

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:**

Professor of Law

5. **Education:**

**Indiana University School of Law | the United States**

- SJD (PhD) in International Commercial Arbitration –2017

**Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law | United States**

- Master's Degree in Comparative & International Law LLM. Program - 2015

**The Higher Judicial Institution | Saudi Arabia**

- Master's Degree in Legal Policy & Saudi Law with an honor degree- 2011

**Al Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University | Saudi Arabia**

- Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Law with a first- class honor degree- 2008

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?  
A number of cases in the GCC states.
- How often have you acted as Chairman?  
None
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?  
A number of cases
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?  
None
- How often have you acted as Counsel?  
A number of cases
- 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):**

- **Invited to various national and international conferences to Present papers**
- A paper at the July/August 2018 GCC Annual Arbitration Conference in Salalah, Oman, titled "Electronic Arbitration in the Real Estate Disputes, In Light of the Saudi Arbitration Law"

- A paper at the March 2017 IAABR/ Academic OASIS – COCOA BEACH International Academic Conference, titled “**Overview of Arbitral Tribunal Under the Saudi Arbitration Law: A Comparison With International Rules**”
- A paper at March 2017 International Journal of Arts & Sciences’ (IJAS) International Conference for Business and Economics, titled “**Revisiting Islamic Sharia as Law, Thought and Practice**”, held at the UNLV Student Union, Las Vegas, Nevada,. [https://unlv2017.sched.com/speaker/ahmed\\_a\\_altawyan.1wclig3o](https://unlv2017.sched.com/speaker/ahmed_a_altawyan.1wclig3o)
- A paper at the February 2017 SIBR-UniKL KUALA LUMPUR Conference on Interdisciplinary Business & Economic Research, titled “**Revisiting Gender Equality in the Workplace**”, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. [http://sibresearch.org/uploads/3/4/0/9/34097180/sibr\\_unikl\\_2017\\_prog\\_final.pdf](http://sibresearch.org/uploads/3/4/0/9/34097180/sibr_unikl_2017_prog_final.pdf)
- A paper at the January 2017 OASIS/IAABR – KEY WEST International Multidisciplinary Academic, organized by Academic Organization for Advancement of Strategic and International Studies® (AcademicOASIS®) jointly with the International Academy for Advancement of Business Research™ (IAABR™), titled "**The Arbitral Proceedings Under the New Saudi Arbitration Law Challenges and Suggestions**", held in Key West, Florida
- A paper at the January 2017 OASIS/IAABR – KEY WEST International Multidisciplinary Academic Conferences, organized by the Academic Organization for Advancement of Strategic and International Studies® (AcademicOASIS®) jointly with the International Academy for Advancement of Business Research™ (IAABR™), titled " **Saudi Law as an Applicable Law in the International Commercial Arbitration Agreement Challenges and Possible Solutions** ", held in Key West, Florida.
- A paper at the December 2016 International Conference on Social Science, Literature, Economics and Education, , organized by the Training Centre for Social Science and Education ( TCSSE), titled "**The Legal System of the Saudi Judiciary and the Possible Effects on Reinforcement and Enforcement of Commercial Arbitration**", held in San Francisco, California.
- A paper at the November 2016 4th Academic International Conference on Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, titled "**Arbitral Awards Under the New Saudi Laws and International Rules Challenges and Possible Modernization**". Held at Harvard University, Boston. <http://www.flelearning.ca/aicils/shortlisted-abstracts>
- A Paper at the November 2016 Pacific Conference on Politics, Law, & Public Policy, organised by The Sisu Advantage and held at the San Mateo Marriott San Francisco Airport, titled “ **Evaluation Saudi Competent Court Supervision and Assistance During the Arbitration Process in Light of the International Arbitration Rules**”, in San Francisco, California. [http://www.thinksisu.org/Sisu\\_Program\\_Nov12.pdf](http://www.thinksisu.org/Sisu_Program_Nov12.pdf)

### Books and Independent Publications

- A book entitled "**Why and How to Become an International Lawyer** ", in preparation for publication.
- A book entitled “**International Commercial Arbitration Law in Saudi Arabia** ”, Council on International Law and Politics CILP, a member of United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), 2018.
- A doctoral thesis entitled, " **Reinforcing Saudi Commercial Arbitration Law in the Global Community: Challenges and Possible Modernization**", Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, 2017.
- A master's thesis entitled “**Theory of Mistake in the Formation of the Labor Contract**”, a comparative study of Islamic Sharia and Saudi law, available at the King Fahad National Library, Riyadh, 2010  
<http://ecat.kfml.gov.sa:88/ipac20/ipac.jsp?session=1V6I7515579J5.478933&profile>

### Articles and Contributions (Chapters) to Edited Works

- "Saudi Law as an Applicable Law in the International Commercial Arbitration Agreement Challenges and Possible Solutions", 2017, published by the *Journal of Advancements in Applied Business Research*
- " Arbitral Awards Under the Saudi Laws and International Rules Challenges and Possible Improvements", 2017, published by the International Journal of Law and Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, Vol 3 Issue 1, ISSN : 2397-6942 (Online); ISBN: 978-1-911185-45-1 (online)
- " Sharia as Law in International Commerce: Challenges in Attracting International Investors to Saudi Arabia and Achieving a Major Goal of Vision 2030", 2017, published by the *International Journal of Business and Management Studies (IJBMS)*
- " Rethinking Gender Equality in the Workplace", 2017, published by the *Review of Integrative Business and Economics Research*.
- “ **Overview of Arbitral Tribunal Under the Saudi Arbitration Law: A Comparison with international rules**”, published by the Journal of Strategic and International Studies XII (2).

- " Revisiting Gender Equality in the Workplace", 2017, published in the SIBR Conference Proceedings
- "The Legal System of the Saudi Judiciary and the Possible Effects on Reinforcement and Enforcement of Commercial Arbitration", 2017, published by the Canadian International Journal of Social Science and Education
- "The Arbitral Proceedings Under the New Saudi Arbitration Law Challenges and Suggestions", 2017, published by the *Journal of Strategic and International Studies* XII (2).
- " Arbitral Awards Under the New Saudi Laws and International Rules Challenges and Possible Modernization", 2016, published by FLE Learning Ltd.

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

- Certified International Arbitrator at GCC & KSA centers
- Certified Arbitrator at International Islamic Center for Conciliation & Arbitration

#### 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): English & Arabic

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Law ✓ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Law ✓                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austrian Law           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Law                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Law     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Law              | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish Law                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German Law             | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> European Law  |

Other **Saudi Law, Sharia Law**

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

Saudi Arabia

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

- CISG
- Commercial disp. / transactions
- Construction
- Contract law
- Islamic Finance

#### 13. Date of birth:

**06/06/1987**

I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate.

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