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Dr. Eman Mostafa Mansour is the **Vice Chairman of the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI), Egypt**, and a distinguished legal and investment expert with over **26 years of professional experience** in criminal law, commercial law, investment law, and alternative dispute resolution.

She also serves as **Director of the Investors' Dispute Settlement Center (IDSC)**, where she played a pioneering role in establishing Egypt's first institutional mediation center and developing its regulatory framework. A **CEDR-certified mediator**, Dr. Mansour earned her **PhD in Mediation** from **Cairo University**, graduating with **Excellent with Honors**.

Dr. Mansour has made significant contributions to the advancement of Egypt's mediation framework, participating in the drafting of mediation legislation in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice and organizing national mediation initiatives under the auspices of the Minister of Investment, with the support of the World Bank.

she has led major policy and research initiatives, overseeing the publication of more than **350 economic studies, policy papers, and analytical reports** to support evidence-based policymaking, investment reform, and strategic decision-making. She has also represented Egypt in prominent international legal and investment forums, including the **United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)**.

An accomplished author and speaker, Dr. Mansour has published three books on mediation—***The Art of Mediation***, ***Criminal Mediation***, **and** ***The ABCs of Mediation***—in addition to numerous articles on mediation and dispute resolution. She is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, promoting mediation as an effective tool for resolving commercial and investment disputes.

Her distinguished contributions have been recognized through several prestigious honors, including the **Government Excellence Award (2023)**, recognition among **Egypt's Top 50 Women (2023)**, the **Certified Board Member Certificate** from the Financial Regulatory Authority, and certification as a professional mediator by the **Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR)**.

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Prof. Dr. Hany Sarie-Eldin

Prof. Dr. Hany Sarie-Eldin is one of the most prominent legal figures in Egypt and the Middle East, with significant contributions in the fields of international commercial arbitration, dispute resolution, commercial and financial law, and over 30 years of professional experience at both the local and international levels.

Dr. Hany Sarie-Eldin founded Sarie-Eldin & Partners Legal Consultants in 2007. Today, the firm is recognized as one of the leading law firms in Egypt and the region in the areas of business law, capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, and project finance. The firm also has a specialized arbitration and dispute resolution team with extensive experience in complex disputes.

Dr. Hany Sarie-Eldin has distinguished expertise in international, institutional, and ad hoc arbitration**, having acted as an arbitrator and legal counsel in numerous major disputes in Egypt and internationally, particularly those involving investment, national projects, and infrastructure.**

He also possesses extensive experience in commercial and investment dispute resolution **through arbitration, negotiation, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms. He has represented governments, financial institutions, and international companies in complex and multi-party disputes.**

At the institutional and legislative levels, Dr. Hany Sarie-Eldin has held several prominent positions, including serving as a member of the Egyptian Shura Council, Professor of Commercial and Maritime Law at Cairo University, and former Chairman of the Egyptian Financial Regulatory Authority (formerly the Capital Market Authority). He has also contributed to the development of several important economic laws in Egypt, including legislation relating to companies, capital markets, competition, corporate governance, and investment.

His expertise further encompasses corporate law, capital markets, banking and finance, project finance, public-private partnerships (PPP), corporate restructuring, and major investment transactions**, making him one of the region's leading legal experts in business law and dispute resolution.**

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Dr. Khaled Serry

Dr. Khaled Serry Seyam has over 33 years of academic and practical experience **in law, finance, economic legislation, regulatory reform, and** alternative dispute resolution (ADR)**. His areas of expertise include commercial and corporate law, capital markets, taxation and public finance, public-private partnerships (PPP), project finance, mergers and acquisitions, and criminal and international criminal law.**

Dr. Seyam has played a significant role in the development of Egyptian economic and financial legislation**, contributing to the drafting and reform of several laws and regulations, including the Tax Law, PPP Law and Executive Regulation, Securitization Law, Economic Courts Law, Non-Banking Financial Markets Law, Sukuk Regulations, Capital Markets Law, Consumer Protection Law, and Investment Law. He has also advised governments and international institutions on legal and regulatory reforms in** Jordan, Bahrain, Kenya, Libya, and Saint Lucia**, as well as the World Bank, World Health Organization, and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).**

