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EDUCATION

Manchester University, United Kingdom (2001-2004)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Title: “*Public Policy as a Fundamental Legal Conception Precluding the Application of Foreign Law in the Age of Globalisation.*” A Comparative Study of English, French, and Egyptian Legal Systems.

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Balliol College, Oxford University (2004)

Advanced Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration.

King’s College London, United Kingdom (2002)

(Centre of European Law)

Intensive Course on European Union Law

Manchester University, United Kingdom (2000-2001)

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Comparative Conflict of Laws.

Cairo University, Egypt (2000)

LLM in Private and International Law.

Cairo University, Egypt (1999-2000)

Post-Graduate Diploma in International Law.

Cairo University, Egypt (1998-1999)

Post-Graduate Diploma in Private Law.

Cairo University, Egypt (1994-1998)

Licence en Droit. (LLB Equivalent)

ACADEMIC POSITION

☞ Faculty of Law, Cairo University, Egypt

Chair of Private International Law Department (**since Sept. 2014**).

Associate Professor of Private International Law and Professor of Dispute Resolution and Comparative Contract Law.

Teaching Curriculum (2005-2016):

1. Comparative Private International Law.
2. International Commercial & Investment Arbitration.
3. English Contract Law.
4. Introduction to Anglo-American Legal Systems.
5. International Business Transactions and Project Finance and Construction Contracts.
6. Online Dispute Resolution.
7. Telecommunications Law and Dispute Resolution.

☞ Institute of International Business Law (IDAI), University of Paris I Sorbonne in Cooperation with the Faculty of Law, Cairo University, Egypt (2009-2016**)**

Professor of Conflict of Laws and International Arbitration in the Master I Program.

☞ Assistant Director, English Section – Faculty of Law (Cairo University 2009 - 2012).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE /ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

☞ American University in Cairo, Egypt (2012-2013**)**

Adjunct Professor of Construction Law & Arbitration ('CLAC 045') Program.

☞ Faculty of Law (Indianapolis), Indiana University, in Cooperation with the Faculty of Law, Cairo University (2008-2013**)**

Adjunct Professor of International Arbitration and ADR for the LL.M. Program in Cairo.

Faculty Coordinator for the LL.M Program in Cairo.

☞ Robinson College of Business, Georgia State University in Cooperation with the Faculty of Commerce, Cairo University, Egypt (2009-2010**)**

Adjunct Professor of International Business Law for the BBA Program.

☞ American Bar Association, Rule of Law Initiative – Training for Legal Practitioners in Cooperation with Cairo University, and the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (2009-2010)

Professor of Advocacy Law and International Arbitration.

☞ **Faculty of Law, Ain Shams University, Egypt (2005-2008)**

Adjunct Professor, Principles of Egyptian Contract Law and International Contracts (LLB Program, English Section)

Adjunct Professor, Comparative Private International Law. (LLB Program, English Section)

Adjunct Professor, Postgraduate Diploma on International Commercial Arbitration. (Ain Shams Arbitration Centre)

☞ **Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Marine Transport, Egypt (2006-2007)**

Visiting Professor on Comparative Contract Law and Dispute Resolution (M.Sc. Program on Business and Commerce Logistics)

Visiting Professor on Anglo-American Legal Procedures (*LL.M Program on Comparative Litigation and Arbitration Procedures*)

☞ **Faculty of Law, Mansoura University, Egypt (2005)**

Adjunct Professor on Comparative Conflict of Laws. (LLB Program, English Section)

☞ **Faculty of Commerce, Cairo University, Egypt (2005)**

Adjunct Professor on International Business Law. (BSc Program, English Section)

☞ **Egyptian Insurance Institute (Branch of the Chartered Institute of Insurance), Cairo, Egypt (2005)**

Adjunct Professor on Comparative Insurance Law.

☞ **Institute for Arab Research and Studies (*Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization- Arab League*), Cairo, Egypt (2005-2006)**

Conflict of Laws and Dissertation Supervisor (LL.M Program).

OVERSEAS ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

☞ **Fellow of the National Centre for Technology and Dispute Resolution at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.**

☞ **Associate Fellow, Centre for Private International Law, Aberdeen University, UK.**

☞ **School of Social Sciences and Law, Manchester University, United Kingdom**

Part-time Lecturer on Contract Law for the LLB Program (2003).

