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### Summary Profile

Dr. Mahmoud Hussein is the Founding Partner at Dr. Mahmoud Hussain Advocates & Legal Consultancy LLC (MHLF) and has over 20 years of experience in the public and private sectors. In his role as a litigator at Dubai Courts, Dr. Mahmoud has achieved many favorable judgments in several high-profile cases. Dr. Mahmoud through his niche practice of being an arguing Counsel before the Honorable Judges at UAE Courts, has set up a benchmark for effective representation involving complex legal issues. Client testimonial obtained from Whos Who Legal (WWL) – *“excellent understanding of multinational concerns and perfect explanation of local laws”*.

He has further been accredited as International Arbitrator at DIAC (Dubai International Arbitration Centre) and Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Center. Dr. Mahmoud has acted in more than 50 International Arbitration proceedings under the ICC, LCIA, ADCCAC and DIAC rules. He is often appointed as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator or chairman of arbitral tribunals in International Arbitration proceedings. He also recently joined the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) Roster as an Arbitrator.

He is a Member of the ICC-UAE and ICC-UAE Commission in Arbitration and ADR and was recently appointed to the prestigious and renowned ICC Commission in Paris on Arbitration and ADR which is a body of ICC responsible for rule-making and research in the field of International Dispute Resolution. The commission produces reports and guidelines on legal, procedural and practical aspects of dispute resolution, including International Arbitration. He was a member of the ICC Task Force on Arbitration of Climate Change Related Disputes concluded in April 2019. He recently became a member of a newly formed ICC Task Force on Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration.

### Areas of Practice

- Dispute Resolution and International Commercial Arbitrations
- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Governance

### Education

- PhD of Law (Research) University of East Anglia, UK, 2020
- International Diploma in Compliance from International Compliance Association, UK, 2012
- Director Certificate exam from UCLA Anderson School of Management, California, 2008
- Master Degree in Digital Economy law from Monash University, Australia 2004

- LLB of Shari'a and Law (First Class Hons with Distinction) of the United Arab Emirates University, 2001

## Awards

- Whos Who Legal 2022 – Commercial Litigation – Recommended Lawyer
- Highly Recommended Ranked Lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Domestic 2021 & 22 (Band 2) by Chambers and Partners
- Ranked as a Recommended Lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Domestic 2022 by Legal 500
- Best Young Arbitrators below 40, Gold Category 2018

## Languages

- English
- Arabic

## Publications

- M. Hussein; N. Ridwan Simpson (2022, forthcoming)  
*"Environmental Law and Public Policy in Islam: Whether the Preservation of the Environment Constitutes as Part of the UAE's Public Policy and the Issue of Arbitrability of Environmental Disputes"*  
(TDM, ISSN 1875-4120) October 2022,  
[www.transnational-](http://www.transnational-)

He also played a key role in establishing the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts in his capacity as a member of the Committee that established the DIFC Courts and later as its first Deputy Registrar and participated in the development of various DIFC legislations of DIFC courts.

In addition, he is a Part II registered practitioner at the DIFC Courts and has the rights of audience before the DIFC courts.

Dr. Mahmoud has precedence the corporate team of MHLF into dealing with DIFC corporate financial agreement and syndicate loans. Dr. Mahmoud furthermore has rights of audience before The Federal Supreme Court of UAE.

In 2007, Dr. Mahmoud was appointed by a Ministerial Decree as a member of the Special Committee responsible for the Rehabilitation and Compensation of former Camel Jockeys. Mahmoud was also a representative of the Special Committee in a Judicial Tribunal established by the government of UAE and the government of Pakistan to compensate former camel jockey.

Previously, in his capacity as Vice President for Board Relations and Corporate Governance and Compliance at du Telecom, Dr. Mahmoud contributed to the UAE's second telecom operator's fast-growing development by establishing a world class corporate governance and compliance framework, policies and procedures.

Under Dr. Mahmoud's leadership du Telecom was placed fifth in 2010 and first in 2011 in the Governance Index: Standard & Poor's / Hawkamah Pan Arab ESG Index, which aims to boost transparency and corporate governance across the Middle East markets. In 2012, du was awarded the best Corporate Governance Award in UAE by leading UK publication "the World Finance Magazine."

He was appointed as a Board Member into the Board of Directors of CBC TV Station, Egypt and a member of the Remuneration and Compensation Committee of the aforesaid Board. He was also the Head of the task force responsible for developing and implementing policies and procedures for corporate governance in the Company on behalf of the Board. He is also a member of the recently formed DIFC Courts Working Group for the DIFC Courts Code of Conduct Complaints Regime.

