

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:**

Partner at Al Owais Advocates and Legal Consultants

5. **Education:**

- Master of Laws (L.L.M.), Georgetown Law Centre (Washington DC). 2010-2011
- Master of Laws (L.L.M.), McGill University (Montreal), 1998-1999
- Bachelor of Laws, Damascus University (Damascus), 1993-1997

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?  
27 mostly international arbitrations conducted primarily under the rules of Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC) and on occasions, the rules of DIFC-LCIA, ICC, *ad hoc* and BCDR.
- How often have you acted as Chairman?  
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- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?  
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- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?  
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- How often have you acted as Counsel?  
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- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?  
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7. **Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):**

**Articles**

- *Is An Award On Attorneys' Fees Enforceable In The UAE?* published in the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, October 2020
- *Are Commercial Agency Disputes Arbitrable in the UAE?*, published in the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, December 2020

- *Authority To Conclude Arbitration Agreements In The UAE: What About Public Joint Stock Companies?* published in the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, April 2021
- *Protection guaranteed*, published in The Oath legal magazine, February 2017
- *New law, new concerns*, published in the Oath legal magazine, July-August 2018

### **Conferences**

- Dispute Resolution in the Arab Region, IBA, May 2016 (moderator and member of organizing committee)
- Skeleton Arguments and Hearing Prep, Young ICCA workshop, December 2016 (speaker)
- Contrasting Perspectives Between External and In-House Counsel on the Practice of International Arbitration, 5<sup>th</sup> ICC MENA Conference, April 2017 (speaker)
- Investment Disputes and Armenia Conference, Armenia Center for Dispute Resolution, September 2019 (speaker)
- Business Unusual-Strategies to Disrupt Disputes in the Middle East, CPR Seminars, November 2019 (speaker)
- The Rise and Fall of Jurisdictional Challenges, GAR Live Dubai, November 2020 (speaker)
- Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge - Middle East Launch, April 2021, (moderator)

### **8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**

Member of the Arbitration Pledge Subcommittee for the Middle East, member of Arbitral Women and Arbitrator in a number of arbitral institutions such as WIPO, DIAC, CRCICA, TIAC and CAFA.

### **9. Languages**

Mother tongue: Arabic and Armenian

Working languages: Arabic, English and French

**10. In which legal systems have you trained?**

- Civil Law  Common Law  
 Austrian Law  Hungarian Law  Swiss Law  
 Czech Law  Polish Law  Ukrainian Law  
 German Law  Slovakian Law  European Law

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?**

United Arab Emirates

**12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?**

- Syrian Bar (admitted 2000)
- Dubai (licensed as legal consultant 2004)
- New York Bar (admitted 2012)
- France (qualified 2016)

**13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):**

- Antitrust/Unfair competition  Damages  Insolvency  Power plants  
 Aviation  Distribution  Insurance  Private Intern. Law  
 Banking & Finance  Domain name disputes  Intellect. property (IP)  Public Intern. Law  
 Capital markets  Employment  ISDS/ Foreign invest.  Real estate  
 CISG  Energy  Joint ventures  Shipping  
 Civil fraud disputes  Engineering  Licensing  Sports  
 Commercial disp. / transactions  Entertainment  Life sciences  State/Public contracts  
 Commodity market  Healthcare & Pharmac.  Maritime arbitration  Technology  
 Company/Corporate/M&A  Hotel/Gastro./Tour.  Media  Telecommunication  
 Construction  Inform. technology (IT)  Mining  Transport  
 Contract law  Infrastructure  Natural resources  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Date of birth:** 17 April 1976

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31 March 2021

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