

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:**

*Founding Partner and Head of International Arbitration Group, Zulficar & Partners,
Chair of Private International Law and Professor of Dispute Resolution, Cairo University,
Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration,
Vice-Chair, IBA Arbitration Committee,
President, LCIA – Arab Users Council,
Member of the Court, LCIA,
Vice-President, CIArb (Egypt Branch).*

5. **Education:**

Manchester University, United Kingdom (2001-2004)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Title: *“Public Policy as a Fundamental Legal Conception Precluding the Application of Foreign Law in the Age of Globalisation.”* A Comparative Study of English, French, and Egyptian Legal Systems.

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Balliol College, Oxford University (2004)

Advanced Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration.

King’s College London, United Kingdom (2002)

(Centre of European Law)

Intensive Course on European Union Law

Manchester University, United Kingdom (2000-2001)

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Comparative Conflict of Laws.

Cairo University, Egypt (2000)

LLM in Private and International Law.

Cairo University, Egypt (1999-2000)

Post-Graduate Diploma in International Law.

Cairo University, Egypt (1998-1999)

Post-Graduate Diploma in Private Law.

Cairo University, Egypt (1994-1998)

Licence en Droit. (LLB Equivalent)

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
Participated in more than 177 arbitration cases including 100 international arbitration cases, under the rules of the AAA, AAA-BCDR, CRCICA, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, LMAA, SCC, SIAC, as well as *ad hoc* UNCITRAL proceedings.

Expertise in cross border multi-jurisdictional and highly complex transactions and disputes is broad, where he acted as counsel and served as arbitrator in proceedings governed by *Bahraini, Egyptian, English, French, Jordanian, Kuwaiti, Libyan, New York, Omani, Pakistani, Qatari, Saudi, Spanish, Swiss, Syrian, Italian and United Arab Emirates law(s), as well as the general principles of law.*

- How often have you acted as Chairman?
Acted as Chairman/Presiding Arbitrator in 25 cases.
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?
Acted as Sole Arbitrator in 28 cases.
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?
Acted as Co-Arbitrator in 57 cases.
- How often have you acted as Counsel?
Acted as Counsel in 67 cases.
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?
Acted as Legal Expert in international arbitral proceedings and international litigation proceedings in foreign courts (23 cases).

7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

- *Delivered more than 180 conference presentations on conflict of laws, comparative law, international commercial and investment arbitration, project finance and public-private partnerships, online dispute resolution, oil & gas, construction law and practice, hotel management contracts, telecommunications law and Islamic finance and Shari'a.*
- *Delivered several high-level trainings and seminars on: investment arbitration, oil & gas contracts and disputes, construction law and practice, Islamic finance and telecommunications law and practice.*
- *Published books and articles in learned journals across the areas listed above. Notably, published the first ever book on interconnection agreements in Egypt under the Egyptian Telecommunications Law. Co-Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Online Dispute Resolution (IJODR), and Co-Editor of the leading treatise on entitled 'Online Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice' (2012), which received the CPR Award for the Best Published Dispute Resolution Work (2013).*
- *Was nominated for the GAR best arbitration lecture/speech in two consecutive years (2013) and (2014) for speeches delivered in Milan, Italy and Mauritius.*
- *Listed as a leading arbitration practitioner in the GAR Guides on: Who's Who Legal: Arbitration; GAR Future Leaders: Arbitration; GAR Thought Leaders: Arbitration (which lists only 33 leading arbitration figures worldwide representing less than 2% of all the notable practitioners listed*

across all the GAR Guides). Regularly listed as a leading star practitioner in international arbitration in Chambers & Partners Global and the Legal 500

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

- *Vice President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris.*
- *Member of the Court of Arbitration, LCIA, London.*
- *President, LCIA Arab Users' Council.*
- *Member of the Court, Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC)*
- *Vice President, IBA Arbitration Committee.*
- *Member of the Advisory Committee, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Egypt.*
- *Member of the ICDR/AAA International Advisory Committee.*
- *Member of the SIAC African Users' Council Committee.*
- *Officer of the IBA Arab Regional Forum.*
- *President of the Advisory Board of the American Bar Association – Rule of Law Initiative in Egypt.*
- *Vice President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), Egypt Branch.*
- *Chair of the CI Arb's Technology Committee.*
- *Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA).*
- *Member of the CI Arb's Practice and Standards Committee.*
- *Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ("CEDR") Accredited Mediator.*
- *Dispute Resolution Consultant and Mediator, World Bank Group (WBG).*
- *Listed on the rosters of many arbitral institutions including, but not limited to, the BCDR-AAA, CRCICA, DIAC, KLRCA, CIETAC and the Arbitration Center at the Institute of Modern Arbitration, Moscow, Russia (IMA).*

9. Languages

Mother tongue: **Arabic**

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): **Excellent command of English language and working knowledge of French.**

10. In which legal system have you trained?

Egypt (undergraduate, professor law and practicing counsel and arbitrator)

England (Postgraduate and PhD, teaching English contract law, prosecuted and served as arbitrator in numerous proceedings governed by English law).

France (served as arbitrator and expert in proceedings involving French law).

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

Egypt and the MENA region

12. Special expertise or specializations:

Construction

Finance (including Islamic Finance)

Oil & Gas

Telecommunications

13. Date of birth:

29 April 1976

I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate. I understand that the above information will be used for VIAC's internal use and may be given to interested persons and may be put on VIAC's website.

Date and signature

12 August 2017