He has held several senior governmental and regulatory positions, including Senior Legal Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Trade (2002–2005) and the Minister of Finance (2005–2010)**, Vice Chairman of the Capital Market Authority and Financial Regulatory Authority, and** Chairman of the Egyptian Stock Exchange (2010–2011)**.**

Dr. Seyam has extensive experience in dispute resolution, legal reform, and professional capacity building**. As a consultant to the UNODC, he has participated in training and capacity-building programmes for judges, prosecutors, and legal practitioners on human rights, trafficking, migration-related offences, and alternative sanctions and procedures. He has also designed and delivered professional legal training programmes for lawyers, judges, prosecutors, and parliamentarians in Egypt and the region.**

He has served as Senior Legal Advisor to the Bahraini Minister of Justice **and Executive Chairman of the Judicial and Legal Studies Institute affiliated with the Bahraini Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs. He is also a Board Member of the** International Association of Penal Law (AIDP) **in Paris and has contributed extensively to legal scholarship and professional training.**

Dr. Seyam brings to dispute resolution matters a combination of extensive legal expertise, senior governmental and regulatory experience, international advisory work, and substantial experience in legal training and capacity building**.**

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Prof. Dr. Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab

Prof. Dr. Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab is Founding Partner and Head of the International Arbitration, Construction and Energy Groups at Zulficar & Partners Law Firm in Cairo, as well as Professor of International Arbitration, Private International Law, and English Contract Law at Cairo University. He is one of the world's leading figures in cross-border dispute resolution. He currently serves as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb) 2025, Chair of the ICC Governing Body for Dispute Resolution, Dean of the Africa Arbitration Academy, Member of the Governing Board of ICCA, Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law, and a Member of the Court of Arbitration of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

He has acted as chair, sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator, counsel, and legal expert in over 280 arbitrations across the globe, under the auspices of leading institutions including the ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, CRCICA, HKIAC, SCC, KIAC, BCDR, QICCA, LMAA, ADCCAC, and UNCITRAL proceedings. His experience covers disputes in construction, energy, oil and gas, infrastructure, investment, international trade and finance, telecommunications, aviation, insurance, joint ventures, M&A, tourism, and technology, with claims ranging from tens of millions to several billions of dollars.

He is also a CEDR certified mediator and has served as mediator in many complex commercial and workplace related disputes. He also served as a mediator for the Mediation and Facilitation Office of the World Bank for more than 8 years. He has also served as counsel in mediation proceedings and delivered keynote speeches on the role of mediators and lawyers in mediation proceedings.

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab is widely recognised as a thought leader and inspirational practitioner. He has authored and co-authored numerous publications on international dispute resolution, construction law, Islamic finance, and online dispute resolution, and has delivered lectures and keynotes at leading academic, professional and arbitral institutions across the globe.

A visionary in bridging law, technology and artificial intelligence, Dr. Abdel Wahab has been at the forefront of Online Dispute Resolution since the early 2000s. His leadership has been acknowledged through numerous accolades and international recognitions.

Fluent in Arabic and English, and with very good working knowledge of French, Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab brings a uniquely global perspective, deep academic grounding, and extensive practical experience to complex disputes.



Honorable Judge Louis Otis

The Honorable Louise Otis is a mediator and arbitrator. She is President of the OECD and NATO Administrative Tribunals, a member of the AIIB Independent Administrative Review Panel, a judge of the EUMETSAT Administrative Tribunal. A former judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal, Louise Otis designed and administered a judicial mediation program that is recognized worldwide as a benchmark. Judge Otis is a Grand Officer of the Order of Quebec and an Officer of the Order of Canada.

L'honorable Louise Otis est médiatrice et arbitre. Elle est présidente des tribunaux administratifs de l'OCDE et de l'OTAN, membre du comité d'examen administratif indépendant de l'AIIB et juge au tribunal administratif d'EUMETSAT. Ancienne juge à la Cour d'appel du Québec, Louise Otis a conçu et administré un programme de médiation judiciaire reconnu dans le monde entier comme une référence. La juge Otis est Grand Officier de l'Ordre du Québec et Officier de l'Ordre du Canada.

