

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position:

Founding Partner & Head of International Arbitration, Construction and Energy, Zulficar & Partners
Professor of International Arbitration and Private International Law, Cairo University

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?

Served as 'Sole Arbitrator', 'Presiding Arbitrator', 'Party Appointed Arbitrator', 'Legal Expert' and 'Counsel' in more than 230 cases, including complex, high value institutional and ad hoc arbitral proceedings involving parties from the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Asia, Canada, and the United States. He appeared as arbitrator, counsel and legal expert in cases under the auspices of the AAA-BCDR (Bahrain), ADCCAC (UAE), CRCICA (Egypt), DIAC (UAE), DIFC-LCIA (UAE), ICC (France), ICSID (USA), KIAC (Rwanda), LCIA (UK), LMAA (UK), RCICAL (Nigeria), SCC (Sweden), SIAC (Singapore), TIAC (Uzbekistan) as well as ad hoc UNCITRAL proceedings, involving mega multi-hundred million dollars disputes involving corporate entities, investors, States and State-owned entities from many jurisdictions across no less than four continents (Africa, Asia, Europe and North America).

He has notable expertise in cross border multi-jurisdictional and highly complex transactions and disputes, where he featured in arbitral proceedings governed by Afghani, Angolan, Bahraini, Californian, Egyptian, English, French, Iraqi, Italian, Japanese, Jordanian, Kenyan, Kuwaiti, Libyan, Moroccan, New York, Nigerian, Omani, Pakistani, Qatari, Rwandan, Saudi, Spanish, Swiss, Syrian, United Arab Emirates law(s) and Uzbekistani as well as the general principles of law.

- How often have you acted as Chairman?

Acted as Chairman/Presiding Arbitrator in more than 36 cases.

- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?

Acted as Sole Arbitrator in more than 25 cases.

- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?

Acted as Co-Arbitrator in more than 78 cases.

- How often have you acted as Counsel?

Acted as Counsel in more than 87 cases.

- How often have you acted in a different function?

Acted as Legal Expert in international arbitral proceedings and cross-border litigation proceedings before foreign courts in Bahrain, the UK and the USA in more than 23 cases.

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

- Delivered more than 300 conference presentations, trainings, webinars and keynote speeches on international law, international investment arbitration, international commercial arbitration, conflict of laws, comparative law, construction law & practice, oil & gas, project finance and public-private partnerships, cultural globalisation, online dispute resolution, international commercial transactions, insurance law and practice, 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.
- Authored, co-authored and co-edited numerous books and articles in learned journals on investment and commercial arbitration, oil & gas contracts and disputes, construction law and practice, Islamic finance, telecommunications law and practice, private international law and comparative law. Notably,

he published the first ever book on interconnection agreements in Egypt. He is also a member of the editorial board of several academic journals, and is 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); and also *co-editor with Prof. Dr. Maxi Scherer and Ms. Niuscha Bassiri of "International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution"*, Kluwer International, October 2020.

- Features in Who's Who Legal: International Arbitration – Global Elite Thought Leaders 2021 (among the top ranked 64 practitioners worldwide)
- Listed as a leading arbitration practitioner in the GAR Guides on: Who's Who Legal: Arbitration; GAR Future Leaders: Arbitration; GAR Thought Leaders: Arbitration. He is also regularly listed as a leading star practitioner in international arbitration in Chambers & Partners Global and the Legal 500.
- The only Arab/African to be nominated four times for the Global Arbitration Review Award for the Best Arbitration Lecture/Speech (2013), (2014), (2018) and (2019).
- The only individual nominated, with institutions, for the 2020 Global Arbitration Review Special Award for the COVID-19 Pandemic Response for the Abdel Wahab Pandemic Pathway to Virtual Hearings.

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

- Chair of the International Expert Advisory Committee of the Permanent Forum of China Construction Law – China.
- Treasurer and Member of the Governing Board, ICCA
- Member of the Court, PCA
- Senior Vice-Chair, IBA Arab Regional Forum
- Vice President of the Advisory Committee, the CRCICA (Egypt)
- Member of the Rules Advisory Committee, the SCCA (Saudi Arabia)
- Member of the Board of Trustees, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)
- Member of the Court, Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC)
- Member of the Court, Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Center (LACIAC)
- Member of the Advisory Board, Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (MIAC)
- Member of the Governing Board, International Council on Online Dispute Resolution (ICODR)
- Member of the Academic Council, ITA
- Member of the SIAC African User's Council
- Vice President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, (June 2015 – June 2021)
- Vice Chair, Academic Forum for Investor-State Dispute Settlement (2018 – 2020)
- Committee Member of the IBA Investment Arbitration Sub-Committee (2016 – 2017).
- Member of the Court of Arbitration, LCIA, London (2014 – 2019).
- President, LCIA Arab Users' Council (2016 – 2018).
- Vice Chair, IBA Arbitration Committee (2015 – 2018).
- Member of the Advisory Council – Africa Arbitration Blog.
- Ambassador of International Forum of Professional Mediators (FIMEP).
- President of the Advisory Board of the American Bar Association – Rule of Law Initiative in Egypt.
- President of the Egypt Branch, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) (2018).
- Member of the CI Arb's Board of Management (2018).
- Chair of the CI Arb's Technology Sub-Committee (2012 – 2014).
- Member of the CI Arb's Practice and Standards Committee (2012 – 2018).
- Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ("CEDR") Accredited Mediator.
- Co-Director, CI Arb's Diploma on Islamic Banking, Finance and Arbitration in cooperation with INCEIF,

Malaysia (September 2015).

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 systems have you trained?

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| <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:

- *Expertise in Civil law, Common law and Shari'a based legal systems*
- *England (PhD degree, professor of English contract law, prosecuted and served as arbitrator in numerous arbitral proceedings governed by English law).*

11. What is your main jurisdictions of practice?

Egypt, Africa and the MENA region.

12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted?

Professor of Law in Egypt.

13. Special expertise or specializations:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ISDS/ Foreign invest. | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CISG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour. | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural resources | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

14. Date of birth: 29 April 1976

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