Dr. Mahmoud is a frequent writer on corporate governance, dispute resolution related topics in various local newspapers and often invited as guest speaker on different TV channels.

He has frequently provided expert legal opinion on a UAE Laws on matters before High Courts of Justice, UK Queens Bench Division, DIFC, Paris Courts of Appeal, Hamm Court of Appeal and other International Courts and Arbitral Tribunals.

He is also an adjunct professor at the University of East Anglia where his taught program is Law and Practice of Sharia Arbitration.

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- Contributed and co-authored the book, “A Guide to Arbitration in the UAE”, published by International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on January, 2020.

### **Professional Memberships / Panel Admissions**

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) - Fellow of the Institute
- United Arab Emirates International Chamber of Commerce (ICC-UAE) - Member
- United Arab Emirates International Chamber of Commerce (ICC-UAE) – Member of Commission on Arbitration and ADR
- Member of ICC Commission in Arbitration and ADR
- International Compliance Association (MICA), UK - Fellow
- International Compliance Association (MICA), UK – Member
- Accredited as International Arbitrator in Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Center
- Accredited as International Arbitrator in Dubai International Arbitration Centre
- CBC TV Station, Egypt – Board Member
- Registered Member of Qatar International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration (QICCA)
- Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) Roster as an Arbitrator
- Member of the ADGM Arbitration Centre Panel of Arbitrators
- Member of Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA)

### **Professional Experience**

- May 2013 to present – Founding Partner at Dr. Mahmood Hussain Advocates and Legal Consultancy LLC (MHLF).
- 2012 to May 2013 - Legal Director at DLA Piper Middle East LLP.
- 2007 to April 2012 - Vice President- Board Relations and Corporate Governance and Compliance at Emirates Integrated Telecommunication Company PJSC (du).
- 2006 to 2007 - Consultant at the Executive Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.
- 2004 to May 2006 - Attorney (DIFC) and Deputy Registrar of DIFC Courts.

## **Expert / Legal Opinions**

- Expert Opinion on Back-to-Back Clauses under UAE Law in an ICC Arbitration instructed by a Contractor, the Claimant for an arbitration proceeding who entered into an agreement with a Sub-Contractor, the Respondent for works of a Project in UAE.
- Legal Opinion for an Investment Holding Company on the Recognition and Enforceability of Foreign Arbitral Award before the Courts in Dubai, UAE.
- Expert Legal Opinion on the Service of Notification under the laws of the UAE for a party to the proceedings before Paris Court of Appeal for setting aside an ICC Arbitration Award.
- Expert Legal Opinion on UAE Labour Law and Court Proceedings between an Employer (Claimant) and Employees (Respondents) for a matter before the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division.
- Expert Legal Opinion for a Claimant in a DIAC proceeding on the Estimation of the Legal Fees owed for an arbitration proceeding.
- Expert Declaration on specific issues in respect of the Constitutionality of the Judicial Authority Law and the DIFC Court Law for enforcing a foreign judgment before DIFC Courts.
- Expert Declaration on UAE Law in respect to the Validity of the Company's Shareholders Resolution in accordance with the federal and local laws applicable within the UAE for a party in a court proceeding in the Hamm Court of Appeal.
- Legal Opinion on the Liability of Shareholders and Managers of a Limited Liability Company before a Dubai Court Proceeding.
- Expert Opinion under UAE Law with respect to the validity and effectiveness of pathological arbitration clauses before for an arbitration under the DIFC-LCIA rules.
- Expert Opinion on UAE Law and the concept of Gharar before DIFC-LCIA Tribunal.
- Expert Opinion on UAE Law in a UK Proceeding before High Courts of Justice – Business and Property Courts of England and Wales on the validity and viability of the grounds for setting aside an Arbitral award
- Expert Opinion on UAE Law with regard to the capacity and authority of an individual to bind a company to an Arbitration Agreement.

