accredited mediator and mediation experience as Chair, Manufactured Home Park Dispute Resolution Committee (Attorney General of British Columbia, Canada, appointment) and in mediations. Victor is appointed to the panels or lists of arbitrators in a number of international centres and is a committee member of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC) Canada. He has instructed and assessed in respect of Mediation though the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the CIArb. He is the past Middle East Regional Director of the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN). He is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Julian Cohen, Arbitrator & Barrister, Resolution Chambers International

Julian has 30 years of specialist experience of heavyweight international, and domestic, disputes. Sums in dispute in his cases vary from small to in excess of USD 2 billion. In addition to acting as counsel, he also regularly sits as an arbitrator. Julian has over 10 years' experience in the MENA region, including 2 years based full time in Dubai, and an ongoing long-term commitment to the region. Julian has been involved in projects and disputes in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Oman, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Benin, Sierra Leone and Mali.

Julian was called to the Bar in England & Wales in 1990. He was with Pinsent Masons' Construction Disputes practice in London and Hong Kong from 1993 to 2009. He left Pinsent Masons as a partner in 2009, and was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 2010. Julian is particularly well known for his heavy weight practice in relation to the Construction and Engineering sectors, the Energy, Oil and Gas sectors and International and domestic arbitrations.

Nesreen Osman, Partner, Pinsent Masons

Nesreen is a Partner in the Pinsent Masons Dubai office with 19 years' disputes experience specialising in construction and engineering disputes. Nesreen has practiced in the Middle East region for 12 years, prior to which she trained and practiced in the UK. She has extensive experience in complex, high value international arbitration in the infrastructure and energy sectors as well as proceedings in the local courts. Nesreen has advised in relation to disputes relating to contract interpretation, variations, payment, delay and disruption, defective works, suspension of works and termination of contracts and professional negligence. Nesreen's disputes experience also covers a broad range of other sectors including commercial developments, residential developments, PFI/PPP projects for schools and hospitals as well as EPC projects for heavy industries. Nesreen regularly assists clients in respect of proceedings under the rules of various regional and international arbitration centres. Nesreen also has experience of conducting arbitrations on an ad hoc basis and advising on the UNCITRAL rules. A significant portion of Nesreen's time is also spent on dispute avoidance, advising clients on managing risks during the project as well as negotiations and ADR (including mediation and expert determination).

Michael Davies, Country Director, Quantum Global Solutions

Michael has over 20 years' of experience in commercial and claims management across the UK, Middle East and Far East. Michael is Country Director and is based in the company's Dubai<https://qgs.global/operations/uae-dubai/> office working across the GCC region. In his career he has prepared numerous claims for extensions of time, disruption, acceleration, quantum for prolongation, variation costs, loss and expense for major clients. Michael is a testified quantum expert providing opinion for disputes in excess of US$ 350 million.

Michael has sectoral experience across a multitude of sectors including oil and gas, infrastructure, schools, malls, metro, civil construction, industrial, solar and wind energy projects and regularly supports construction industry events in the region.

Christine Maksoud, Founder and Executive Director, Mediation Hub MENA & Dispute Resolution Counsel

Christine is a Lebanese qualified lawyer and a solicitor of England & Wales with 16 years of PQE. She has been practicing in the UAE since 2016, previously working with Al Tamimi & Company and Dentons, Dubai. She is an IMI and CEDR Accredited Mediator, and a Weinstein JAMS Fellow. Her passion for mediation led her to establish the Mediation Hub MENA, where she serves as Founder Member and Executive Director.

Christine is included on the roster of mediators of the World Bank Group's Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO). She is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and is listed as a mediator on the panel of the ADGM Court-Annexed Mediation Scheme, DIFC Courts' Mediators Panel, and Mediation Chambers.

Christine specializes in resolving complex family business, shareholders and commercial disputes as both party representative and mediator, through mediation, conciliation and settlement counselling. She provides advisory on UAE law, pre-litigation guidance, and governance-related dispute prevention. Christine has also practiced as a corporate lawyer with focus on M&A, joint ventures, corporate restructurings, as well as corporate governance and compliance issues in the Middle East, particularly in the UAE and Saudi Arabia — including transactions involving family enterprises where ownership structures and succession considerations often intersect with strategic legal decision-making. She is a trainer in mediation, negotiation, and mediation advocacy for several reputable training and academic institutes.

Marcus Khoury, Chief Legal Officer, ICD Technologies

Marcus has been working as an inhouse legal counsel in the construction industry in the GCC, in particular in Saudi Arabia and in the UAE, for the past 20 years. He is both German and Lebanese and has graduated at the Sorbonne in Paris and the Universities of Cologne and Munich. In his spare time Marcus loves to hike and considers having walked more than 1000 km to the Spanish city of Santiago de Compostela as one of his greatest experiences.

Michael Patchett-Joyce, Barrister, 3 Hare Court

Michael Patchett-Joyce has extensive experience and expertise in domestic and international dispute resolution. As a barrister, he has been instructed on cases across the whole spectrum of domestic courts and tribunals from first instance to all appellate levels (including a petition to appeal to the UK Supreme Court). As a "hands-on" practitioner, he works cases requiring detailed legal research and analysis. He has an ability to master complex factual circumstances and relishes getting to grips with cases involving voluminous evidence. Michael has a proven successful track-record of leading multi-national teams in litigation and arbitration, and is adept at working in civil law, as well as common law environments. Internationally, he has regularly appeared in cases in international commercial courts in the Gulf (the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Courts), again at first instance and on appeals. Historically, he acted in 4 cases before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). Michael has acted as arbitration Counsel in commercial arbitrations, seated internationally; in particular, in the various onshore and 'offshore' Gulf jurisdictions.

Michael has also acted as arbitrator (chair, panel member and sole arbitrator) in arbitrations under a wide range of institutional Rules, as well as ad hoc arbitrations. Michael has been a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) since 2012. He is accomplished in negotiated dispute resolution and mediation and has been a CEDR-accredited mediator since 2015. Michael has been appointed to the Global Advisory Committee of the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) and to the International Supervisory Board of the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation Arbitration Centre (OIC-AC).

Dania Fahs, Independent Arbitrator & Mediator

Dania has (20 +) years of mixed experience as attorney in private practice, in-house counseling, and institutional practice (formerly with the ICC International Court of Arbitration- where she held the role of ICC MENA Director: 2018-2023). She is dual qualified in civil and common law. She is specialized in transactional and commercial law and has advised clients on a broad range of commercial contentious and non-contentious matters as well as assisted in negotiating complex cross border transactions in various sectors (pharmaceutical, technology, FMCG, luxury…).

Dania holds a PhD in Contractual Law (University Montpellier I -France) dir. Professor Jacques Raynard and an Executive MBA from INSEAD. She also holds a post graduate degree in IP and Alternative Dispute Resolution (University of Montreal).

She is a university visiting lecturer in Dispute Resolution, IP law and US Business Law. She is a member of the ICC Institute for World Business Law, a member of Arbitral Women and a certified CEDR mediator, and she is on the list of arbitrators and mediators of several regional and international arbitral institutions.

She splits her time today between Paris and Dubai.

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