

MIDDLE EAST DISPUTES SUMMIT 2019

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FOREWORD JAMES WOOD, THE LEGAL 500



he Legal 500 is delighted to welcome you to the very first Middle East Disputes Summit. With over 150 of the region's leading in-house lawyers joining us today, the event reflects the growing significance of the Middle East as a key market for global business.

There has never been a better time to discuss the role of GCs and private practice advisers in helping businesses to negotiate an increasingly difficult landscape. While the appeal of arbitration continues to rise across the region, clients are increasingly questioning the time and cost of established dispute resolution mechanisms.

Reflecting this, we have decided to make our inaugural disputes conference a GC-led initiative. We were fortunate to have received the support and opinions of over 40 leading GCs in the run-up to this conference. Their views are reflected in the sessions we will enjoy throughout the day. We also benefited from the support and insight provided to us by headline sponsor Winston & Strawn, and co-sponsors White & Case, K&L Gates, Charles Russell Speechlys, King & Wood Mallesons, Atkin Chambers, 4 Stone Buildings and Augusta Ventures.

Throughout the day, we will hear some of the finest general counsel operating in this region share their views on the most important topics in dispute resolution and compliance.

Today's conference will cover the most topical issues in dispute resolution, from third-party funding to selecting the appropriate seat of arbitration. Above all, we hope you will find this gathering a useful opportunity to discuss how dispute resolution can more effectively serve the needs of business.

The Legal 500 will continue to work on new and innovative ways of bringing GCs and their advisers together. If you have any suggestions for how we might make next year's conference even better then please do let us know.

We hope you enjoy the conference and keep providing feedback.

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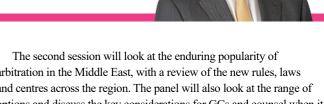


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am truly honoured to welcome you to The Legal 500's inaugural Middle East Disputes Summit. Having seen the amount of care and thought that has gone into the preparation of today's conference, both by the team at The Legal 500 and the steering committee comprised of highly experienced regional general counsel who have made time in busy schedules to ensure that today's summit will be valuable for all attending, Winston & Strawn is privileged to play a part in supporting this prestigious event.

The panel sessions today feature some of the highest profile and most experienced general counsel operating in the region who will be sharing their views on some of the hot topics around dispute resolution and compliance.

At the start of today's programme, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear perspectives from Amna Al Owais (CEO of the DIFC Courts), Linda Fitz-Alan (CEO of the Abu Dhabi Global Market Courts) and Christian Alberti (chief of ADR at the Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration), three individuals right at the forefront of driving the change agenda in the regional dispute resolution landscape.

In a break from convention for legal conferences, we will also have the benefit of hearing a talk on the neuroscience of leadership delivered by the acclaimed neuroscientist, Dr Helena Boschi. The session will look at how lawyers can draw on neuroscientific principles to communicate with and manage their teams for maximum performance. Dr Boschi is a fascinating speaker and, as Winston & Strawn is using its Year of Mental Health campaign to shine a light on mental health issues within the legal profession, we are delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with Dr Boschi.

The first panel session of the day will discuss the role of the GC in minimising litigation and regulatory risk. The theme of the panel will be that whilst sometimes formal disputes are unavoidable, in many cases there will be a more cost-effective outcome achievable through the implementation of the right strategy before a dispute or investigation crystallises. The GCs on the panel have many years of experience of managing disputes and compliance risk in a range of diverse and sometimes high-risk jurisdictions.

arbitration in the Middle East, with a review of the new rules, laws and centres across the region. The panel will also look at the range of options and discuss the key considerations for GCs and counsel when it comes to choosing a seat.

An emerging trend in dispute resolution in the Middle East is the third-party funding (TPF) of disputes. The third panel session will look at TPF in the region and ask how GCs and external counsel can use TPF to reduce the financial risk of disputes, manage balance sheets and generate revenue.

Not every dispute is a bet the company matter and, in many cases, a key consideration (and sometimes the most important consideration) is the cost of the process. The next panel session will review some of the creative pricing strategies that can be deployed to help achieve quicker, cheaper and more efficient ways to resolve disputes. This panel will share practical tips from some of the region's leading disputes counsel on how costs can be brought under control.