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Dr. Ahmed M. Darwish

Dr. Darwish received his Ph.D. in Computer Engineering from the University of California, Davis in 1988. He received many awards among them; Egyptian National Engineering Award (1999), Singapore Middle East Eminent Persons Award (2007) and the Lifetime Achievement Medal for his distinguished career from University of California, Davis (2017).

His 2 last public positions were Minister of State for Administration Development (2004-2011 with a portfolio of eGov (Digital Transformation), Institutional Development and Governance) and Chairman of the Suez Canal Economic Zone (2015-2017 where he laid the foundation of one of largest Special Economic Zones in the world 461 sq km and 6 ports).

His consulting work is on governance, policies and strategies, business and financial models and Information and Communication Technologies. He was and is a consultant to a number of international organizations (UNDP, UNIDO, WHO, UNICEF, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, ESCWA, European Union and World Bank), government organizations and companies in Egypt, Middle East, Africa, Europe and United States.

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MS. NEHAD ABOUL KOMSAN Attorney-at-Law before the Court of Cassation CEO of Seada &Aboulkomsan law firm ,She is a distinguished legal practitioner with extensive experience in litigation, institutional advisory, and legislative analysis. Throughout her career, she has collaborated with prominent regional and international institutions on complex legal mandates, earning a reputation for navigating sophisticated regulatory environments. In her leadership role at the Firm, she oversees strategic litigation and high-level advisory work, ensuring that the Firm's output meets the highest standards of professional excellence and precision.

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Prof. Ismail Selim

Director of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)
President of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions (IFCAI)
Chair of the Egypt Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
Vice-President of the African Arbitration Association (AfAA)

In 2009, Prof. Dr. Selim earned his PhD with highest honors from Université de Bourgogne. In 2001, he obtained his masters in Public Administration from ENA. He began his legal career as a prosecutor and judge (1998-2009) before joining private practice as partner in reputable law firms (2009-2016).

Prof. Dr. Selim teaches Private International Law, Arbitration and ADR at Ecole de Droit de la Sorbonne au Caire (Paris I University), since 2011. He is also a tutor on the CIArb Approved Faculty List.

Prof. Dr. Selim is consistently appointed as Arbitrator in various ad hoc and institutional cases under various rules such as ICC, CAS, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC, ADCCAC, BCDR and LAMC. The applicable laws in these arbitrations were respectively, Egyptian, English, UAE, Qatari, Saudi, Bahraini, DIFC, Kuwaiti, Iraqi and Lebanese laws. He has also been enrolled on CIETAC's panel of arbitrators as well as on BAC/BIAC's panel of arbitrators for international investment arbitrations.

Prof. Dr. Selim has also served as legal expert on Egyptian, Libyan and Kuwaiti laws in international proceedings. Dr. Selim has also been appointed as expert of the Expert Committee of the China International Commercial Court of the Supreme People's Court of China.

Prof. Dr. Selim has been recognized as a leading individual in Legal 500 (2016) and as one of the best specialists in arbitration law in Egypt in WWL (2023).

Prof. Dr. Selim is a certified mediator at London School of Mediation. Prof. Dr. Selim speaks Arabic, French, and English fluently as well as basic Chinese.

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Dr. Khaled Attia

Dr. Khaled Hamdy Attia is a distinguished legal practitioner, mediator, arbitrator, and academic with more than 25 years of experience in dispute resolution, international law, arbitration, and public policy. He currently serves as Partner and Head of the Dispute Resolution Department at Al Tamimi & Company in Cairo.

Dr. Attia is a registered mediator on the roster of the Investment Dispute Resolution Center (IDSC) at the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI), Egypt. He is also listed as an arbitrator with leading regional and international arbitration institutions, including the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA).

Throughout his career, Dr. Attia has advised governments, international organizations, investors, and multinational corporations on complex commercial, investment, and regulatory disputes. His extensive experience in negotiation, dispute prevention, and consensual settlement mechanisms enables him to assist parties in reaching practical and sustainable resolutions.

Prior to joining Al Tamimi & Company, Dr. Attia was a Partner at Sarie-Eldin & Partners, where he led the Arbitration, Public-Private Partnership (PPP), and Competition Law practices. He also served as Executive Director of the Egyptian Competition Authority and represented Egypt in numerous international legal and policy forums.

