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**ADR SUMMIT – DUBAI**

Wednesday, 17 April 2024, 9:10am – 5:30pm

*Venue: Shangri-La Hotel, Dubai*

(This conference will be conducted in English)

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SPEAKERS



**Simon Hughes KC**  
Keating Chambers  
Chairman



**Reshma Oogorah**  
Independent Arbitrator  
Moderator – 3rd Grand Panel



**Sadaff Habib**  
Independent Arbitrator



**Julian Cohen**  
Arbitrator & Barrister,  
Resolution Chambers  
International



**Fatima Ghaith**  
Associate General Counsel,  
Weatherford International



**Lara Hammoud**  
Senior Legal Counsel, ADNOC



**Marcus Khoury**  
General Counsel,  
ALEC Engineering



**Sergey Medvedev**  
Partner, Gorodissky &  
Partners (Dubai)

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| 9:10 – 9:20   | Welcome Message by Chairman<br>Simon Hughes KC, Keating Chambers   |
| 9:20 – 9:40   | Opening Keynote Welcome Address  |
| 9:40 – 10:05  | Keynote Session: Case Management: What you Need to Do and Don't Do.  |
| 10:05 – 10:25 | Supply Chain Disputes – Best Remedies in Different Industries  |
| 10:25 – 11:05 | The Regional Panel – Monetizing & Enforcing Awards in Different Industries – Important Regional Updates in 2024  |
| 11:05 – 11:30 | <b>Networking &amp; Morning Refreshments</b>   |
| 11:30 – 11:50 | Managing and Avoiding Construction Disputes in the Coming Energy Transition Era  |
| 11:50 – 12:10 | The Rise of M&A & JV Disputes in the Middle East 2024  |
| 12:10 – 12:50 | 1st Grand Panel: The Energy Transition 2024 & Beyond – Arbitration, ESG, Regulatory Issues, Choosing Seats & Investment<br>Moderator:<br>• TBC<br>Panellist:<br>• Fatima Ghaith, Associate General Counsel, Weatherford International  |
| 12:50 – 13:55 | <b>Networking Lunch</b>  |
| 13:55 – 14:40 | 2nd Grand Panel: Evolving Legal Frameworks in 2024 and Beyond: Friendlier Rules in Different Regions and Important Issues Effecting Global Arbitration<br>Moderator:<br>• TBC<br>Panellists:<br>• Sadaff Habib, Independent Arbitrator<br>• Marcus Khoury, General Counsel, ALEC Engineering                                       |
| 14:40 – 15:00 | Does Accommodating More Diversity & More Flexibility into the Arbitration Framework Ensure Fairer Resolutions in the UAE and other Regions?  |
| 15:00 – 15:20 | Tech, Digital & Crypto Disputes – The New Era Is Here: Be prepared!  |
| 15:20 – 15:45 | <b>Short Break &amp; Afternoon Refreshment</b>   |
| 15:45 – 16:25 | 3rd Grand Panel: Arbitration, Mediation and the ADR Toolbox – When to Use Which Tool and How Effective are They in MENA & Other Jurisdictions<br>Moderator:<br>• Reshma Oogorah, Independent Arbitrator<br>Panellists:<br>• Lara Hammoud, Senior Legal Counsel, ADNOC<br>• Sergey Medvedev, Partner, Gorodissky & Partners (Dubai) |
| 16:25 – 16:45 | Expert Witness: Arbitration, Quantum & Determination – Key Issues in 2024  |
| 16:45 – 17:30 | 4th Grand Panel: FRAUD: Risks in 2024 in the UAE – Outbound Investment Risks, Technology's Role (Good & Bad) & Internal Investigations   |
| 17:30 – 17:35 | Closing Remarks & Lucky draw   |

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**Simon Hughes KC, Keating Chambers**

Simon Hughes KC is a specialist silk in major construction, engineering, shipbuilding and other off-shore and energy related disputes was recently awarded “Construction and Energy Silk of the Year” for 2019 by the Legal 500. He comes recommended for his client-focused approach, understanding of the technicalities of disputes and his “exceptional” advocacy, cross-examination, and advice.

Simon has been fortunate to have acted on some of the largest, and most challenging, heavy civil engineering disputes of the day (including a great deal of highway/highway infrastructure and associated geotechnical work).

He is ranked in the ‘Star’ category in Chambers & Partners for Construction and is also in the very top ranking in Chambers & Partners (Band 1) for International Arbitration. There are only few silks with these dual top-ranking and this reflects Simon’s stellar practice for major clients and leading law firms. Simon has been ranked in Who’s Who’s Legal as a Thought Leader in Construction and recommended in Arbitration and Construction.

Simon has substantial experience of conducting large arbitration in, or for clients based in, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and more broadly within south east Asia. Simon’s practice is typically major infrastructure or energy project-based problems on live matters or arbitrations.

