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Education

- LLM in International Arbitration 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 and Leadership from the Chartered Managers Institute (CMI) in the United Kingdom.

Notable Memberships

- Board Member of **ICC** Bahrain.
- Board Member of **Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution**.
- Chairperson of **ICC** Arbitration and ADR at ICC Bahrain.
- *Ex-officio* Member of **ICC** Arbitration and ADR Commission.
- 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 III (Investor State Dispute Reform).
- Bahrain representative in **UNCITRAL** Working Group II (Dispute Settlement).
- **ICC Court** for Arbitration Alumni (served on the Court from 2018 to 2024).
- Member of **CIarb** (Chartered Institute for Arbitrators).
- Arbitrator at Court of Arbitration for Sports (**CAS**).
- Member of Equal representation in Arbitration (**ERA**) Middle East Steering Committee.
- Member of the Legal Advisory Committee at the **Royal University for Women** in Bahrain.

Practical Experience

Arbitrator and Lawyer •Partner at Mena Chambers Bahrain (November 2015 - Present)

Sits as arbitrator and acts as counsel in regional and international arbitration cases. Experienced in arbitrations under various rules. She has right of audience before all Bahraini courts. She represents clients in litigation and arbitration proceedings. 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 (ICDR-AAA) (2009) - New York, U.S.A.

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 (2008-2009) Bahrain

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 commercial 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.
- **DIFC-LCIA Arbitration • Role: Co-Arbitrator.** International commercial complex dispute concerning technology and intellectual property.
- **Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration • Role: Emergency Arbitrator.**
- **Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial dispute.

- **GCC-CAC Arbitration • Role: Chairperson.** Large complex case concerning real estate and construction.
- **GCC-CAC Arbitration • Role: Chairperson.** Complex commercial international dispute.
- **GCC-CAC Arbitration • Role: Co-arbitrator.** Large Complex construction dispute.
- **Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution • Role: Co-arbitrator** – Construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International commercial arbitration regarding complex franchise and licensing disputes.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International large construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Large real estate dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Dispute concerning construction projects.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Real estate and construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International dispute concerning communication and information technology.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** Large complex construction case concerning supply, installation, commission, and handover of projects.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Chairperson.** International commercial disputes between international parties.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Co-Arbitrator.** Construction dispute.
- **DIAC Arbitration • Role: Co-Arbitrator.** International case concerning aircraft disputes.
- **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.
- **NSAT: (Kuwait) • Role: Sole Arbitrator.** International sports arbitration dispute.
- **NSAT (Kuwait) • Role: Chairperson.** Sports disputes.
- **NSAT: (Kuwait) • Role: Chairperson.** Sports dispute regarding elections and governance.
- **NSAT: (Kuwait) • Role: Co-arbitrator.** Sports dispute.
- **NSAT (Kuwait) • Role: Sole Arbitrator in emergency proceedings.**

Ad-hoc Arbitrator Experience

- **Sole Arbitrator** in 7 *ad hoc* arbitrations.
- **Tribunal Secretary** in 5 *ad hoc* arbitrations.

Professional Memberships

- Registered arbitrator at: Singapore International Arbitration Centre (**SIAC**), Dubai International Arbitration Centre(**DIAC**), Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration(**SCCA**), Abu Dhabi Global Market (**ADGM**) Arbitration Centre, GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre(**GCC-CAC**), London Court of International Arbitrator(**LCIA**), Vienna International Arbitration Centre(**VIAC**), the Swiss Arbitration Association(**ASA**), Stockholm Arbitration Centre (**SCC**), the German Arbitration Institute (**DIS**), Kigali International Arbitration Centre(**KIAC**), the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution(**BCDR**), Court of Arbitration for Sports (**CAS**), Kuwait National Sports Arbitration Tribunal (**NSAT**) and Kuwait Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Centre (**KCCAC**).

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).

Nationality: Bahraini

Languages: Arabic and English