Dr. Attia holds a PhD in Law from Ain Shams University and an LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from the University Of Essex, United Kingdom. He is a Visiting Professor of International Business Law and has authored several publications in arbitration, competition law, and legal reform.

His blend of judicial, governmental, academic and private sector experience makes him particularly well-suited to facilitate the efficient and amicable resolution of commercial and investment disputes



Ahmed Saad El-Din Abdo Abu Hendia

Ahmed Saad El-Din Abdo Abu Hendia is a lawyer before the Court of Cassation and a legal expert with more than 30 years of professional experience in the fields of commercial law, legal consultancy, and dispute resolution.

He is a specialist in **arbitration, mediation, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR)**, with extensive experience in supporting and resolving commercial and investment disputes, with a particular focus on **mediation as an effective and expeditious means** of resolving disputes while preserving contractual relationships, reducing reliance on litigation, and promoting business continuity.

He serves as a board member of several companies and economic institutions, including companies listed on the Egyptian Stock Exchange. He also serves on the boards of trustees of prominent educational institutions, reflecting his institutional presence in the economic and educational sectors.

He has extensive experience in legal governance and the management of complex disputes, with a particular interest in developing and strengthening the role of **mediation as a key tool for resolving commercial and investment disputes** within the modern business environment.



Mr. Hazim A. Rizkana

Hazim A. Rizkana is the Managing Partner of Rizkana & Partners. Rizkana specialises in arbitration and litigation, with an emphasis on proceedings to seek the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign judgments, banking & finance, aircraft finance, mergers & acquisitions, competition, securities, and trademarks & patents. Rizkana focuses on several industries including TMT, aviation, construction, hospitality, real-estate, oil & gas, and renewable energy. Apart from assisting and representing Fortune 500 and multinational companies in executing high-value deals, he has consistently been invited to assist in drafting, reviewing, and amending laws, and has previously participated in doing so for the Telecommunication Law, the Banking Law, the Acquisition Rules under the Capital Market Law, the Mediation Law, and the amendments to the Competition Law and the Arbitration Law. Before establishing Rizkana & Partners, he spent 28 years with an international law firm in its Riyadh and Cairo offices, where he used to head the Dispute Resolution, Aviation, and IP Practices and was co-sharing the Banking and Finance Practice of the firm's latter office. He also spent several years as counsel and board member for two of the largest banks in Egypt.

Rizkana has acted as advisor and advocate in multiple *ad hoc* and institutional arbitrations, including several high-stake commercial and investment cases. He also sits as an arbitrator and has sat as Chair, Sole or Co-Arbitrator in various arbitrations around the world under the auspices of *ad hoc* and institutional rules, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), the Sugar Association of London, the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). Rizkana is listed on the panel of arbitrators of the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA). Rizkana is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), and an Authorised Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR). He is also a member of the Aviation-Education, Resource & Information for African Lawyers (AERIAL), the Association for the Protection of Competition in Egypt (AFPOC), the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) and the Egyptian Association for Protection of Industrial Property (AEPPI).



Mr. Gamal Abu Ali

Mr. Mohamed Gamal Abu Ali is one of Egypt's prominent legal experts in the fields of **international commercial arbitration, dispute resolution, and maritime law**, with several decades of professional experience in legal and advisory practice in Egypt and internationally.

Mr. Mohamed Gamal Abu Ali graduated from the **Faculty of Law** and pursued his legal studies and professional training in the fields of commercial and maritime law and arbitration, with a particular focus on international dispute resolution and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms, including mediation and arbitration.

He serves as **Senior Partner at Abu Ali Law Firm**, one of the leading law firms specializing in **maritime and commercial law** in Egypt and the region since its establishment in 1952. The firm plays a prominent role in providing legal advice to local and international companies in the sectors of maritime transport, trade, and marine insurance.

Mr. Mohamed Gamal Abu Ali has extensive experience in **arbitration and dispute resolution**, having participated in the management and resolution of numerous complex commercial and maritime cases and disputes. He also represents various parties in arbitration proceedings before local and international tribunals, in addition to providing legal advice on disputes of an international nature.