**Reshma Oogorah, Independent Arbitrator**

Reshma Oogorah is an international arbitrator and legal counsel with over a decade of experience in high-value and complex commercial disputes. She focusses on the construction, technology and energy sectors, and has represented clients in both common and civil law jurisdictions. She has sat as Sole and Presiding arbitrator and acted as counsel in adhoc arbitrations, and under most major arbitration rules.

Prior to setting up her arbitration and legal practice, Niyom Legal, Reshma spent time working with leading law firms in the United Arab Emirates, Mauritius, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia, and with a top London Barrister’s chambers. Throughout her career, Reshma has advised and represented clients in transactions and disputes worth up to US\$25 billion.

Reshma is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), an elected committee member and Public Relations Officer of the CI Arb UAE Branch, and General Editor of the Branch’s quarterly newsletter.

**Sadaff Habib, Independent Arbitrator**

Sadaff Habib is an independent arbitrator and disputes counsel. She is a qualified New York attorney and has vast experience acting as both an arbitrator and as counsel in disputes across a variety of industries including construction, infrastructure, property, commercial, shareholder, desalination plants and solar power projects. She is recognized as a leading disputes practitioner both for her work as an arbitrator and as counsel by the Legal 500 and Who’s Who Legal who last year ranked her as a Future Leader. Sadaff has acted in ad hoc arbitrations and in disputes under various institutional rules including the ICC, UNCITRAL, Swiss Rules of International Arbitration, DIAC Rules, and ADCCAC rules. Before founding her practice, Equanimity Arbitration, Sadaff worked with leading international law firms with renowned disputes practice. Sadaff previously served as an Assistant Editor for Africa for the Kluwer Arbitration Blog and was on the CI Arb UAE Branch Committee during which time she developed the CI Arb UAE Mentoring Program. She also co-founded the Africa Construction Law Blog and served as General Editor of the blog.

**Julian Cohen, Arbitrator & Barrister, Resolution Chambers International**

Julian has 30 years of specialist experience of heavyweight international, and domestic, disputes. Sums in dispute in his cases vary from small to in excess of USD 2 billion. In addition to acting as counsel, he also regularly sits as an arbitrator. Julian has over 10 years’ experience in the MENA region, including 2 years based full time in Dubai, and an ongoing long-term commitment to the region. Julian has been involved in projects and disputes in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Oman, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Benin, Sierra Leone and Mali.

Julian was called to the Bar in England & Wales in 1990. He was with Pinsent Masons’ Construction Disputes practice in London and Hong Kong from 1993 to 2009. He left Pinsent Masons as a partner in 2009, and was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 2010. Julian is particularly well known for his heavy weight practice in relation to the Construction and Engineering sectors, the Energy, Oil and Gas sectors and International and domestic arbitrations.

**Fatima Ghaith, Associate General Counsel, Weatherford International**

Fatima Ghaith is a Scottish, Bahraini, and English lawyer with over 17 years of experience in the GCC, especially in Saudi Arabia. As the Associate General Counsel for Weatherford International, she leads a team of lawyers that oversees the legal function in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Oman.

Previously, she worked as a projects finance lawyer at Baker & McKenzie, where she specialized in Islamic finance and represented large Saudi government and quasi-government conglomerates, as well as leading global and Saudi banks and financial institutions.

**Lara Hammoud, Senior Legal Counsel, ADNOC**

Lara Hammoud is a qualified French lawyer and has over twenty years industry experience in International Arbitration. She has spent the last ten years as senior corporate counsel managing the disputes team at Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). Prior to this, Lara worked at a leading global law firm in Paris and Abu Dhabi as well as at the ICC in Paris.

Lara has issued over forty awards in construction and commercial matters and has been appointed as tribunal chair, sole and party-appointed arbitrator in both common and civil law jurisdictions under UNCITRAL, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, SIAC, BCDR and ICC arbitration rules seated both in Europe, Asia and the Middle-East.

**Marcus Khoury, General Counsel, ALEC Engineering**

Marcus Antoine Khoury is General Counsel of the Dubai-based construction company, ALEC Engineering and Contracting. Marcus has been working as an in-house legal counsel in the construction industry in the GCC, in particular in Saudi Arabia and in the UAE, for the past 20 years. He is both German and Lebanese and has graduated at the Sorbonne in Paris and the Universities of Cologne and Munich. In his spare time Marcus loves to hike and considers having walked more than 1000 km to the Spanish city of Santiago de Compostela as one of his greatest experiences.

**Sergey Medvedev, Partner, Gorodissky & Partners (Dubai)**

Sergey is a Partner at Gorodissky & Partners (Dubai, UAE). In parallel, he is a Partner at the Moscow Office of Gorodissky & Partners, where he is managing legal team of the firm. Sergey is practicing IP and TMT, including on contentious and non-contentious matters, by serving national and international clients. He is very active is anti-counterfeiting, dispute resolution, mediation, litigation, enforcement and brand protection issues.

Sergey is recommended by Legal500, Best Lawyers, Who’s Who Legal (WWL) and other global peers.

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