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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: American

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Accredited Arbitrator of Dubai Courts
- Accredited Court Expert of Dubai Courts
- Accredited Arbitrator of Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- Accredited Lawyer and Litigator before the Courts of Dubai Financial Centre (DIFC)
- Accredited Arbitrator of Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Centre (ADCCAC)
- Accredited Arbitrator of Sharjah International Commercial Arbitration Centre (TAHKEEM)
- High Diploma in Commercial International Arbitration (CIARB) - Keble College, UK
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy – Certificate of Summer School 2002 Completion
- LL.M. (Masters Degree) in Comparative Law for Foreign Lawyers concentration in International Intellectual Property and International business Transactions
1996 – 1997 University of San Diego, California, USA
- LL.B. in Domestic and International Law
1989 – 1993 University of Khartoum, Sudan

LANGUAGES

English and Arabic

May 21, 2014

PRESENT POSITION

- Founder/ Managing Partner of Abutaha Intellectual Property (2007-Present)
 - Managing Partner at International Law Firm Mizzau based in Dubai, UAE overseeing the IP and Litigation Department (2007-Present)
 - Court Appointed Expert at Dubai Courts handling Intellectual Property Cases (2007-Present)
 - Dubai International Arbitration Centre Listed Arbitrator handling commercial, real estate, contracts and construction cases (2007-Present)
 - Registered Legal Practitioner to handle cases as before DIFC Courts; 2008-2009 / 2012 – Present
 - Registered Legal Practitioner in Sudan with full right of audience to handle cases before all courts including high courts since 1995).
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

- Al Suwaidi & Co., Dubai, UAE; 2002 – 2007; Senior Legal Consultant – Head of IP & Corporation Departments
 - Aztan Law Firm, Dubai, UAE; 2001 – 2002; Senior Legal Advisor
 - Ekeh Law Firm, San Diego, California, USA; 2000 – 2002; Legal Consultant – Overseas Associate
 - Law Offices of Maxwell C. Agha, San Diego, California, USA; 1998 – 2001; Legal Assistant (Independent Contractor)
 - Law Offices of Alexander Markman, San Diego, California, USA; 1998; Legal Consultant
 - Berlitz International, San Diego, California, USA; 1998; Federal Courts Certified Interpreter
 - Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton LLP, USA; 1998 – 1997; Research Assistant
 - Law Office of Abubaker Abbas, Khartoum, Sudan; 1993-1995; Trainee Lawyer.
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MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Associate Member of Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
 - Associate Member of Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Centre (ADCCAC)
 - Registered Legal Practitioner before the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts
 - Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB)
 - Member of International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)
 - Sudanese Bar Association (Admitted Practicing Lawyer Commissioner for Oath with full right of audience before all courts including high courts since 1995)
 - Member of MARQUES European Association
 - Member of International Trademark Association (INTA)
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Intellectual Property: International and foreign trademark filing and prosecution; trademark infringement, Patent infringement, copyright infringement)
 - Domain Names Registration and litigation
 - Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
 - Commercial, Corporate, Construction and Real Estate litigation
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EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Handles Expert Cases as Court Appointed Expert of UAE Federal Courts, Dubai and Abu Dhabi Courts in Intellectual Property and Commercial Cases and rendered expert opinion, Expert Consultancy reports and oral Expert Testimony in more than 60 cases in all sort of IP protection and Cancellation Cases
- Handles Intellectual property litigation (trademarks and patents infringement and domain names disputes)

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- Represented numbers of international and local clients in trademark registration, our client have received a satisfactory results by registering their trademark worldwide and made use of our packages that covers (GCC, CTM (27 of European Countries), Middle East, Africa, Asian, USA and others)
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EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

- Represented international and local clients in litigation of domain names issues and handled domain names disputes as Court Appointed Expert of UAE Federal Courts, Dubai & Abu Dhabi Courts.
 - Represented in a pending litigation of a Multinational Corporation (Publishing Sector) on trademark issues and copyright issues arising out of unauthorized use of trademark of our client as a trade name and as a domain name on the content of the infringer's website "Cyber Squatting".
 - Rendered Expert Opinion and Expert Consultancy Reports in Domain Names disputes for international and local clients
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MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Have articles to be published in @ ISSUE magazine, a Publication of Abutaha Intellectual Property regarding the following:

