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Arbitrator Profile

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Education

- LLM in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University (London).
- Bachelor of Laws from ASU Bahrain.
- International Diploma in Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute for Arbitrators (CIarb).
- Diploma in Management from the Chartered Managers Institute (CMI) in the United Kingdom.

Notable Positions

- Judge at the **Bahrain International Commercial Court**.
- Board Member of the International Chamber of Commerce (**ICC**) Bahrain.
- Board Member of **Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution**.
- Board Member of the Women Research Centre at the **Royal University for Women** in Bahrain.
- Board Member of the **ICC** Bulletin (2025-2027).
- Chairperson of the **ICC** Arbitration and ADR Committee at ICC Bahrain.
- Secretary General of **ICC Bahrain**.
- Member of the International Bar Association (**IBA**) Arbitration Committee Task Force on the Nationality of Arbitrators as a proxy for independence and impartiality.
- Bahrain representative and member of Arbitrator and Conciliator Panel at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (**ICSID**) (2021-2027).
- Bahrain representative in **UNCITRAL** Working Group II (Dispute Settlement) and Working Group III (Investor State Dispute Reform).
- **ICC Court** for Arbitration Alumni (served on the Court from 2018 to 2024).

Practical Experience

Judge at Bahrain International Commercial Court (Nov 2025 - Present)

A judge of the Bahrain International Commercial Court, which is an independent judicial body established to promote the resolution of international commercial disputes in cooperation with the Singapore International Commercial Court. The Court is responsible for hearing international commercial and investment cases as well as arbitration-related matters.

Lawyer, Arbitrator and Mediator • Founding Partner at Mutaywea Law (May 2025 - Present)

Ms Mutaywea is one of the most prominent arbitrators in the Middle East. She sits regularly as an arbitrator and has served as chairperson, co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator in more than 40 international arbitration cases. She has heard cases under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (“**ICC**”), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (“**SIAC**”), Saudi Arabia Centre for Commercial Arbitration (“**SCCA**”), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (“**DIAC**”), London Court for International Arbitration (“**LCIA**”), Dubai International Financial Centre (“**DIFC-LCIA**”), GCC Commercial Centre Arbitration, Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution Arbitration (“**BCDR**”), Abu Dhabi Commercial Arbitration Centre (“**ArbitrateAD**”), Qatar International Centre for Conciliation and Arbitration (“**QICCA**”) as well as *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and MENA region arbitration laws.

She also works as counsel, advising governments, high-net individuals, banks, international companies, investment funds, and large corporations on commercial, banking, corporate, tech, AI, sports, and construction issues. Serves as a legal expert in Middle East laws (with a focus on Bahrain, KSA, Kuwait, UAE, Oman laws). She represents clients in large and complex litigations, arbitration and mediation proceedings internationally.

Ms Mutaywea advises clients on sports law and disputes before international sports tribunals, such as the National Sports Authority, FIFA, FIBA, WADA Anti-doping Tribunals, and Olympic Committees, *et cetera*. She also sits as an arbitrator at the Court for Sports and other institutions that specialise in sports dispute resolution.

Lawyer and Arbitrator • Managing Partner at Mena Chambers Bahrain (2015 - 2025)

Ms Mutaywea is a highly skilled bilingual lawyer with over 18 years of experience in the Middle East region. She has the right of audience before all the Bahraini courts (including the Cassation and Constitutional Court). She represents clients in litigation, mediation, and arbitration proceedings and serves as a legal expert on Middle Eastern law. She specialises in high-value litigations, mediation and arbitration.

She advises international clients on a wide range of disputes, including civil, commercial, corporate, finance (Islamic and non-Islamic), banking, franchise, corporate governance, technology, sports, telecommunication, real estate, construction, infrastructure and aviation disputes in the Middle East Region. Ms Mutaywea has extensive experience with the laws of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt.

Acting Senior Case Manager at BCDR-AAA (April 2012 - October 2015)

Managed arbitration and litigation cases at Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution-American Arbitration Association. Worked on various cases relating to international commerce, banking, investment, insurance and reinsurance, corporate governance, Islamic finance, real estate and construction.

Tribunal Secretary at BCDR-AAA (February 2009- October 2015)

Served as court clerk to judges sitting at the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution-American Arbitration Association and served as tribunal secretary to arbitration tribunals.

Case Manager at BCDR-AAA (February 2009 - April 2012)

Managed arbitration and litigation cases at BCDR-AAA. Worked on various cases relating to international commerce, banking, investment, insurance and reinsurance, corporate governance, Islamic finance, real estate and construction.

Case Manager at International Centre for Dispute Resolution - New York. (2009)

Managed arbitration and mediation cases under the ICDR, American Arbitration Association Arbitration Rules and UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Lawyer at Al Jabal Law Firm and Al Salam Law Firm -Bahrain (2008-2009)

Advised and represented private, regional and international clients on a wide range of disputes including civil, commercial, banking and finance, insurance, real estate and construction, labour, mergers and acquisitions, maritime, Sharia'a disputes and international commercial disputes.