After lunch, we will look at confidentiality and privilege in the GCC. One of the main perceived advantages of arbitration is its confidential nature. The panelists in this discussion will look at those benefits, together with the issue of privilege and how the concept applies across the common law and civil law boundary.

The penultimate panel session of the day will look at strategies for managing relationships under shareholder agreements - fertile ground for disputes in the Middle East. We then consider the evolving jurisdiction of the DIFC Courts.

I am looking forward to this exciting day and to discussing the key issues facing in house counsel in the dispute resolution arena. I am grateful to The Legal 500 for hosting this summit and to our cosponsors, moderators and speakers for supporting the event.

I hope you enjoy the day's events and, most importantly, I hope that you leave with something of value that you can put to use in your day

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PROGRAMME MORNING

8.15am

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8.45am-9.00am

OPENING REMARKS

- James Wood, The Legal 500;
- Ben Bruton, Winston & Strawn;
- Amna Al Owais, DIFC Courts.

9.00am-9.50am

KEY RISKS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION (AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)

Some of the region's leading GCs give their thoughts on how to spot, manage and communicate disputes risks with a range of stakeholders, from transactional colleagues to members of the c-suite.

- Dalia Al Sayeh, Honeywell;
- Ben Bruton, Winston & Strawn (moderator);
- Steffen Feike, Bombardier;
- Sari Kanaan, AkzoNobel:
- Abbe David Lowell, Winston & Strawn:
- Gregor Pannike, Easa Saleh Al-Gurg (ESAG) Group.

9.50am-10.10am

IS ARBITRATION FAILING ITS USERS?

Is the gold-standard of arbitration necessary, or would business rather have an imperfect system that is faster and cheaper? Linda Fitz-Alan, registrar and chief executive of ADGM Courts, speaks to Dutco's Helen Graham about what counsel really want when facing a dispute.

- Linda Fitz-Alan, Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Courts;
- Helen Graham, Dutco.

10.10am-11.00am

MUSICAL CHAIRS: HOW TO CHOOSE THE PERFECT SEAT

The growing popularity of arbitration in the Middle East has seen a slew of new rules, laws and centres across the region. In this panel we survey the sometimes baffling range of options and ask what the key considerations are for GCs and counsel when it comes to choosing a seat.

- Nirmeen Gul, Suez;
- Glenn C. Kennett, Saudi Aramco;
- Luka Kristovic, White & Case:
- Michael Turrini, White & Case (moderator).

11.00am-11.15am COFFEE BREAK

11.15am-12.05pm

NOT PAYING THE PIPER: THIRD-PARTY FUNDING - THE SOLUTION TO LIQUIDITY CONSTRAINTS?

Encouraged by arbitration centres and increasingly demanded by users, third-party funding (TPF) is on the rise. We look at TPF in the region and ask how GCs and counsel can use TPF to reduce the financial risk of disputes, manage balance sheets and generate revenue.

- Dominik Engel, ABB;
- James Foster, Augusta Ventures;
- Jennifer Paterson, K&L Gates;
- Peter Pender-Cudlip, GPW;
- Jonathan Sutcliffe, K&L Gates (moderator);
- Chris Wilcock, Samsung.

12.05pm-12.25pm

FIRESIDE CHAT: HOW TO SUCCEED IN LITIGATION

Bapsy Dastur, general counsel and chief legal officer of Stolt-Nielsen talks to Winston & Strawn's Jeffrey L. Kessler about how to succeed in litigation.

- Bapsy Dastur, Stolt-Nielsen;
- Jeffrey L. Kessler, Winston & Strawn.

12.25pm-1.15pm

COST-EFFECTIVE ARBITRATION

Faced with spiralling disputes costs, the search is on for quicker, cheaper and more efficient ways to resolve disputes. This panel will share practical tips from some of the region's leading disputes counsel on how costs can be brought under control.

- Narguiz Birk-Petersen, Takeda;
- Patrick Gearon, Charles Russell Speechlys (moderator);
- Yasser Abo Ismail, Schindler;
- Dr Zaid Mahavni, SEDCO:
- Gregor Pannike, Easa Saleh Al-Gurg (ESAG) Group.