- Cancellation of Trademark Registration under UAE Law
 - Practice and Jurisprudence of UAE Courts of the Protection of Well-known Trademarks
 - Most needed changes in Copyright Laws in GCC Countries
 - Case studies on Domain Name Dispute in UAE
 - Under Publication – The Expert Journal – UAE which will include reports of Expert Cases handled before UAE Courts
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EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

- Handled the Litigation department in cases and areas of Trademark, Copyrights and Patent prosecution and litigation
 - Acted as Counsel in various Commercial, Civil, Criminal and Personal Matters Litigations
 - Has conducted FIDIC based construction disputes and worked on FIDIC based contracts
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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – WIPO Arbitration Workshop, October 2013 in Seoul, Republic of Korea
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy – Certificate of Summer School Completion 2002.
- Attended INTA Annual Meeting and Conferences in USA (Washington DC), Germany (Berlin) and Dubai (UAE)
- Attended the **Diploma Course in International Commercial Arbitration**, September 2007, at Keble College, Oxford, during the Course of Diploma, Mrs. Abutaha was trained and mentored by Dr. Nael G. Bunni, past Chairman of FIDIC's Standing Committee on Professional Liability and FIDIC's Task Committee on Construction, Insurance and Law.
- Designed **Course Material for Training in FIDIC Contract, Claims and Arbitration**. The Course is designed to drain and deliver hands on Knowledge and Expertise to Lawyers, Consultants, Engineers and other who are involved in the Field of Construction and Arbitration in the Region. The Course handles Contracts, Claims, and Arbitration according to FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Design/Build & EPC & Short Form Turn Key, Published by FIDIC Form (1953 up to 1999).

WIPO ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER

- Attended an international training course titled **International Commercial Arbitration – Special Stage “Dispute Resolution”** in Dubai UAE (10-12 November 2007) by the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- Attended 2-days international conference titled **Activated Commercial Arbitration “Practical Needs to Develop National Law for Commercial Arbitration”** in Dubai UAE (12-13 November 2008) by the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- Attended 2-days work shop in “**The FIDIC Claims – Making, Defending and Resolving Claims under the FIDIC 1999 Contracts**” in Dubai, UAE (19-20 February 2013)
- WIPO Academy – Certificate of Summer School 2002 Completion

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

- Handled Arbitration Cases through & before DIAC, ICC, ADCCAC and TAKHEEM with cases range from commercial, real estate, contracts and construction for more than 50 cases
- Rendered awards in more than 50 cases and acted as Chairperson and appointed Sole Arbitrator by DIAC’s Executive Committee and in Ad Hoc Arbitrations
- Handled and Involved in Arbitration Cases as Court Listed Arbitrator through Dubai Courts
- Involved in Ad Hoc Arbitrations as an Arbitrator, Counsel in more than 20 cases.
- Involved in ICC cases as Attorney of Claimant and/or Respondent
- Acted as a Counsel for Claimants/Respondents before Arbitration panels and Arbitration Tribunals in Institutional Arbitrations and Ad Hoc Arbitrations in Qatar, Sudan and the UAE.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

- Dubai International Arbitration: Mediation Breakfast ‘*Why Mediation Works in Complex Commercial Cases*’; November 2013
- Attended various training Mediation workshops at Abu Dhabi Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Dubai International Arbitration Centre – Mediation Centre, Dubai Chamber of Commerce Mediation Centre

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

- Acted as Mediator on various cases such as ownership of copyrights, Pharmaceutical licensing issues and Domain Name Dispute.
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ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-Arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations	ICC	3				3
	Ad Hoc	10		5		
	Others					
Number of Cases : Sub-Total		13				
Domestic Arbitrations	DIAC	55	14	27	10	4
	ADCCAC	2			2	2
	UAE Courts	5		5		
	Dubai Chamber	5		5		
	Arbitration Center-Khartoum-Sudan	5	2	1	1	1
Number of Cases Sub-total		72				
TOTAL		95				

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**SUMMARY TABLE**

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Mediations	Mediator		Counsel	
International Mediations						
	Ad Hoc	5	2		3	
	Others					
Number of Cases :		5				
Sub-Total						
Domestic Mediations	AAA					
	Dubai Chamber	3	1		2	
	Court Annexed					
	Ad Hoc					
Number of Cases		3				
Sub-total						
TOTAL		8				