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**Education**

- LLM in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University (London).
- Bachelor of Laws from ASU University 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 ICC Bulletin (2025-2027).
- Board Member of the Women Research Centre at the Royal University for Women in Bahrain.
- 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 (Nov 2015 – May 2025)**

Acts for clients in mediation, arbitration and litigation proceedings and sits regularly as arbitrator. Advised 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.

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

In charge of administering mediation, arbitration and litigation cases at the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution. Worked on various cases relating to international commerce, banking, investment, insurance and reinsurance, corporate governance, Islamic finance, real estate and construction. Managed mediation cases under the BCDR Mediation rules as well as *ad hoc* mediations. Also worked on *ad hoc* arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

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

Served as court clerk to judges sitting at the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution administering litigation procedures under Bahraini law. Also sat as tribunal secretary with arbitration tribunals sitting under the BCDR Arbitration Rules as well as *ad hoc* Tribunals administering UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

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

Managed arbitration, mediation 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.

**Litigation 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.

**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 - 2024).

**Nationality:** Bahraini

**Languages:** Arabic and English