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Overview

Senior counsel, international commercial arbitrator and accredited mediator with extensive experience in dispute avoidance and commercial mediation, international commercial arbitration, complex construction and infrastructure projects, shareholder and joint venture disputes.

Recommended by Who's Who Legal (WWL) as a global leader in construction law (2014 through 2020 editions).

Listed on the panel of arbitrators at the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), the DIFC-LCIA, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC) and Maldives International Arbitration Centre (MIAC).

LL.M. in International Trade and Commerce (New York, New York)

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)

Recipient of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre's award (Gold Category) for best arbitrator (2018)

Served as the co-chair of the IBA's International Projects sub-committee (2018-2020)

Served as co-vice chair of the IBA's International Projects sub-committee (2016-2018)

Serves as the Senior Diversity Officer of the International Bar Association (IBA) (2020-2022)

Professional Experience Serving as Arbitrator

Acts as arbitrator on arbitrations with respect to construction, infrastructure, real estate, commercial agency, joint venture, manufacturing, and other commercial disputes.

Has acted as arbitrator in numerous arbitrations governed under various institutional rules (including LCIA, DIFC/LCIA and DIAC) and *ad hoc* arbitrations as sole, party appointed, and chairperson.

Education and Bar Admissions

CIArb Accredited Mediator	2020
Admitted to the DIFC Courts as advocate (in Part II) – due for renewal	2015
Admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States of America	2008
Admitted before the Federal Court of the Southern District of New York	2005
New York State Bar Admission	2002
Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York	2001

Professional Experience Serving as Counsel

As counsel, acted on complex litigation (in the United States) and arbitration (internationally) with respect to construction of airports, geopolitically sensitive infrastructure projects (including transnational pipelines and compressor stations), waterway systems, highrise towners and mixed-use facilities, highways and a variety of social infrastructure projects.

Professional Memberships

International Bar Association (IBA)	2004 - present
Society of Construction Law (SCL – Gulf)	2007 - present
New York City Bar Association	2002 - present
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIAarb)	2019 - present
London Court of International Arbitration	2015 – present

Publications

Co-Author: “*Keys to Successful Project Establishment*” - IBA Construction Law International journal (2019)

Peer reviewed Persian translations of *The IBA Rules on Conflict of Interest and Party Representation* and *the IBA Rules on Taking of Evidence* (Due to be published in 2018)

Co-Author: *Tackling Global Construction Claims in the Middle East* - Bahrain Chamber of Dispute Resolution – International Arbitration Review - Kluwer Law International (2017)

Author: *The Road to Qatar’s Construction of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Stadiums* - International Bar Association’s ICP publication – online (2016)

Author: *Tips for Construction Contractors to Avoid Costly Missteps*, (Chadbourne’s Project Finance NewsWire) April (2013) and Lexology on-line (2013)

Co-Author: *Construction Law 2008* (Publisher: Getting the Deal Through) United States’ chapter

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Speaking Engagements

Is regularly invited to speak on various topics related to dispute avoidance and resolution since 2009.

Has been an invited speaker at the International Bar Association’s Annual Conference and other events, in Sao Paulo (Brazil), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Washington DC (USA), Vienna (Austria), Edinburgh (Scotland), Athens (Greece), Cancun (Mexico), Tokyo (Japan) Male (Maldives), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Dubai (United Arab Emirates).

Other Languages

Basic Arabic and French, fluent in Persian (reading and writing).