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DR. ABDEL RAOUF is a holder of a Ph.D. in private law (with the distinction *très honorable avec les félicitations du jury*) from the University of Montpellier I, France. Topic of thesis was «The International Arbitrator and State Contracts». Prior to this, he obtained a Diploma, DEA en Droit des Contrats d'Affaires, Montpellier Business Law School, University of Montpellier I, France as well as a Master's degree in International Business Law (LL.M), Institute of International Business Law (IDAI), Cairo University.

He has acted as sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chairman of arbitral tribunals in numerous domestic and international commercial arbitrations (institutional and *ad hoc*). He has also acted as counsel, for private and public entities, including the Egyptian government, in many international commercial and investment arbitrations (under the Rules of CRCICA, UNCITRAL, ICC, AAA, ICSID and the GCC).

He is the author and co-author of several legal publications on arbitration (in Arabic, English and French), including the Chapter on Egypt of the World Arbitration Reporter (WAR). He has also spoken at several international conferences and seminars. He is a CEDR Accredited Mediator, an approved Tutor at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb - London), a Resource Person in International Investment Agreements and Investment Disputes, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), an Expert in ISDS, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Arab Arbitration issued by the Arab Union of International Arbitration, in addition to being one of the founders of the Egyptian Arbitration Forum (EAF).



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SAMPLE OF RECENT CASES

AS ARBITRATOR

- Co-arbitrator in an international ICC commercial arbitration between a Middle Eastern company and a European laboratory.
- Chairman selected and confirmed by the ICC Court in a major international ICC construction arbitration between an American company and a Middle Eastern company.
- Chairman in an international commercial arbitration over media production and satellite channels involving two Arab entities according to the Rules of the Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).
- Co-arbitrator in a major investment dispute between an Egyptian public entity and an Arab investor regarding a property development in Egypt;
- Chairman in an international institutional arbitration between a Hungarian company and a Middle Eastern corporation regarding an international delivery agreement;
- Sole arbitrator in an international institutional arbitration over hotel management and operation agreement between Middle Eastern companies;
- Co-arbitrator in a major construction dispute regarding the development of a touristic resort in Egypt;
- Co-arbitrator in a major construction dispute between a Middle Eastern company and a Spanish contractor regarding the erection of a cement plant; and
- Co-arbitrator in several international institutional arbitrations regarding international sales of goods involving parties from the Middle East, Europe and the United States.

AS COUNSEL

- Acted for the Arab Republic of Egypt in a Euro 40 Million ICSID arbitration, for the alleged expropriation of a Danish investment in the hospitality industry (*Helnan v. Arab Republic of Egypt*);
- Acted for a Middle Eastern owner in a major international institutional arbitration over hotel management involving a Swiss Hotel Manager.
- Acted for a Middle Eastern consortium in an ICC arbitration taking place in Singapore regarding airplane maintenance contracts;
- Acted for a Middle Eastern company in a Zurich- based ICC arbitration regarding the award of a major airport construction project in the Middle East;



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- Acted for a Middle Eastern government instrumentality in a USD 60 Million institutional arbitration against a major US aerospace contractor, involving breach of a contract for the upgrade of national radar systems;
- Acted for an Egyptian construction company in two major construction arbitrations conducted under the auspices of CRCICA (UNCITRAL Rules);
- Acted for a Middle Eastern pharmaceutical company in an international institutional arbitration involving a British company regarding an international agency agreement; and
- Numerous judicial review and enforcement proceedings involving domestic and international arbitral awards.

AS LEGAL EXPERT

- Party-appointed expert in a complex ICC arbitration involving Middle Eastern and European mobile operators.
- Provided numerous legal opinions to foreign investors and multinationals regarding different matters of Egyptian law involving *inter alia* major EPIC contracts for subsea development of offshore gas fields in Egypt.