1.15pm-2.30pm

LUNCH

AFTERNOON

2.30pm-3.20pm

WITHOUT PREJUDICE: REGULATORY INVESTIGATIONS, CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVILEGE, AND THE ROLE OF IN-HOUSE COUNSEL IN THE GCC

At a time when the benefits of international arbitration seem to be dwindling, confidentiality and privilege stand out as lasting advantages offered to users. Our panel explores the status of its shining virtues in Middle East-seated cases and asks what endusers would like to see change.

- James Howells OC, Atkin Chambers (moderator);
- Ahmad Zaky Ismail, Saudi Aramco Shell Refinery Company (SASREF):
- Sandra Redding, Dragon Oil;
- Iryna Telychko, Etihad Rail DB;
- Sean Yates, China State Construction Engineering Corporation Middle East (CSCEC ME).

3.20pm-4.10pm

ARBITRATING SHAREHOLDER DISPUTES

In this panel we look at the obstacles and traps to avoid when managing shareholder disputes in the Middle East – from formulating strategy to triggering formal proceedings, we map the ideal route to a satisfactory outcome.

- Hassan Bouadar, FedEx and TNT Express;
- Andrew Clutterbuck QC, 4 Stone Buildings (moderator);
- Ed Crossley, 4 Stone Buildings;
- Sai Dandekar, Shapoorji Pallonji International;
- Andrew Rose, 4 Stone Buildings.

4.10pm-4.25pm

COFFEE BREAK

4.25pm-5.15pm

THE EVOLVING JURISDICTION OF THE DIFC COURTS - CONTEMPT OF COURT, ADDITION OF PARTIES AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

This panel will consider litigation in the DIFC courts, beyond the court's supervision of arbitration. Emphasising practical examples and drawing on the experiences of GCs and counsel, the session will provide a 'how to' guide for those approaching litigation in Dubai.

- Tom Montagu-Smith QC, XXIV Old Buildings;
- Tim Taylor OC, King & Wood Mallesons (moderator).

5.15pm-6.00pm

THE SCIENCE AND LANGUAGE OF PERSUASION

How neuroscience can help GCs get the best out of their teams. In this final and fast-paced session we will be taken through an overview of how the brain makes decisions and how we can persuade others to act using an awareness of neuroscience and behavioural economics. We will also explore the psychological effect of language and the power of emotions when dealing with other people and formulating influencing strategies.

■ Dr Helena Boschi.

6.00pm onwards

CLOSING REMARKS BY CAMPBELL STEEDMAN, WINSTON & STRAWN, AND NETWORKING RECEPTION ON THE BEACHFRONT

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Christian P. Alberti is the Chief of ADR at the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA) in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He supervises the SCCA's case management secretariat and its caseload. He has overseen thousands of large complex multi-party arbitrations and mediations covering all types of disputes.



AMNA AL OWAIS

DIFC COURTS

Amna Al Owais is currently the registrar

of the DIFC Courts, registrar of the

special tribunal related to Dubai World, chairwoman of the DIFC Courts' Users' Committee and a member of the Consulting Council for the University of Sharjah College of Law. She played a key part in the establishment and development of the DIFC Courts and creation of the Dispute Resolution Authority in 2014.



DALIA AL SAYEH
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Dalia Al Sayeh is general counsel for
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counsel for EMEA at Honeywell. She leads a team of lawyers that has supported the company in its growth across the region and frequently advises on all aspects of the business. An M&A lawyer by training, she has previously worked as an associate in the New York office of Willkie Farr & Gallagher and the Dubai office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.



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BEN BRUTON
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Ben Bruton is head of Winston &
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and investigations practice. He has almost 20 years of dispute resolution, investigations and financial crime experience, having handled high-stakes litigation and arbitration matters for several FTSE 100 and S&P 500 companies across many jurisdictions. Ben has a particular focus on the construction and financial services sectors.



DR HELENA BOSCHI

Dr Helena Boschi is a psychologist and speaker specialising in applied neuroscience at work. She works closely with businesses to define and design new learning initiatives, particularly in the areas of leadership and team development, intercultural communication and organisational change. Her particular areas of interest include the brain and behaviour, our emotional and rational neural networks and how to improve our cognitive abilities.



HASSAN BOUADAR FEDEX AND THT EXPRESS

Hassan Bouadar is vice president of legal and regulatory affairs of FedEx

Express Middle East, Indian Subcontinent and Africa (MEISA), appointed in 2016. Based in Dubai, he is responsible for all legal and regulatory affairs throughout the MEISA region. MEISA covers 85 countries where he manages the legal departments of FedEx and TNT in Africa, the Middle East and India.



