

KHUSHBOO SHAHDADPURI

- Current Firm:** Al Tamimi & Company (2018 – present)
- Admitted to Practice:** Singapore (2013), New York (2018), Dubai Legal Affairs Department (2022)
- Education:** King’s College London, UK, Bachelor of Laws (2010)
Columbia Law School, USA, Master of Laws (2016)
- Experience:** Involved in over 30 international arbitration matters over the last 10 years, most of which pertain to construction and infrastructure projects. These include arbitrations under the rules of ICC, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, SIAC, LCIA, SCC and QICCA seated in Doha, Dubai, DIFC, Muscat, London, Abu Dhabi, Singapore and Geneva. Published articles in a number of leading journals and books on international arbitration and construction. Invited regularly to speak in panel discussions and conferences on arbitration topics in event and conferences in the UAE, Singapore, France and India, amongst others.

SUMMARY OF KEY ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

- Representing a public-listed Italian company as part of a joint-venture in a multi-party ICC arbitration arising out of the MEP works in a football stadium for the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar. The three-member arbitral tribunal comprise of prominent arbitration practitioners in the UK and Egypt. Issues in the proceedings involved liability for the adequacy of the design to the MEP subcontractor and collapse of the roof structure in the stadium, amongst others. The proceedings also involve jurisdiction and admissibility claims arising out of the complicated dispute resolution clause. The value of the dispute exceeds USD 600 million and the hearing lasted three weeks.
- Representing a prominent bank in a complex construction arbitration of a large development project in Dubai under the DIAC arbitration proceedings before a three-member arbitral tribunal. The arbitration involved high-profile experts to assess matters of delay, quantum, defective works and loss of profits due to the delayed completion of the project. The hearing lasted two weeks and advocacy was handled by a KC and a junior barrister.
- Representing an Italian public-listed corporation in an arbitration dispute pertaining to a technical licensing agreement under the QICCA rules, seated in Qatar before a three-member arbitral tribunal. The arbitration proceedings involve intricate procedural applications and challenges.
- Representing a public entity involved in solar technology in an ICC arbitration matter pertaining to completion of a power plant before a prominent arbitral tribunal, involving complex legal issues arising out of English and Qatari law. Second chair at the hearing. Instructed three experts in different disciplines.
- Represented a prominent Qatari entity (founded by the former finance minister of Qatar) in an ICC arbitration pertaining to delay, defective works and the lawfulness of the termination, with claims and counterclaims exceeding QAR 400 million. Second chair to the KC appointed as lead counsel in the arbitration hearing that lasted two weeks and involved four witnesses and three experts for each side.
- Representing a Qatari entity against a prominent real estate company in a QICCA arbitration, seated in Qatar before a three-member arbitral tribunal.
- Represented a Belgium headquartered conglomerate specializing in airport security in an ICC arbitration under Swiss law and seated in Zurich, pertaining to the termination of an agency agreement.
- Representing a leading F&B holding group in the UAE on the termination of a franchise agreement in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration matter seated in the UAE and governed under the DIFC laws.
- Advising an international conglomerate in a multi-party oil and gas dispute arising out of the construction of a high-profile LNG pipeline project in Qatar. Issues involved the approved protocol and procedure in carrying out the construction of the pipeline. Worked with international experts until the successful settlement of this matter.
- Representing conglomerates in arbitration proceedings under the DIFC-LCIA and SIAC arbitral rules governed under DIFC and Singapore laws pertaining to the alleged termination of Purchase and Sale agreements of various hotels in Africa.
- Represented a semi-government Malaysian entity in a SIAC arbitration pertaining to a failed joint venture with sovereign entities, performance bond guarantees in relation to a Purchase and Sale Agreement worth USD 50 million and an aircraft leasing agreement where damages claimed were in excess of USD 100 million, under the SIAC and ICC arbitral rules.
- Co-counsel in international arbitration disputes under major institutional rules including SIAC, ICC, UNCITRAL, LMAA, LCIA and GAFTA. These include a dispute over the exploration of natural resources in Chile and alleged fraud and discrepancies in the surveyors’ reports over a sale and purchase of coal transaction, worth over USD 14 million. Instructed in a challenge application to an arbitrator heard before the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

- Represented clients in the setting aside of arbitral awards and interlocutory applications in support of arbitration proceedings before the Singapore High Court, including a reported High Court judgment in *Coal & Oil Co LLC v GHCL Ltd [2015] SGHC 65*. Successfully argued for a security of cost application in the Singapore High Court.
- Selected to work under the Prosecutor's Immediate Office in the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Presented legal opinions on the judicial approaches of international courts as well as other topics in public international law. Assisted in the Prosecution's appeal against Radovan Karadzic. Prepared cross-examination questions and interlocutory applications, including applications for the extradition of witnesses.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