Part-time Lecturer on Conflict of Laws for the LL.M Program (2001-2002).

☞ **School of Food, Consumer, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom (2003)**

Part-time Lecturer on Consumer Business Law for the Consumer Marketing BSc Program.

☞ **School of Law, Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom (2004)**

Part-time Lecturer on English Contract Law, International Law and Corporations.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

☞ **Vice President, ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris.**

☞ **Member of the Court of Arbitration, LCIA, London.**

☞ **President, LCIA Arab Users' Council.**

☞ **Vice President, IBA Arbitration Committee.**

☞ **Member of the Advisory Committee, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Egypt.**

☞ **Member of the ICDR/AAA International Advisory Committee.**

☞ **Member of the SIAC African Users' Council.**

☞ **Committee Member of the IBA Investment Arbitration Sub-Committee.**

☞ **Committee Officer of the IBA Arab Regional Forum.**

☞ **President of the Advisory Board of the American Bar Association – Rule of Law Initiative in Egypt.**

☞ **Vice President, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Egypt Branch.**

☞ **Chair of the CIArb's Technology Committee.**

☞ **Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA).**

☞ **Member of the CIArb's Practice and Standards Committee.**

☞ **Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ("CEDR") Accredited Mediator.**

☞ **Dispute Resolution Consultant and Mediator, World Bank Group (WBG).**

☞ **Co-Director, CIArb's Diploma on Islamic Banking, Finance, and Arbitration in cooperation with INCEIF, Malaysia (September 2015)**

ADVOCACY AND CONSULTANCY

☞ **Zulficar & Partners Law Firm, Cairo, Egypt (since June 2009)**

Founding Partner, and Head of the Firm's International Arbitration, Oil & Gas, Construction and Project Finance Groups.

☞ **UNCITRAL (December 2012 & July 2013)**

Expert Consultant, Group Meeting on ODR, Vienna

☞ **United Nations, New York, USA (2014 – 2015)**

Independent Consultant, Mediation Services, Office of Ombudsman Services, UN.

☞ **Information Technology Industry Development Authority (ITIDA), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), Egypt (2005-2012)**

Senior Legal Counselor, International Contracts & Projects.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

☞ Holds over *fifty-five* prizes for academic merit and achievement during academic studies.

☞ Honoured by the Egyptian President in 1998 as the best law graduate in Egypt.

☞ Holder of the Chevening Scholarship in 2000 to pursue postgraduate studies in the UK.

☞ Features in *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* and is regularly recognized and ranked as a leading dispute resolution practitioner.

☞ *Nominated twice* in two successive years (2013 and 2014) by a panel of judges for the *Global Arbitration Review Award for Best Arbitration Lecture*.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Delivered more than **160 conference presentations** on *conflict of laws, comparative law, international arbitration, project finance and public-private partnerships, cultural globalization, online dispute resolution, insurance law and practice, oil & gas law, construction law and practice, telecommunications law and Islamic finance and Shari'a*.

APPOINTMENTS AS ARBITRATOR, COUNSEL AND LEGAL EXPERT

Prof. Dr. Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab served as 'Sole Arbitrator', 'Presiding Arbitrator', 'Party Appointed Arbitrator', or 'Counsel' in more than 172 cases, including complex, high value

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institutional and *ad hoc* arbitral proceedings involving parties from the *Middle East, Europe, Asia, Canada, and the United States.*

He appeared in cases under the auspices of the **AAA, CRCICA, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, LMAA, SCC, SIAC**, as well as *ad hoc UNCITRAL proceedings*, and acted as counsel and served as arbitrator in *mega multi-hundred million dollars disputes involving State and State-owned entities from different countries.*

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab is recognized as a *world leading expert on international arbitration, Egyptian and Arab Laws, Islamic Shari'a, and online dispute resolution.* He holds over **fifty-five prizes for academic achievement**, and is regularly published in learned international journals on issues of private international law, international commercial and investment arbitration, and project finance. Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab regularly speaks at national and international conferences on International Commercial & Investment Arbitration, Telecommunications Law(s), Construction Law and Practice, Oil & Gas, Project Finance, Online Dispute Resolution, and Private International Law.

