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Arbitrator Profile

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Education

- LLM in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University (London).
- Bachelor of Laws from ASU Bahrain.
- International Diploma in Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute for Arbitrators (CIarb).
- Diploma in Management from the Chartered Managers Institute (CMI) in the United Kingdom.

Notable Positions

- Board Member of the International Chamber of Commerce (**ICC**) Bahrain.
- Board Member of **Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution**.
- Board Member of the Women Research Centre at the **Royal University for Women** in Bahrain.
- Board Member of the **ICC** Bulletin (2025-2027).
- Chairperson of the **ICC** Arbitration and ADR Committee at ICC Bahrain.
- Bahrain representative and member of Arbitrator and Conciliator Panel at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**) (2021-2027).
- Bahrain representative in **UNCITRAL** Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and Working Group III (Investor State Dispute Reform).
- **ICC Court** for Arbitration Alumni (served on the Court from 2018 to 2024).
- Member of **CIarb** (Chartered Institute for Arbitrators).
- Member of Equal representation in Arbitration (**ERA**) Middle East Steering Committee.
- Member of the Legal Advisory Committee at the **Royal University for Women** in Bahrain.

Practical Experience

Lawyer, Arbitrator and Mediator • Managing Partner at Mutaywea Law (May 2025 - Present)

Advising and representing governments, banks, international companies, investment funds and various large co-operations on commercial, banking, corporate, tech, AI, sports law and construction issues. Serves as a legal expert in Middle East laws. Represents clients in large and complex litigations, arbitration and mediation proceedings internationally.

Advises clients in sports law and disputes before international sports tribunals such as the National Sports Authority, Court for Sports (CAS), FIFA, FIBA, WADA Anti-doping Tribunals, Olympic Committees *et cetera*. Sits as arbitrator at Court for Sports and other institutions that specialise in sports dispute resolution.

Sits regularly as arbitrator and has sat as chairperson, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in more than 30 international arbitration cases under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Dubai International Arbitration Centre, London Court for International Arbitration, GCC Commercial Centre Arbitration, Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution Arbitration, Saudi Arabia Centre for Commercial Arbitration as well as *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and MENA region arbitration laws.

Lawyer, Arbitrator and Mediator • Managing Partner at Mena Chambers Bahrain (2015 - Present)

Aysha is a highly skilled bilingual lawyer with over 15 years of experience in the Middle East region. She has represented governments, banks, international companies, investment funds and various big cooperations. She has right of audience before all the Bahraini courts (including the Cassation and Constitutional Court). She represents clients in litigation, mediation and arbitration proceedings and serves as legal expert in Middle East laws. She specializes in high value litigations, ADR disputes, mediation and arbitration.

She advises international clients on a wide range of disputes including civil, commercial, corporate, finance (Islamic and non-Islamic), banking, franchise, corporate governance, technology, sports, telecommunication, real estate, construction, infrastructure and aviation disputes in the Middle East Region. Ms Mutaywea has extensive experience with the laws of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt.

Acting Senior Case Manager at BCDR-AAA (April 2012 - October 2015)

Managed arbitration and litigation cases at Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution-American Arbitration Association. Worked on various cases relating to international commerce, banking, investment, insurance and reinsurance, corporate governance, Islamic finance, real estate and construction.

Tribunal Secretary at BCDR-AAA (February 2009- October 2015)

Served as court clerk to judges sitting at the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution-American Arbitration Association and served as tribunal secretary to arbitration tribunals.

Case Manager at BCDR-AAA (February 2009 - April 2012)

Managed arbitration and litigation cases at BCDR-AAA. Worked on various cases relating to international commerce, banking, investment, insurance and reinsurance, corporate governance, Islamic finance, real estate and construction.

Case Manager at International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR-AAA) (2009) - New York, U.S.A.