- Dispute over Matrimonial Service Website: Singapore Adopts Composite Approach in Declaring Dispute to be Arbitrable, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (25 February 2023) (co-author)
- The New Rules of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre: An Upgrade to the Centre's Procedural Framework, Al Tamimi & Company Law Update (July 2022) (co-author)
- GAR, Energy Arbitration in the Middle East (2019, 2021, 2022) (co-author)
- GAR, Energy Arbitration in Africa (2022) (co-author)
- GAR, Construction Arbitration Qatar (2019, 2020, 2021) (co-author)
- 2021 In Review: Middle East Overview, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (8 March 2022) (co-author)
- What's in a Name? The Validity of Arbitration Awards in Qatar, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (13 December 2021) (co-author)
- Challenges to the Jurisdiction of the QFC Court in Qatar, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (28 August 2021) (co-author)
- UAE Arbitration Users Look East, International Journal of Arab Arbitration (2018) (co-author)
- Third Party Funding in the Middle East, Lexology (2018) (co-author)
- General Duties of Counsel, Working Group on Third Party Funding in International Arbitration, American Bar Association (2018) (co-author)
- Is an Arbitration Agreement in a Draft Contract Binding? Perspectives from the courts in Singapore and Switzerland, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (22 January 2017)
- Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration: Regulating the Treacherous Trajectory, Asian International Arbitration Journal, Issue 2 (2016)
- Reaffirming the High Threshold of Setting Aside Arbitral Awards, Singapore Law Watch Commentary, Issue 1/April (2015)
- The Natural Justice Fallibility in Singapore Arbitration Proceedings, (2014) 26 SAclJ 562 Singapore Academy of Law Journal

Speaking Engagements

- (Guest Lecturer) Validity of Electronic Forms of Arbitration Agreements, Middlesex University, 23 March 2023
- ESG, B Corps, CSR & More, Limeslade Webinar, 23 February 2023
- (Guest Lecturer) Insurance Arbitration Certificate Course, Asean Institute of Insurance & Risk Management, (Virtual), 11 January 2023
- The Role of Expert Witnesses in Construction Arbitration, Al Tamimi & Company, Decipher and Equal Representation for Expert Witnesses Event, Dubai, 23 November 2022
- ESG's Role in Construction & Engineering, Limeslade Dubai Construction Masterclass, Dubai, 22 November 2022
- Hidden Risks in Qatar Construction Contracts –Alternative Dispute Resolution, Al Tamimi & Company Webinar, 17 October 2022
- Legal Developments in Arbitration in the MENA Region, World Arbitration Update Forum (Hybrid), 27 September 2022
- (Guest Lecturer) Arb-Dossier – Georgetown International Arbitration Society Course on “The Practitioner's Perspective in Arbitral Proceedings”, Party and Counsel Conduct: Tackling Guerrilla Tactics (Virtual), 17 September 2022
- Reimagine, Rethink, Remake International Commercial Dispute Resolution, Singapore Convention Week 22, Singapore, 31 August 2022,
- Hidden Risks in Qatar Construction Contracts – Damages, Limits on liability, Defects and Limitation periods, Al Tamimi & Company Webinar, 23 June 2022
- Going Paperless in Arbitration Webinar – Why and How?, Campaign for Greener Arbitrations, 16 June 2022
- The Culture of International Arbitration: Lessons from Practice, Al Tamimi & Company and Addis Law Group Event, Dubai, 7 June 2022

- Threading the Needle: Contracts and International Commercial Arbitration, AIAC YPG Conference 2022 (Virtual), 17 March 2022
- Video Interview with Ermis Marques, Director of Strategy and Managing Director of KSA at Zutari Managing Director, Al Tamimi & Company Studio Series, Dubai, 14 February 2022
- Building a Career in International Arbitration, Stockholm University Roundtable (Virtual), 24 January 2022
- Hidden Risks in Qatar Construction Contracts – why practice elsewhere might not work in Qatar, Al Tamimi & Company Webinar, 20 January 2022
- The Launch of the MENA Sub-Committee of the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations, Dubai Arbitration Week, Dubai, 18 November 2021
- Fireside Chat with Prof Lucy F. Reed, SIAC Webinar at Dubai Arbitration Week 2021 (Virtual), 16 November 2021
- Resolving ESG Disputes Through International Arbitration, YSIAC Conference 2021 (Virtual), 9 November 2021
- Roundtable Table with Second Minister for Law, Edwin Tong SC, Singapore Convention Week 2021 (Virtual), 8 September 2021
- Adapting Arbitration to Changing Paradigms, Yonsei Arbitration Day 2021 (Virtual), 27 August 2021
- SIAC Middle East Academy (Virtual), Facilitator, 8 April 2021
- Exploring the 3 E's in Construction Arbitration: Evidence, Experts and Efficiency, Al Tamimi & Company Webinar, 4 March 2021
- Third-Party Funding in Construction Disputes, Limeslade Webinar, 23 February 2021
- PSSCOC and FIDIC Contract Administration in the New Normal, Philippine Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyors (PICQS) Webinar, 5 December 2020
- YSIAC Advocacy Workshop, SIAC and Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), Abu Dhabi, 5 February 2020
- 5th Annual International Arbitration & Regulatory Global Summit, Doha, 24 April 2019
- YSIAC Advocacy Workshop, YSIAC, Chennai, 13 April 2019

Committees and Boards

- Kluwer Arbitration Blog, Assistant Editor (MENA)
- Young SIAC Council, EMEA Lead and Committee Member
- SIAC Users' Council, Committee Member (headed by Gary Born)
- ENERAP, Executive Committee, Co-founder of UAE Chapter
- REAL, Academic Council, Vice-Chair
- Campaign for Greener Arbitrations, MENA sub-committee
- Building and Construction Law Committee (Law Society of Singapore)
- Equal Representation for Expert Witnesses (ERE), Global Steering Committee
- Energy Disputes Arbitration Centre (EDAC), MENA Representative
- Journal of Legal, Ethical and Regulatory Issues, Editorial Board