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## PERSONAL SUMMARY

An experienced, detail-driven professional with developed technical knowledge and a proven track record of excellence in advising and representing clients in high-value transactions and contentious proceedings in the Middle East. Ambitions lie in providing business-focused legal advice of exceptional quality with increasing efficiency. Enjoys working in busy teams and exercising relative individual autonomy. Presently, seeking a new challenge and looking forward to joining a reputable dynamic legal practice.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Mena Chambers Limited, Dubai, 2011 – Present (previously based in London and Brussels)**

**Associate, International Law & Dispute Resolution**

Areas of Expertise:

* International investment, maritime, construction and commercial litigation and arbitration;
* International and corporate finance;
* Investment treaties and commercial agreements.

Recent Experience:

* Counsel in international arbitration cases under auspices of major international arbitration centres, including:
  + Acting for a construction company against one of the largest energy corporations in a USD 85 million LCIA arbitration concerning development of a logistics support base for a major oil field in Iraq;
  + Advising a Liechtenstein-registered company concerning investments in the gambling sector of Palestine, including the legal system, corporate structuring, and the USD 200 million SCAI arbitration;
  + Representing a managing director of an investment corporation in a BCDR-AAA dispute with the Bahrain financial services regulator concerning risk management policies and transactions made during the 2007-2008 financial crisis.
* Assisted in research and preparation of legal opinions for international investment disputes, including:
  + Expert Legal Opinions on matters pertaining to international law, government regulation and the Energy Charter Treaty (the ECT) in *Vattenfall AB et al v Federal Republic of Germany* (ICSID Arbitration No. ARB/12/12) and *Cem Cengiz Uzan v Republic of Turkey* (SCC Case No. V 2014/023).
* Rendered multiple final arbitral awards as Sole Arbitrator appointed by the DIAC, including:
* Dispute regarding implementation of expansion strategy under an international franchise agreement;
* Dispute concerning construction and handover of retail units in a major Dubai shopping centre and corresponding advance payments made under six leasehold agreements.
* Acted as tribunal secretary in high-value international arbitration cases (ICC, DIAC and UNCITRAL Rules).
* Lead business development efforts by, for example, organising, attending and speaking at conferences, creating and distributing useful materials of the highest quality, maintaining successful client relationships.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers UK LLP, London, 2010 – 2011**

**Senior Case Manager, Forensic Services**

Supported Hogan Lovells, acting on behalf of BTA Bank against former management, in a USD 10 billion corporate litigation and asset recovery project, including:

* Investigated multi-layer financial transactions and off-shore corporate arrangements;
* Supervised 15 document review specialists in London and Moscow;
* Drafted summaries for comprehensive client reports and memorandums.

**Webgains Limited, London, 2008 – 2010**

**Senior Business Consultant, Finance Department**

Analysed financial performance of an international online company, including:

* Prepared weekly market share analysis and financial reports to company directors and shareholders;
* Developed and implemented financial and performance reporting models and revenue improvement strategies;
* Supervised debt recovery proceedings against delinquent clients.

**Professor Adnan Amkhan Bayno Limited, London, 2008 – 2009**

**Assistant Counsel, Al-Bahloul v Republic of Tajikistan (SCC Case No. V (064/2008)**

Acted for the claimant in a USD 80 million international investment arbitration case seated in Stockholm, including:

* Advised the client, interviewed witnesses, actively participated in the oral hearing;
* Conducted legal research, and contributed to drafts of correspondence and pleadings;
* Prepared evidence for disclosure, and organised bundles for the proceedings.

## EDUCATION

**Legal Practice Course (LPC), College of Law, London (Corporate Route; Commendation), 2011 – 2012**

* Acquisitions; Public Companies & Equity Finance; Commercial Dispute Resolution.

**LLM (International Business Law), Queen Mary, University of London (Merit), 2008 – 2010**

* Legal Aspect of International Finance; International Commercial Law; International and Comparative Commercial Arbitration;
* Dissertation: The Concept of Damages in International Investment Law.

**LLB (Honours), University of Bedfordshire (2:1), 2005 – 2008**

* Dissertation: A Comparative Analysis of the Practical Tendencies of the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation Concerning State Immunity.

**Finance, Moscow State University, 2002 – 2005**

* Jurisprudence; Finance; Economics; Accounting; Management; Marketing.

## MEMBERSHIPS

* Bar: New York Bar Examination (July 2017);
* Member: IBA, ICC, LCIA, DIAC, DIS, SAC, CEPANI, DAA, RAA, BRLA, BIICL, CIArb.

## PUBLICATIONS

* *“Artificial Intelligence and International Arbitration: Going Beyond E-mail”*, contribution to “International Arbitration – the Next 100 years” book, 2017, CIArb;
* *“Arbitration Claims by Ukrainian Investors under the Russia-Ukraine BIT: between Crimea and a Hard Place?”*, 2016, CIS Arbitration Forum;
* *“Mr Pugachev’s Multi-Billion Dollar Claim and One Insurmountable Hurdle”*, 2015, CIS Arbitration Forum;
* *“The Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution”*, 2015, IBA Arbitration News;
* *“Attachment of Russia Owned Assets in Belgium”*, 2015, RAA;
* *“South Stream Intergovernmental Agreements: A Compendium”*, 2014 (Co-authored);
* *“The Suspended Bulgarian Bill for Amendments of the Energy Act: Political Gambit or Genuine Concern”*, September 2014 (Co-authored), IBA Oil & Gas Law Newsletter;
* Series of Notes on the Energy Charter Treaty, 2014-2015 (Co-authored).

## CONFERENCES

* Organiser, Islamic Finance Conference, MC Academy/CIArb, Manama (Bahrain), 2016;
* Speaker, Energy and Arbitration, AIA, Brussels, 2016;
* Speaker, Yukos Panel Discussion, Shepherd and Wedderburn, London, 2016;
* Arbitrator, IV ICC Lex Mercatoria, Minsk, 2015;
* Arbitrator, 22nd Vis Moot pre-moots, Riga-Amman-Moscow, 2015;
* Speaker, Young Members Group Annual Conference, CIArb, London, 2014;
* Organiser, *Sir Elihu Lauterpacht* Lecture Series on the Administration of International Justice, Brussels, 2012.

## Projects

* Founder of *LawEvents.com* (public calendar for events in the legal sector);
* Founder of *Mena Chambers ECT Gateway App* (available on iTunes and Google Play).

## Languages

English, Russian, Latvian.

## References

Available on request.