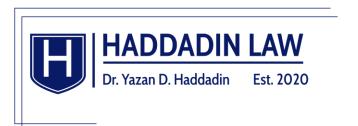


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Dr. Ahmad is specialized in claims, construction, and alternative dispute resolution, advising on major construction and infrastructure projects, with emphasis on both contentious and non-contentious routes. Prior to specializing in claims, construction and alternative dispute resolution, he qualified as a civil engineer with emphasis on structural engineering, structural damage, bridge engineering, and project management. Dr. Ahmad has hands-on project development experience at various stages from inception and feasibility, design development, and procurement to execution and handing-over. His exposure to complex projects include rehabilitation, structural modification, refurbishment, off-shore, residential, commercial, hospitality, and leisure projects.

Dr. Ahmad has practiced various forms of non-formal mediation in mega infrastructure and complex construction projects, focusing on evaluative and transformative mediation as an effective tool for alternative dispute resolution. His wide experience in engineering, construction, project finance, renewable energy, and technology industries gives him the basis to urge a sound practical commercial-legal approach to alternative dispute resolution.



Dr. Ahmad gained in-depth experience in major rail, bridges, and highway projects as in-house claims and dispute resolution expert at a major renowned roads and transport authority in the UAE, bringing a deep understanding of the engineering, construction, and legal avenues such projects involve.

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