RESEARCH, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

- The Chapter on Egypt of the World Arbitration Reporter (WAR), Juris Publishing, 2010.
- How should international arbitrators tackle corruption issues?", Spring 2009 ICSID REVIEW—FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAW JOURNAL, pp. 135-155. Based on a paper submitted to the 26th AAA/ICC/ICSID Joint Colloquium on International Arbitration: Adapting Arbitration to a changing world, Washington DC, 20 November 2009. This paper was also published in *Liber Amicorum* Bernardo Cremades, La Ley, 2010, pp.1-16.
- Keynote Speaker on: "Management Decision to settle Business Disputes: Arbitration Vs. Litigation", American Chamber in Egypt, Cairo, 7 July 2010.
- Observer, UNCITRAL, 43rd Session, New York 21-26 June 2010, Adoption of the Revised UNCITRAL Model Rules.
- The Contractual amendment of the scope of judicial review of arbitral awards", paper submitted to the International Conference on "The Revision of the UNCITRAL Rules in light of thirty years of Experience: a look into the future", Beirut, 15-17 April 2010.



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- “Updating the UNCITRAL Rules: Any further steps needed”, presentation made at the VIAC –UNCITRAL 2010 Conference, Vienna 25-26 March 2010.
- Expert ISDS, UNCTAD Workshop on Foreign investment and ISDS, Cape Verde, 7-10 December 2009.
- Overview of arbitration in Egypt”, presentation made at the Seminar on “Egypt: Legal System and Investment Prospective”, Genoa Bar Association-Genoa 27 November 2009.
- “The setting aside of arbitral awards”, presentation made at the Seminar on “New Aspects of domestic and International arbitration”, Beirut- 1-3 October 2009.
- Observer, UNCITRAL WG II (Arbitration and Conciliation), 51st Session, Vienna 14-18 September 2009, Revision of the UNCITRAL Model Rules.
- Expert ISDS, OECD Training Workshop to Iraqi Delegation on “Enabling and Sustaining Private Foreign Investment in Iraq”, Paris, 6-8 July 2009.
- “The UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the Settlement of Investment Disputes: The Experience of the CRCICA”, the Lebanese Review of Arab and International Arbitration, No. 48, June 2009 (in Arabic).
- “The settlement of investment disputes involving parties from the Arab world”, presentation made at the Biennial IFCIAI International Conference on “Key Current Issues in International Arbitration with Particular reference to International Arbitration involving Parties from the Arab World”, Tunis, 28 & 29 May 2009.
- “The First Inter-Arab Investment Dispute before the ICSID: A Commentary on the Arbitral Award rendered in the ICSID arbitration case No. Arb/05/17 filed by the Omani Company Desert Line Projects against Yemen”, Journal of Arab Arbitration, No.2, May 2009, pp.352-356 (in English).
- Tutor, Workshop on “Drafting Arbitral Awards”, Kuwait, 27-30 April 2009.
- “Corruption and Arbitration: The Dissuasive Role of International Arbitrators”, presentation made at the International Conference on “International Commercial Arbitration and ADR in a Challenging World.....Cross Cultural Perspectives”, organized by the Cairo Regional Centre, 29-30 March 2009, Cairo, Egypt.
- “The Time Element in International Commercial Arbitration”, presentation made at the Second Mediterranean-Middle East Council Forum-II Seminar on “International Arbitration, Mediation and the art of Negotiation”, organized by The European Court of Arbitration (Mediterranean and Middle East Division) and Valencia Bar Association, 7-8 November 2008, Valencia, Spain.