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Andrew Clutterbuck is a leading authority on joint venture and shareholder disputes

in English and offshore jurisdictions. He has recently arbitrated a high value joint venture international dispute involving Russian property, including consequential court challenges to the award. He is instructed regularly in the English High Court, Chancery and Commercial Courts and Court of Appeal.



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Edward Crossley's practice has an emphasis on commercial and company

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Global co-chair of Winston & Strawn's litigation department Steve D'Amore

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BAPSY DASTUR STOLT-NIELSEN

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Prior to joining Stolt Nielsen, she was the general counsel, head – legal and integrity for India, Middle East, and Africa at ABB. She has extensive global experience in legal, compliance and regulatory matters in a range of sectors and has previously held several positions in GE.



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Dominik Engel is senior regional legal counsel and integrity officer, Power

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STEFFEN FEIKE Bombardier

Steffen Feike is a Dubai-based dual qualified German Rechtsanwalt

(lawyer) and English Solicitor who holds memberships with the Munich Bar Association as well the Law Society of England & Wales. He specialises in commercial and corporate transactions, dispute resolution and Intellectual Property with an industry focus on technology and engineering (aerospace, ICT, infrastructure).



LINDA FITZ-ALAN ADGM COURTS

Linda Fitz-Alan joined Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Courts as registrar and chief executive in October 2015. She is responsible for leading the administration and operations of ADGM Courts, particularly in the delivery of its comprehensive electronic services, as well as playing a key role in the management of the cases and ADGM's dispute resolution services.



JAMES FOSTER
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James Foster is the head of international arbitration at Augusta.

Before joining, he was a partner with the international law firm Gowling WLG (previously Wragge Lawrence Graham) where he headed the Middle East arbitration and construction disputes practice, having started the Lawrence Graham office in Dubai in 2007.



PATRICK GEARON CHARLES RUSSELL SPEECHLYS

Patrick Gearon is head of Charles Russell Speechlys' Middle East practice (conducted from offices in Bahrain, Dubai and Qatar). He specialises in all areas of dispute resolution with particular emphasis on banking, intellectual property, insolvency, professional negligence and company disputes.

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JAMES HOWELLS QC ATKIN CHAMBERS

James Howells QC is an English barrister who practises across a broad range

of disputes in litigation, arbitration, adjudication and all methods of alternative dispute resolution. He has particular experience in energy and power-related disputes, and information technology disputes. Much of his work is international in nature and throughout his career he has advised on disputes in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Australia and across Asia.



YASSER ABO ISMAIL SCHINDLER

An international legal counsel and business leader with 17 years of

experience in top tier multinational firms, Yasser Abo Ismail is currently managing all legal and compliance matters related to Schindler Group in the Middle East and North Africa Area. He has previously worked for EY, PepsiCo, Eaton Corporation where he held positions of increasing responsibilities in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Dubai.



AHMAD ZAKY ISMAIL SAUDI ARAMCO SHELL REFINERY COMPANY

Ahmad Zaky Bin Ismail is the general legal counsel for Saudi Aramco Shell Refinery Company (SASREF). A certified compliance practitioner with over 27 years of legal working experience, he has an accomplished track record as a general counsel, corporate lawyer, company secretary and legal advisor to the private and public sector.



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Glenn C. Kennett serves as practice area leader of the general corporate and

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JEFFREY L. KESSLER WINSTON & STRAWN

Jeffrey L. Kessler is co-executive chair of Winston & Strawn and co-chair of

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LUKA KRISTOVIC White & Case

Luka Kristovic Blazevic is partner at White & Case. He is a member of the

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Industries, one of the largest privately owned companies in the Gulf region. His broad experience encompasses various areas of law relating to cross-border practice, including corporate and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, franchising and international dispute resolution.



DR ZAID MAHAYNI
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He qualified as a lawyer in Quebec in 2002 and has been working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since 2005. Dr Mahayni holds a Bachelor of Law (in French) from the University of Montreal (Canada), a Masters in Petroleum Law from the University of Dundee, and a PhD on Saudi Arabian capital market regulation from the University of Leicester.



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Tom Montagu-Smith QC has a broad commercial practice in both

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GREGOR PANNIKE
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