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Dr. Yazan Dakhlallah Haddadin

Founder and Managing Director

Introduction and Background

Dr. Yazan is legal counsel and international arbitrator. He is a full bilingual contentious and non-contentious lawyer (Arabic and English) with over 15 years of experience. He specializes in arbitration and litigation as well as commercial and construction contracts. He has a wide range of experience representing international clients; he has acted for and advised cross-border joint ventures, investors, employers, consultants, contractors, and subcontractors. He has long-standing experience advising government entities, multinationals, developers, contractors, and consultants on a wide range of projects and matters throughout the MENA region.

His dispute resolution work focuses on commercial and construction arbitration matters. He is experienced in dealing with a variety of local, regional, and international arbitration claims under the rules of LCIA, ICC, DIAC, ADCCAC, DIFC, and UNCITRAL. His experience includes advising on civil litigations in UAE (Abu Dhabi and Dubai), Qatar (Doha), Saudi Arabia, and Jordan on matters in relation to commercial and construction disputes.

His non-contentious work includes leading legal negotiations on behalf of employers, managing and setting legal frameworks for mega and complex projects, and issuing legal opinions to executive management. This includes drafting, reviewing, and leading the legal negotiations on behalf of the Contracts & Procurement Department in the Roads & Transport Authority of Dubai for the extension of Dubai Metro (Route 2020 Project) for Expo 2020, a contract valued at over AED 10 billion. It further includes drafting, reviewing, and supervising the preparation of tender documents and contracts in relation to Abu Dhabi Metro and Light Rail projects.

Dr. Yazan is an attorney admitted to the Jordan Law Bar and a certified International Arbitrator in Qatar. He holds a Doctorate Degree (PhD) in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration from the University of Warwick and a Master's Degree (LLM) in International Law from the University of Glasgow, both in the United Kingdom, and a BA Degree in Law from Amman Private University in Jordan.



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He was the Legal Expert at the Roads & Transport Authority (RTA) in the Government of Dubai. In a short time, he managed to create associations of confidence, trust, and respect with all CEOs, the Board of Directors, and the Chairman. He was supporting all business units across the RTA, supervising and overseeing a team of over 50 employees. He led the legal negotiations for all mega projects in addition to leading the Contracts & Procurement Arbitration Team.

Prior to that, he was a Supervising Associate at Simmons & Simmons LLP based in the UAE, where he conducted a mix of dispute resolution practice and contracts drafting related to construction and commercial matters. Further, he was placed on secondment at the Abu Dhabi Department of Transport (DOT) in the Abu Dhabi Government as a Senior Legal Counsel, where he led and supervised a team of 8 members. He was mainly responsible for leading the legal work for Abu Dhabi Railway/Metro Project, and reviewing commercial and construction contracts.

Prior to joining Simmons & Simmons LLP, he trained and worked in one of the largest law firms in Jordan (Hadidi & Co.), specializing in litigation and contracts drafting.

Practical Experience

His experience includes advising:

- **the Government of Dubai – Roads & Transport Authority** as legal expert, leading the Procurement Arbitration Team with regard to ad hoc and institutional arbitrations, leading the Procurement Department in its standardization of contractual and legal documents, and drafting, reviewing and modifying construction contracts in relation to the Expo 2020 Metro Project valued at over AED 10 billion
- **the Government of Dubai – Roads & Transport Authority** as legal expert, representing RTA in one of the largest disputes in the UAE (a construction-infrastructure dispute) with a claim of over AED 2 billion
- **the Government of Abu Dhabi – Abu Dhabi Department of Transport** as senior counsel, assisting in all matters relating to the Abu Dhabi LTR/Metro projects including disputes with the design consultants and issues relating to potential termination, and advising on FIDIC contracts valued at over AED 800 million relating to transportation infrastructure projects (rail and road) in Abu Dhabi
- on **20 arbitration cases** related to a major UAE property developer on ADCCAC-based arbitration



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- an **international joint venture contractor** in relation to a FIDIC-based contract, providing specific advice on arbitration procedures
- a **major Italian contractor** on its rights and obligations in a contract worth AED 300 million and on UAE law in relation to the suspension and subsequent termination of its services for non-payment for the construction works.
- a **developer** with respect to a claim valued at AED 350 million arising out of a development on Reem Island, Abu Dhabi
- a **mechanical and electrical contractor** in a dispute related to delays incurred on a hospital project in Umm Al Quwain, UAE
- on **civil litigations**, representing clients in UAE local courts in relation to civil and construction disputes, and in Jordanian courts in respect of commercial and civil litigations
- **KLM, Air France, Alitalia airlines, Jordan** on the management of pre-trial dispute resolution, and on commercial contracts
- **Jordan Dubai Islamic Bank (JDIB) and Bank al Etihad, Jordan** on the management and drafting of legal due diligences
- **international corporate clients** on the establishment of their presence in Jordan, including drafting memoranda and articles of association, memoranda of understanding, and non-disclosure agreements

Membership of Professional Bodies and Committees

- Jordan Bar Association, Jordan (Qualified Lawyer)
- Arbitrator Intelligence, Pennsylvania, USA (Ambassador to Jordan and UAE)
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), UK (registered Council Member)
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), UK
- Qatar International Center of Arbitration, Qatar (Certified International Arbitrator)
- The Young Arbitrators Forum (YAF) of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)



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Particular Experience: Contracts and Agreements

- Affiliation Agreement
- Dispute Settlement Agreement
- Services Agreement
- Service Level Agreement
- Contract for Professional Services
- Lease Contract
- Facility Use Agreement
- Shareholders' Agreement
- Waiver Agreement for Disclosure
- Memorandum of Agreement
- Research Agreement
- Arbitration Agreement
- Procurement Agreement
- Extension Services Agreement
- Construction Agreement (FIDIC)
- Real Estate Contract
- Assignment Agreement
- Joint Venture Agreement
- License Agreement
- Labor Contract
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Non-Disclosure Agreement (Both Parties Disclosing, One Party Disclosing)

Particular Experience: Arbitration Laws and Rules

- UAE Arbitration Law
- ICSID
- UNCITRAL
- DIAC
- DIFC-LCIA
- Jordan Arbitration Law
- ICC
- LCIA
- ADCCAC
- New York Convention

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