

## Nabeel Ikram

Partner

Dubai

### Biography

Ranked as a leading lawyer for construction and dispute resolution by *The Legal 500*, *Chambers Global* and *Who's Who Legal*, Nabeel has nearly 2 decades of experience advising clients on contentious engineering and construction matters. He is vastly experienced in arbitration under a variety of rules, including DIAC, ICC, DIFC-LCIA, the LCIA as well as ad-hoc arbitrations.

Having had conduct of the first construction case before the DIFC Courts, as well as successfully representing clients on some of the largest and most complicated disputes the region has ever seen, it is little wonder Nabeel is highly regarded by his peers and lauded as a leading authority on engineering and construction matters across the Middle East. Although best known for his disputes practice he has drafted the contract documentation used by market-leading developers and negotiated on their behalf on some of the largest projects in the region. He also acts as project counsel for clients, assisting them with risk management and claims preparation in order to achieve their commercial objectives while avoiding a formal dispute.

### Representative experience

Acting for a contractor on a multi-billion dirham claim in DIAC arbitration proceedings in regard to a high



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### Practices

Energy Disputes

International Arbitration

Litigation Services

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### Areas of focus

Construction and Engineering

IERP Dispute Resolution

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### Education and admissions

### Education

M.Sc., King's College London, 2003

profile mixed-use development in Dubai.

Acting for an employer in a multi-billion dirham claim in DIAC arbitration proceedings. The matter related to a major infrastructure project in the Middle East.

Representing a developer in ICC arbitration proceedings in relation to a AED120m extension of time dispute. The project related to twin towers in Dubai.

Representing a subcontractor in relation to a AED200m dispute against the main contractor following termination. The project related to a mixed-use development in Dubai.

Representing an employer in LCIA arbitration proceedings relating to a dispute concerning the refurbishment of an offshore oil production facility in Qatar.

Acting for an employer in ad hoc arbitration proceedings in respect of claims made by a contractor in relation to an infrastructure project in Dubai.

Advising and negotiating on behalf of a developer for the contract documentation for a design and build project comprising an office and residential tower in Dubai.

Reviewing and updating the standard forms of construction contracts for a developer and advising on the same in relation to major infrastructure works in the UAE.

## Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: Arbitration and International Litigation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Construction, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2015-2019
- Ranked as a Leading Individual in construction, *Who's Who Legal*, 2015, 2016 & 2017

M.A., University of Oxford, St Catherine's College, 1996

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## Court admissions

England and Wales

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## Accolades

Nabeel has an "in-depth understanding of the region and local law."

*Chambers Global 2016*

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Nabeel has "sharp attention to every little detail, creative solutions and impressive communication skills."

*Chambers Global 2016*

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- Construction: Dispute Resolution (United Arab Emirates), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Force majeure claims in future waves of COVID-19: four key actions *Litigation, Arbitration, and Employment Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Hong Kong | COVID-19 and contractual force majeure: A simple checklist
- Webinar
  - Global Construction and Engineering Industry Forum: An open exchange on how we deal with COVID-19
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - No pain, no gain – English court finds that interim payments under a joint venture contract should not be adjusted for cost overruns *Litigation, Arbitration, and Employment Alert*
- Events
  - Annual Middle East Construction Forum 2019
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - 'Easier to recognise than define' - English Court of Appeal considers "practical completion" for the first time in fifty years