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab's expertise in cross border multi- jurisdictional and highly complex transactions and disputes is broad and he has acted as counsel and served as arbitrator in proceedings governed by *Bahraini, Egyptian, English, French, Jordanian, Kuwaiti, Libyan, New York, Omani, Pakistani, Qatari, Saudi, Spanish, Swiss, Syrian, Italian and United Arab Emirates law(s), as well as the general principles of law.*

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab features in *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* as a **star arbitration practitioner** and has also been selected to feature in the **GAR Global Guide for Future Leaders in International Arbitration (2017)**. Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab is regularly recognized and ranked as a world leading dispute resolution practitioner in all leading legal directories.

- The Legal 500 (2013) stated that “***Head of international arbitration Mohamed Abdel Wahab ‘distinguishes himself through his sharpness, highly professional input, and performance befitting of a world-class arbitration practitioner’.***”
- The Chambers & Partners Global (2013) stated that Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab is “***commended by clients for his impeccable language skills and efficient manner’.***”
- The Chambers & Partners Global (2014) state that clients opined that the “***very strong arbitration practice’*** of the Firm is headed by the “***very knowledgeable’*** Mohamed Abdel Wahab.
- The Legal 500 (2014-2016) stated that Mohamed Abdel Wahab is “***one of the brightest of his generation, a strong thinker and excellent advocate who knows arbitration inside out’.***”
- The Chambers & Partners Global (2015) state that clients opined that the “***terrific’*** Mohamed Abdel Wahab is considered ***Egypt’s premier arbitration lawyer.*** Sources say: “***He prepares his case meticulously and comprehensively, and he is a superb cross-examiner.’***”

- The Chambers & Partners Global (2016) ranked Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab as the **only STAR individual** in Egypt and stated that clients say that Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab is “*very knowledgeable, extremely responsive and he really does make the jurisdiction more approachable for clients.*” Chambers & Partners acknowledged that *he has significant experience advising on telecommunications and construction disputes.*
- The Legal 500 (2017) stated that ‘*Sharp, focused and highly intelligent*’ head of international arbitration *Mohamed Abdel Wahab is ‘an exceptional practitioner’.*
- The Chambers & Partners Global (2017) ranks Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab as the **only STAR individual** in Egypt and states: “The ‘*top-notch*’ Mohamed Abdel Wahab *retains his position as a distinguished leader in the market after receiving a wealth of praise from peers and clients alike.* One market commentator said: ‘*He is the best practitioner for arbitration issues.*’ Another added: ‘*He is extraordinary - a bundle of energy, and academically extremely strong.*’”
- Who’s Who Legal (2016-2017) says: *Mohamed Abdel Wahab impresses all he works with: “I was cross-examined by him and he did a great job; he really earned my respect” says one interviewee. “He is a great asset to the Middle Eastern arbitration community.”*

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab has been *nominated twice in two successive years* by a panel of judges for the *Global Arbitration Review Award for Best Arbitration related Speech in 2013 and 2014*. In 2013, his nomination was for his presentation on the “*Domestic Law Basis for International Arbitration*” at the Milan Chamber of Arbitration, Milan – Italy on 29 November 2013, and in 2014 for his presentation on “*Glocalizing International Arbitration: An African Perspective*” for the LCIA-MIAC Users’ Council Guest Lecture in Port Louis, Mauritius on 2 October 2014.

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab is the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Online Dispute Resolution (IJODR), and Co-Editor of the leading treatise on entitled ‘Online Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice’ (2012), which received the *CPR Award for the Best Published Dispute Resolution Work (2013)*.

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab served as ‘Legal Expert’ in more than (23) cases (to advise on aspects of *Bahraini, English, Egyptian, Emirati, Kuwaiti, Libyan, Omani, Qatari, and Saudi* laws in relation to issues of *conflict of laws, contract law, international jurisdiction, construction law, telecommunications law, hotel management agreements, Islamic Shari’a, project finance, administrative law, commercial and civil laws, and insurance law*).

LANGUAGES

ARABIC (Mother Tongue)
 ENGLISH (Fluent)
 FRENCH (Working knowledge)