Managed arbitration and mediation cases under the ICDR, American Arbitration Association Arbitration Rules and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Lawyer at Al Jabal Law Firm and Al Salam Law Firm (2008-2009) Bahrain

Advised and represented private, regional and international clients on a wide range of disputes including civil, commercial, banking and finance, insurance, real estate and construction, labour, mergers and acquisitions, maritime, Sharia'a disputes and international commercial disputes.

Arbitrator Experience

- **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC): Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial dispute between international parties. Claim amount USD 1.5 Million Dollars (app.).
- **Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC): Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial dispute between international parties.
- **DIFC-LCIA Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Large complex international dispute concerning governance, financial services, commercial and investment banking and project finance. Claim amount USD 3.5 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIFC-LCIA Arbitration• Role: Co-Arbitrator.** International commercial complex dispute concerning technology and intellectual property. Claim amount USD 2.5 Million Dollars (app.).
- **Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration • Role: Emergency Arbitrator.**
- **Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial dispute.
- **GCC-CAC Arbitration• Role: Chairperson.** Complex case concerning real estate and construction. Claim amount USD 3.3 Million Dollars (app.).
- **GCC-CAC Arbitration• Role: Chairperson.** Complex commercial international dispute.
- **GCC-CAC Arbitration• Role: Co-arbitrator.** Complex construction dispute. Claim amount USD 4 Million Dollars (app.).
- **Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution • Role: Co-arbitrator – Construction dispute.**

- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial arbitration regarding complex franchise and licensing disputes. Claim amount USD 2.7 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International large construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Large real estate dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Dispute concerning construction projects. Claim amount USD 2.5 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Real estate and construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International dispute concerning communication and information technology. Claim amount USD 1.5 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Complex construction case concerning supply, installation, commission, and handover of projects. Claim amount USD 3 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Chairperson.** International commercial dispute between international parties. Claim amount USD 5.3 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Co-Arbitrator.** Construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Co-Arbitrator.** International case concerning aircraft disputes. Claim amount USD 4 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Co-Arbitrator.** Large and complex case regarding shareholders rights and obligations.
- **DIAC Arbitration• Role: Co-Arbitrator.** International commercial disputes regarding shareholder rights and obligations.
- **NSAT: (Kuwait)• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International sports arbitration dispute.
- **NSAT (Kuwait) • Role: Chairperson.** Sports disputes.
- **NSAT: (Kuwait) • Role: Chairperson.** Sports dispute regarding elections and governance.
- **NSAT: (Kuwait) • Role: Co-arbitrator.** International Sports dispute.
- **NSAT (Kuwait)• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Emergency proceedings.
- **CAS-TAS Court for Sports: • Role: Co-arbitrator.** International Sports dispute.

[Ad-hoc Arbitrator Experience](#)

- **Sole Arbitrator in 7 *ad hoc* arbitrations (in Bahrain and the UAE).**
- **Tribunal Secretary in 5 *ad hoc* arbitrations.**

Publications & Contributions

- Contributed to the Bahrain chapter of “*Getting the deal through*” a Global Arbitration Review (GAR) publication, (2011, 2012 and 2013).
- Contributed to the Arabic translation of the *International Council for Commercial Arbitration guideline on the interpretation of the New York Convention*, a publication by the Permanent Court of Arbitration and BCDR-AAA (2013-14).
- “*The Psychology and Art of Persuasion*”, Kluwer publication (2015).
- “*Harmonising Cultures in International Arbitration*” Volume 4, Issue 1, The European Arbitration Review, pp 44, (2015).
- “*Tribunal Secretaries in Arbitration*” GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre Journal Volume 28, pp.38, (2015).
- “*A Practical Note on litigation at Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution*” – Lexis Nexis, (2018, 2019 and 2020).
- “*Right to a Physical Hearing-the Bahrain Chapter*” published by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (2020).
- The *Bahrain National Report on Arbitration*, a publication by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) (2020)(2021)(2022)(2023) (2024).

Nationality: Bahraini

Languages: Arabic and English