Arbitrator Experience

- **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC): Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International construction dispute between international parties. Claim amount USD 2 Million Dollars (app.).
- **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC): Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International construction dispute between international parties. Claim amount USD 3 Million Dollars (app.).
- **London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) - Role: Co-arbitrator.** International construction dispute between international parties.
- **Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC): Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial dispute between international parties.
- **DIFC-LCIA Arbitration• Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Large complex international dispute concerning governance, financial services, commercial and investment banking and project finance. Claim amount USD 3.5 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIFC-LCIA Arbitration• Role: Co-Arbitrator.** International commercial complex dispute concerning technology and intellectual property. Claim amount USD 2.5 Million Dollars (app.).

- **Qatar International Arbitration • Role: Chairperson.** Large complex international dispute concerning construction. Claim amount USD 10 Million Dollars.
- **Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration • Role: Emergency Arbitrator.**
- **Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial dispute.
- **Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International construction dispute.
- **Abu Dhabi International Centre for Commercial Arbitration • Role: Chairperson.** Large complex international dispute concerning construction. Claim amount USD 5 Million Dollars.
- **GCC-CAC Arbitration • Role: Chairperson.** Complex case concerning real estate and construction. Claim amount USD 3.3 Million Dollars (app.).
- **GCC-CAC Arbitration • Role: Chairperson.** Complex commercial international dispute.
- **GCC-CAC Arbitration • Role: Co-arbitrator.** Complex construction dispute. Claim amount USD 4 Million Dollars (app.).
- **Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution • Role: Co-arbitrator –** Construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial arbitration regarding complex franchise and licensing disputes. Claim amount USD 2.7 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International large construction dispute. Claim amount USD 10 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Large real estate dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Dispute concerning construction projects. Claim amount USD 2.5 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Real estate and construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International dispute concerning communication and information technology. Claim amount USD 1.5 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Complex construction case concerning supply, installation, commission, and handover of projects. Claim amount USD 3 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Chairperson.** International commercial dispute between international parties. Claim amount USD 5.3 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Co-Arbitrator.** Construction dispute.

- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Co-Arbitrator.** International case concerning aircraft disputes. Claim amount USD 4 Million Dollars (app.).
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Co-Arbitrator.** Large and complex case regarding shareholders rights and obligations.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Co-Arbitrator.** International commercial disputes regarding shareholder rights and obligations.
- **National Sports Arbitration Tribunal (NSAT) (Kuwait) • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International sports arbitration dispute.
- **National Sports Arbitration Tribunal (NSAT) (Kuwait) • Role: Chairperson.** Sports disputes.
- **National Sports Arbitration Tribunal (NSAT) (Kuwait) • Role: Chairperson.** Sports dispute regarding elections and governance.
- **National Sports Arbitration Tribunal (NSAT) (Kuwait) • Role: Co-arbitrator.** International Sports dispute.
- **National Sports Arbitration Tribunal (NSAT) (Kuwait) • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Emergency proceedings.
- **Court for Sports (CAS-TAS): • Role: Co-arbitrator.** International Sports dispute.

[Ad-hoc Arbitrator Experience](#)

- **Sole Arbitrator in 7 *ad hoc* arbitrations (in Bahrain and the UAE).**
- **Tribunal Secretary in 5 *ad hoc* arbitrations.**

[Notable Memberships](#)

Member of arbitrator panels in International Chamber of Commerce (“**ICC**”), International Centre for Dispute Resolution (“**ICDR-AAA**”), China International Economic and Trade Arbitration (“**CIETAC**”), Singapore International Arbitration Centre (“**SIAC**”), Saudi Arabia Centre for Commercial Arbitration (“**SCCA**”), Dubai International Arbitration Centre (“**DIAC**”), London Court for International Arbitration (“**LCIA**”), Dubai International Financial Centre (“**DIFC-LCIA**”), GCC Commercial Centre Arbitration, Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution Arbitration (“**BCDR**”), Abu Dhabi Commercial Arbitration Centre (“**ArbitrateAD**”), Qatar International Centre for Conciliation and Arbitration (“**QICCA**”), and the Vienna International Arbitration Centre (“**VIAC**”).

Publications & Contributions

- Contributed to the Bahrain chapter of “*Getting the deal through*” a Global Arbitration Review (GAR) publication, (2011, 2012 and 2013).
- Contributed to the Arabic translation of the *International Council for Commercial Arbitration guideline on the interpretation of the New York Convention*, a publication by the Permanent Court of Arbitration and BCDR-AAA (2013-14).
- “*The Psychology and Art of Persuasion*”, Kluwer publication (2015).
- “*Harmonising Cultures in International Arbitration*” Volume 4, Issue 1, The European Arbitration Review, pp 44, (2015).
- “*Tribunal Secretaries in Arbitration*” GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre Journal Volume 28, pp.38, (2015).
- “*A Practical Note on litigation at Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution*” – Lexis Nexis, (2018, 2019 and 2020).
- “*Right to a Physical Hearing-the Bahrain Chapter*” published by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (2020).
- The *Bahrain National Report on Arbitration*, a publication by the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) (2020)(2021)(2022)(2023)(2024).

Nationality: Bahraini

Languages: Arabic and English