He also possesses specialized expertise in **maritime law, transportation contracts, marine insurance, and disputes relating to ports and international navigation**, in addition to supporting amicable settlement and mediation as effective means of resolving commercial disputes.

Mr. Mohamed Gamal Abu Ali represents a model of a legal expert specializing in **maritime and commercial arbitration and international dispute resolution**, with a long professional record of supporting and advancing legal practice in the fields of trade and maritime transport.

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Ms. Shereen Dawoud

Ms. Shereen Dawoud is the Managing Partner of Dawoud & Dawoud Law Firm and Legal Consultants and Head of its Mergers & Acquisitions practice. She is a distinguished international arbitrator with over 21 years of professional experience in international commercial arbitration, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and banking, and alternative dispute resolution.

Ms. Dawoud has been a listed arbitrator and lecturer at the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) since 2018. She is also an accredited mediator on CRCICA's panel of mediators. She has been involved in more than 70 arbitration cases before six leading arbitral institutions: CRCICA, ICC, LCIA, DIAC, AAA/ICDR and GAFTA. From 2024 to 2026 she acted as sole counsel before an AAA/ICDR arbitral tribunal seated in New York and governed by New York law.

Her practice spans nine strategic sectors: international commercial arbitration; mergers and acquisitions; capital markets and banking; energy and farm-out agreements; telecommunications and media; fintech and artificial intelligence; intellectual property and deep tech; hospitality and tourism; and climate tech. She has drafted and negotiated more than 100 shareholders' agreements. She also has extensive experience in joint ventures, international trade and distribution, corporate governance and regulatory compliance. Her clients include Anghami Holdings (NYSE), Super Pay (Etisalat and Banque Misr), Geidea, Incorta Inc., BBI, Ahly Momken and Misr Beni Suef Cement.

Before she founded and led Dawoud & Dawoud, Ms. Dawoud was a Senior Associate for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at Hafez law firm in Cairo. Before that, she was Head of Legal Affairs and Corporate Counsel at EgyptCall (Orascom) and Arab Call. She is also a co-founder and board member of Jadeed Climate Tech.

Ms. Dawoud holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from Cairo University and has been a member of the Egyptian Bar Association since 2005. She is a native Arabic speaker and fully fluent in English.



Ms. Salma El Baz

Ms. Salma El Baz is Counsel at Rizkana & Partners Attorneys at Law and a CEDR-accredited mediator. She has over 17 years of professional experience in international commercial and investment arbitration, public international law and alternative dispute resolution, gained at leading law firms in Egypt and France.

Ms. El Baz advises and represents states, investors and individuals in high-profile arbitrations worth millions and billions of dollars. These cases have been conducted under major institutional and ad hoc rules, including ICSID, ICC, CRCICA, PCA, LCIA, UNCITRAL and the Sugar Association of London. She has handled complex cross-border disputes with multiple parties and parallel proceedings, both as sole counsel and alongside international co-counsel. They include a multibillion-dollar dispute arising from the hostile takeover of a major industrial company and disputes arising from national and infrastructure projects.

She has secured favourable arbitral awards and has helped negotiate settlements of multimillion-dollar disputes, including disputes involving governmental and public sector entities.

In mediation, Ms. El Baz has represented clients in mediation proceedings. She also trained prospective mediators for CEDR accreditation as part of an International Finance Corporation (IFC) project to promote mediation in the MENA region. She completed the JAMS Commercial Mediation Training Program and served as a judge in the 12th, 13th and 14th ICC International Commercial Mediation Competitions.

She was Regional Chapter Coordinator for Egypt at the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum (2017–2019), and she speaks often at arbitration conferences organised by ICC YAF, Young ICCA and CRCICA.

Ms. El Baz received the International Advisory Experts' 2021 Arbitration Award in Egypt and was named an Acritas Star (Thomson Reuters). She holds an LL.M. in Public International Law from Leiden University and an LL.B. from Cairo University.



Prof. Dr. Eng. Ahmed Fathy Waly

With a **background in both engineering and law, Dr. Waly** is a Partner at Waly Arbitration and Contract Management and has more than thirty years of experience in construction contract management and the preparation and evaluation of claims in Egypt and the Middle East.

Since 2010, Dr. Waly has been a **CEDR-accredited mediator and trainer** with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) in London. He has mediated numerous disputes and has a successful track record in achieving amicable settlements between disputing parties.