## Arbitration Cases as an Arbitrator

DIAC **/2021 Co-Arbitrator (3-Member Tribunal)	A Saudi Individual vs A GCC Pharmaceutical Corporation	A claim for the nullification of an agreement
DIAC **/2020 Co-Arbitrator (3-Member Tribunal)	A UAE based public transport service company vs A Facilities Management Company based in Middle East	A 1 Million AED dispute over a breach of the agreement
DIAC **/2020 Co-Arbitrator (3-Member Tribunal)	A limited offshore company vs a UAE based Real Estate Development Company	A 19.4 Million AED dispute over a breach of an agreement
DIAC **/2020 Co-Arbitrator (3-Member Tribunal)	A limited offshore company vs a UAE based Real Estate Development Company	An 18.2 Million AED dispute over a breach of an agreement
ICC *****/MK Co-Arbitrator (3-Member Tribunal)	A Financial Institution based in France vs UAE & Bahrain Based Financial Institution	A 33 Million USD dispute for unpaid dues as per agreement
ICC Case *****/AYZ Co-Arbitrator (3-Member Tribunal)	A Manufacturing Company vs Investment Development Group	A 27 Million AED dispute over a breach of an agreement
DIAC */2020 Sole Arbitrator	A UAE based Construction company vs a Real Estate Investment & Development Company LLC	A claim for a breach of agreement dispute
ADCCAC */2020 Co-Arbitrator (3-Member Tribunal)	A UAE based construction consulting company vs an Offshore Construction company	A Construction dispute for unpaid dues
DIAC ***/2019 Co-Arbitrator (3-Member Tribunal)	A UAE based sub-contractor Company vs A UAE based Main Contractor	A 15 Million AED dispute for unpaid dues and delay damages
DIAC ***/2019 Chairman (3-Member Tribunal)	A UAE Real Estate Company vs A UAE government organization	A 213 Million AED dispute over a breach of a Sale and Purchase Agreement of a plot of land
ICC Case *****/AYZ Chairman (3-Member Tribunal)	An Iraqi Company vs a BVI Company	A USD 6.5 Million dispute over a franchise agreement between franchisor and franchisee
DIAC Case **/2019 Co-Arbitrator (3-member Tribunal)	UAE based Contracting Company vs UAE Contracting Company	A construction dispute for breach of subcontract agreement

DIAC Case ***/2018 Sole Arbitrator	UAE based Construction Company vs UAE Contracting Company	A 1.5 Million dispute over a sub- contract agreement
DIAC Case **/2018 Sole Arbitrator	UAE based Manufacturing & Suppliers Company vs UAE Manufacturing Company, Individual UAE National	A 5.5 Million commercial dispute
ICC *****/AYZ Co-Arbitrator (3-member Tribunal)	UAE based Joint Stock Company vs UAE Engineering & Contracting Company	A USD 1.8 Million dispute over a sub- contract agreement
DIAC Case **/2017 Co – Arbitrator (3-member Tribunal)	UAE based Construction Company vs UAE Contracting Company	A 30 Million dispute over a sub- contract agreement
DIAC Case ***/2017 Co – Arbitrator (3-member Tribunal)	IT Company (UAE Branch) vs Singapore based Telecommunications Company	A 14 Million claim in Commercial Dispute
DIAC Case ***/2016 Sole Arbitrator	Purchaser vs UAE Developer	AED 2 Million claim in the Sale and Purchase Agreement for property in Dubai
DIAC Case ***/2016 Sole Arbitrator	UAE based Company vs UAE National	AED 6 Million claim in relation to the Management and Lease Agreement for a hotel in Dubai
DIAC Case No. **/2016 Chairman (3-member Tribunal)	Qatar based branch of a company vs a Qatari Company	Claims related to business agreement for implementation of certain system for a medical Centre. The applicable substantive law is State of Missouri, USA.
DIAC Case No. **/2016 Sole Arbitrator	UAE National vs UAE based company	Claims related to lease and management agreement for hotel apartment building
DIAC Case No. **/2015 Sole Arbitrator	Government entity vs UAE based company	Claims related to payments of rents for media boards
DIAC Case No. **/2014 Sole Arbitrator	UAE Investor vs UAE Developer	Claims related to construction delays in a development project in Dubai
ADCCAC Case No. **/2014 Chairman (3-member Tribunal)	UAE Investor vs UAE developer	Claims related to construction delays in a development project in Abu Dhabi
DIAC Case No. **/2014 Sole Arbitrator	UAE based company vs UAE Developer	Claims related to sale of plot in Dubai
ADCCAC Case No. ** /2013 Sole Arbitrator	UAE Investor vs UAE developer	Claims related to construction delays in a development project in Abu Dhabi

ADCCAC Case No.\*\*/2013  
Sole Arbitrator

UAE Investor vs UAE developer

Claims related to construction delays  
in a development project in Abu  
Dhabi