- “The Practice of Investment Treaty Arbitration involving Parties from the Arab World: The Egyptian Experience”, presentation made at the International Arbitration Conference on “International Arbitration involving parties from the Arab World”, organized by the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), 23 October 2008, Stockholm, Sweden.
- “Analytical study of the Egyptian jurisprudence on the setting aside of arbitral awards”, the Journal of Arab Arbitration, Vol. 11, June 2008, pp. 123-148 (in Arabic).
- “The Role of the Egyptian Judiciary in Arbitration: A lawyer’s point of view”, paper presented to the International Seminar on “Alternative Dispute Resolution”, organized by the Algerian Supreme Court on the occasion of the enactment of the new Algerian law on Arbitration, 15-16 June 2008, Algiers, Algeria.
- “The Avoidance of Investor-State Disputes: The Respective Roles of Host States and Investors”, paper presented to the International Conference on “Investment Treaties and Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Emerging Issues and Challenges for Arab Countries”, organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and CRCICA, with the support of the League of Arab States, 14 - 15 May 2008, Cairo, Egypt.
- “Arbitration and the Settlement of Investor-State Disputes: Latest Developments”, paper presented to the 1st symposium on “International Commercial Arbitration and Libya”, organized by the Academy for Postgraduate Studies in cooperation with Petrucci & Associati and the Mediterranean Arbitration Council, 16 March 2008, Tripoli, Libya.
- “Regulatory Developments in Arbitration in the MEDA Countries with special emphasis on Egypt”, paper presented to the International Conference on “Preventing and Managing International Commercial Disputes: Towards a Euro Med Alternative Dispute Resolution Infrastructure”, organized by the ADR Centre in cooperation with the European Commission and Euro Med, September 28 - 29, 2007, Rome, Italy.
- «Le choix de l’arbitre: le point de vue des institutions d’arbitrage. Vers une responsabilité partagée», paper presented to the International Conference on “Aspects de l’arbitrage international dans le droit et la pratique des pays arabes», organized by the French Cour de Cassation, 13 June 2007, Paris, France.
- «Salient Features of the Draft Egyptian Model BIT», paper presented to the International Conference on “Arbitration in Trade and Investment Disputes: How Effective Arbitration can Facilitate Investment and Improve International Commercial Relations”, organized by the Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLPs (WH) in cooperation with CRCICA and the Egyptian-British Chamber of Commerce (EBCC) in collaboration with the Egyptian General Authority for



Investment and Free Zones (GAFI) and the Egyptian Lawsuits Authority, 6 May 2007, Cairo-Egypt.

- "Recent developments in international commercial arbitration in Egypt", the LCIA Newsletter (Vol. 11, January 2006, p. 22 (in English)).
- "The contractual amendment of the scope of judicial review of arbitral awards", Paper presented to the International Conference on "The vital role of State Courts in arbitration", organized by the Arab Union of International Arbitration (AUIA) jointly with CRCICA in cooperation with The Arab League, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI), Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, November 19-21, 2005, published in Volume 9 of the Journal of Arab Arbitration, August 2006, pp. 33-40 (in Arabic).
- "Salient features of the judicial application of the UNCITRAL Model Arbitration Law in some Arab countries", Paper presented to the International Conference on "Celebrating Success: 20 years UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration", organized by CRCICA and the UNCITRAL, 12-13 September, 2005, Cairo, Egypt.
- Research Study on Streamlining the Egyptian Laws, Regulations and Procedures Governing Small and Medium Enterprises' Establishment, Growth, Export and Exit, presented to and published by the Egyptian Ministry of Finance, in consortium with Megacom and Phoenix Consulting, September 2005. (in English and Arabic).
- Chronique de jurisprudence égyptienne, co-author, Revue de l'Arbitrage, 2004, No.4, pp. 941-979. (in French).
- "Le rapport national égyptien sur les mesures provisoires dans l'arbitrage international" distributed, as a part of the General Report on "Les mesures provisoires et l'arbitrage", to the participants in the Congrès de l'Association Internationale de Droit Judiciaire, 21-24 September 2004, Paris-Dijon, France.
- "Remarks on the Arbitration System of the ICSID", paper presented to the fourth international Conference on "International Energy (Oil & Gas) Agreements and the Settlement of relevant Disputes", co-sponsored by CRCICA, the Ministry of Petroleum of Egypt and ICSID, March 9-10, 2002, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- "ICSID and Investment Treaties. The unilateral arbitral commitment of States". 2001.
- "The International Arbitrator and State Contracts" Ph.D. 1999 (in French).
- "Arbitration in Contracts concluded between States and Private Foreign Enterprises". 1995 (in French).
- "The Substantive applicable law in International Commercial Arbitration". 1994 (in French).