He has also acted as an **arbitrator, expert, and party representative** in numerous ad hoc and institutional disputes under the rules of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris (ICC), and the Dubai International Financial Centre / London Court of International Arbitration (DIFC-LCIA) in Dubai.

Dr. Waly is a **Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)** in London and a member of the International Court of Arbitration (Arab Arbitration Group) of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris (ICC), as well as a member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA). He is also a **provisionally accredited trainer of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC)**, a reviewer of the FIDIC 2017 Contracts, an accredited expert with the Investors' Dispute Settlement Center at the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI), Egypt, and an arbitrator accredited by the Egyptian Ministry of Justice. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Egypt Branch Committee and a member of the committee that drafted the Cairo Dispute Board Rules, effective as of 1 August 2021.

Dr. Waly holds a **Bachelor of Engineering and an LL.B. from Cairo University**, a Master's degree in Project Management from Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey, USA, a PhD in Philosophy from Virginia Tech, USA, and a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, University of Oxford.

He currently serves as an **Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Engineering, Helwan University**, and as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Construction Engineering Department at the American University in Cairo, specializing in contract and tender management, claims, and dispute resolution methods. He has numerous published research papers in the United States, Canada, England, Singapore, Turkey, and Egyp



MP. Ehab El-Tamawy

MP Ehab El-Tamawy is a prominent Egyptian legal and parliamentary figure who holds several important positions in Egypt's legislative and political life, including:

Current Positions:

- Deputy Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee of the Egyptian House of Representatives.
- Chair of the Subcommittee responsible for drafting the new Criminal Procedure Code, one of the largest legislative projects in the history of the Egyptian Parliament.
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the National Dialogue, appointed in February 2025.
- Central Secretary for Parliamentary Affairs of the Mostaqbal Watan Party, the majority party in Parliament.

Previous Roles:

- Member of the Subcommittee responsible for drafting the 2019 constitutional amendments, which were approved by public referendum.

Key Achievements:

- Led extensive legislative efforts to amend and develop criminal justice legislation, particularly the Criminal Procedure Code.
- Participated in extensive dialogues with political, judicial, and legal stakeholders to develop Egypt's legal framework in line with the Constitution and the National Human Rights Strategy.
- Known for his consensual approach and ability to manage complex dialogues both inside and outside Parliament.

His profile combines a strong legal background with a prominent political role within the majority party, making him a notable figure in Egypt's legislative and legal landscape.



Mr. Ashraf Abdel Aziz

Mr. Ashraf Abdel Aziz is a lawyer before the Court of Cassation with more than 25 years of professional experience in litigation and legal consultancy. He has extensive experience in advocacy and managing complex cases, with particular focus on commercial, civil, and criminal matters, and representing clients before various levels of litigation.

He is regarded as a prominent figure in the legal field, having participated in numerous significant cases and provided legal advice to a number of individuals and companies. He possesses distinguished capabilities in legal analysis, drafting legal memoranda, and effectively representing and defending clients before the courts.

Mr. Ashraf Abdel Aziz is characterized by professionalism and precision in his work, together with a commitment to the highest standards of professional integrity. These qualities have established him as one of the trusted lawyers in the Egyptian legal community, with a professional record marked by achievements and more than a quarter century of experience in legal practice.

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Mr. Mohamed Khodeir

Mr. Mohamed Khodeir is the Founder and Managing Partner of Khodeir & Partners Law Firm and Legal Consultants. He has extensive experience in **dispute resolution, arbitration, mediation, capital markets, investment, corporate law, and banking and finance**.

Mr. Khodeir has participated in a number of **arbitration cases relating to the settlement of capital markets transaction disputes**, including disputes concerning margin trading and the pricing of securities investment portfolios. He has also **participated in mediation efforts to settle disputes relating to shares**, providing him with practical experience in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

He previously served as the Regional Head of the Capital Markets practice in the Middle East at Al Tamimi & Company and later served as **Chairman of the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI) in Egypt**. He has extensive experience in direct and indirect investment, corporate law, banking and finance, dispute resolution, government projects, legislative drafting, and investment-related matters.

