

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** Founding Partner at Chrysalis International Legal Advisors

5. **Education:**

- Chartered Arbitrator (CIArb)
- Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration CIArb (2021)
- CIArb Accredited Mediator (2019)
- LL.M International Business and Trade Law, Fordham University, New York New York (2002)
- LL.B. Law Tehran University (2000)

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international);

Over 45 as council and/or arbitrator

- under which Rules?

LCIA, ICC, DIAC, ADCCAC

- How often have you acted as Chairman?

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- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?

Over 15

- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?

Over 10

- How often have you acted as Counsel?

Over 20

- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?

None

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

Publications:

- Article *“Mediation: What Are the Benefits to Clients and Counsel?”* - Lawyer Monthly/Online July 2022
- Article/Questionnaire Diversity & Inclusion Initiative IBA - Construction Law International Volume 16 Issue 4 December 2021
- Country update *“Changes to Dubai’s legislation on arbitration centers”* IBA’s Construction Law International - March 2022
- Article *“Keys to Successful Project Establishment”* IBA’s Construction Law International quarterly journal - April 2019
- IBA Guidelines Peer reviewed Persian/Farsi translations of *“The IBA Guidelines on Conflict of Interest in International Arbitration”* Online and in print – April 2018
- IBA Guidelines Peer reviewed the Persian/Farsi translations of *“the IBA Rules on Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration”* – April 2018
- IBA Guidelines Peer reviewed the Persian/Farsi translations of *“the IBA Rules on Taking on Party Representation”* Online and in print – 2018
- *“Tackling Global Construction Claims in the Middle East”* BCDR International Arbitration Review Volume 4, Issue 1 (2017) pp. 175 – 193
- Article- *“The Road to Qatar’s Construction of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Stadiums”*- IBA’s Construction Law International October 2016
- Article *“Tips for Construction Contractors to Avoid Costly Missteps”* - Chadbourne’s Project Finance NewsWire And Lexolgy online - April 2013
- *“Construction Law 2008”*- United States Chapter Getting the Deal Through, 2008.

“*Construction Law 2007*”- United States Chapter Getting the Deal, Through 2007.

Speaking Engagements:

- Speaker: “*Ask the Arbitrator*” Vinson & Elkins’ Global Construction Conference Series. Middle East Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure Conference. Dubai, UAE. 2022
- Speaker: “*Impact of War and Conflict on International Arbitration*” - GAR LIVE Dubai - November 2022.
- Moderator: “*The Impact of ESG in Construction & Infrastructure Projects*”, International Bar Association’s Annual Conference, Miami, USA – October 2022.
- Speaker: “*forum on the key issues and opportunities for female legal professionals seeking greater diversity within the profession. In partnership with Arbitra International and with the support of Arbitral Women, the GREAT Legal Services team at the UK Ministry of Justice*”. Dubai, UAE – May 2022.
- Speaker: “*Issues arising during the life cycle of the UAE seated arbitrations*”. Online event organized by CI Arb’s UAE Chapter. Dubai UAE – 2020.
- Moderator: “*Update on the Society of Construction Law Delay and Disruption Protocol - what's new, what's better? A webinar presented by the IBA International Construction Projects Committee of the IBA Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (SEERIL)*”. – September 2020
- Moderator: “*Effective tools in managing diversity and inclusion challenges in the construction industry*”. A webinar presented by the IBA International Construction Projects Committee of the IBA Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (SEERIL). October 2020
- Speaker/Tutor: US Department of Commerce – Office of the General Counsel –Commercial Law Development Program lecturer on International Commercial Arbitration for Maldives International Arbitration Centre, Malaysian International Arbitration Centre, Kabul Arbitration Centre, Sri Lankan International Arbitration Centre. 2018 – present.
- Moderator: “*Use of New Technology Including Blockchain and Smart Contracts in Relation to the Construction Industry*”
Moderator of panel, IBA Working Weekend - Athens, Greece - May 2019.
- Moderator: “*An Interjurisdictional Approach to Penalties and Liquidated Damages in Construction Contracts. Differences, Similarities and Red Flags for the Unwary*”, Co-panelist, International Bar Association’s Committee on Construction Law- Edinburgh, Scotland. May 2017.
- Speaker: “*Quantum in International Arbitration*”, 5th ICC MENA Conference on International Arbitration. Co-panelist. Dubai, UAE. April 4, 2017.
- Speaker: “*Lessons Learned from the Construction of Major Sports Facilities in the World – Road to Construction of Qatar’s 2022 FIFA Sports Facilities*” International Bar Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., USA – September 19, 2016.
- Speaker: “*Construction and Engineering - Legal Aspects of Mega Projects*” – Saudi Law training Center. Dubai, UAE - May 2015.

- Moderator: *"EPC Contracts Are They All Inclusive?"*, International Bar Association's Planning Committee Meeting Cancun, Mexico - May 2015.
- Speaker: *"Use and Abuse of Tiered Dispute Resolution Processes,"* International Bar Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, USA - October 6, 2013.
- Speaker: *"Construction Contracting in the Middle East,"* Kharafi National Group Workshop, Kuwait- June 2013.
- Speaker: *"Insight on the Region and the Challenges Faced: Defining the Areas Where You Should Develop Resilient Risk Mitigation Strategies"*, 6th Annual Arabian World Construction Summit, (MEED Conferences) Abu Dhabi, UAE- May 15, 2013.
- Speaker: *"How to Promote Your Business and Attract Talent"*, Women's Solar Seminar - MENASOL 2013, Dubai, UAE - May 13, 2013.
- Speaker: *"Construction contracts in the Middle East: expect the unexpected"* IBA Annual Conference- Dubai UAE (2011)
- Speaker: Mock session on Procurement under FIDIC Redbook. IBA Annual Conference. Madrid Spain – October 2009.

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

Listed on the following panels:

- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA London)
- Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC)
- Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA)
- Maldives International Arbitration Centre (MIAC)
- Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)
- Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (TIAC)
- Abu Dhabi Global Markets (ADGM)
- Russian Arbitration Center (RAC)

Professional Memberships:

- Chartered Arbitrator (CIArb)
- Officer and Council Member – International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member- Society of Construction Law (Gulf)
- Member- New York State Bar Association
- Fellow and Chartered Arbitrator - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Member - London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) Users' Councils
- Member - ICC UAE and UK Chapters
- Member- ArbitralWomen

9. Languages

- Active (*for oral hearings*): English (native), Persian/Farsi (native), French and Arabic (basic)
- Passive (*for reading documents*): English (native), Persian/ Farsi (native), French and Arabic (basic)
- Drafting (*for writing Awards/Decisions/etc.*): English and Persian/Farsi

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 **England and Wales, New York State**

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?

GCC countries, with UK, the United States and Turkey closely following.

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

New York

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

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

14. Date of birth:

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Date