Throughout his career, Mr. Khodeir has advised numerous regional, local, and international institutions and companies and has participated in major international transactions and **cross-border disputes** in Egypt and several Arab countries. The value of the transactions, assignments, projects, and disputes for which he managed legal advisory work exceeds **USD 60 billion**.

Mr. Khodeir is admitted to practice before the **Egyptian Court of Cassation** and is a member of the **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)**. His combination of extensive legal, investment, transactional, arbitration, and **mediation experience** provides him with a strong understanding of complex commercial and investment disputes and the practical considerations involved in achieving effective and amicable resolutions.

He holds a **Master's degree in International Commercial Law from Leiden University, the Netherlands**, and completed the International Business Leadership Program at Harvard University, in addition to several academic certificates and diplomas in his areas of specialization.



Mr. Khaled Abu Heif

Managing Director – Arab Moltaqa Investments Company (AMIC)
Vice Chairman – Dar Al Fouad Hospitals
Board Member & Chairman of the Credit Committee – AT Lease
Board Member – Perfect Spinning

Mr. Khaled Abu Heif is a highly accomplished investment executive with over 20 years of experience in the financial services and capital markets sectors. Since 2011, he has served as the Managing Director of Arab Moltaqa Investments Company (AMIC), a publicly listed firm on the Egyptian Exchange (EGX).

He is also the Vice Chairman of Dar Al Fouad Hospitals, where he is a member of the Executive & Audit Committee and Chairman of the Compensation & Manpower Committee.

In addition, Mr. Abu Heif holds the role of Board Member and Chairman of the Board Credit Committee at AT Lease (EGX-listed), and serves as a Board Member at Perfect Spinning.

He previously held senior leadership roles including:

• Chairman & CEO – AT Financial Holding (Shariah-compliant investment bank)
• Managing Director – CIBC (Commercial International Brokerage Company)
• Founding Executive Board Member – CI Capital Holding, where he helped establish and grow investment banking, asset management, and research divisions

He has served on the boards of:

• Egyptian Capital Market Association (ECMA)
• United Company for Investments & Real Estate Development
• Al Yousr for Desalination & Water Purification
• Al Arabia, AlRabieh, Poultry

Professional Certifications:

• M&A Certificate – New York Institute of Finance • Certified Private Equity Specialist – IABFM, Dubai
• Corporate Governance – Wharton Business School • Certified Negotiator – Euromoney, London

He holds a BA in Accounting from Cairo University



Dr. Sherif Elnegahy

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He is the co-author of the first English–Arabic dictionary of mediation and negotiation, as well as a foundational academic textbook on mediation in Arabic.

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Mr. Adel El Khouly

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Adel is an active member of several professional bodies, including the Egyptian Bar Association, the Union of Arab Lawyers, and the Egyptian Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Association.

Fluent in Arabic, French, and English, Adel bridges diverse legal and cultural contexts, offering clients comprehensive and tailored legal solutions. His extensive expertise, combined with his dedication to alternative dispute resolution, positions him as a trusted advisor in complex legal disputes



Mr. Emad El Shalakany

Mr. Emad El Shalakany joined Shalakany Law Office in 1989, became a Partner in 1999 and a Senior Partner in 2004. He is a practicing attorney with extensive experience in major financial, industrial, and commercial transactions, corporate matters, public-private partnerships (PPP), and dispute resolution. As Senior Partner, he has advised multinational and national clients and has extensive experience in negotiating, drafting, and concluding major commercial contracts.

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He has acted as legal adviser to the **Government of Egypt** in several PPP projects and has drafted related tender documents and contracts for major infrastructure and public facilities projects. He has also been involved in major international and commercial transactions and has represented clients in complex disputes, including arbitration proceedings.

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His professional practice includes advising clients on **dispute prevention, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and complex commercial and investment matters**, as well as drafting business contracts and providing legal opinions. He has served as Legal Advisor to the Chairman of the Financial Regulatory Authority of Egypt and as Legal Counsel at the National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority.

Prof. El Shazly has extensive experience in **legal training and capacity building in dispute resolution**, including arbitration, ADR, banking transactions, corporate governance, intellectual property, and commercial law. He is a certified trainer from the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** and the **Egyptian Institute of Directors (EIOD)**.

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