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Yusra is an associate in the litigation and arbitration team and coordinator of the Middle East group.

Yusra is a member of the International Arbitration Group, where she is involved in complex international commercial and investment arbitration disputes and public international law cases.

Yusra is a member and coordinator of our Middle East group. Her practice often involves clients and cases that have a connection to the Middle East and North Africa. She speaks fluent Arabic and French and her experience in the region includes, previously working as a Legal Consultant in a highly reputable law firm in Yemen advising foreign clients, including multinational companies and international NGOs on a wide range of commercial legal matters.

Prior to that, Yusra worked at the corporate department in the Paris office of an international law firm, where she had exposure to French Law and assisted in the review of various English and French legal documents.

Track record

Advised Samsung Electronics South Africa (PTY) Ltd

Advised Samsung Electronics South Africa (PTY) Ltd on arbitration and public international law issues in its successful appeal before the Dubai Court of Cassation to uphold an ICC multi-million arbitration award rendered in Samsung's favour in the UAE.

Investor-State arbitration

Representing an Italian company in an investor-State arbitration against an African State.

ICSID arbitration

Representing Scholz GmbH in ICSID arbitration proceedings against the Kingdom of Morocco.

Rights of the Child

Advised an international organisation on a successful representation to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding El Salvador's obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Ad hoc arbitration

Represented an Italian energy company on a successful ad hoc arbitration concerning the construction of a hospital in Libya.

International environmental law

Advising a State in a potential State-to-State dispute in relation to international environmental law issues

Discrimination issues

Advising a State in relation to discrimination issues arising under a human right treaty

Law of international organizations

Advising a State on the law of international organizations and accession to an international organisation

Major contract negotiations

Participated in negotiations of a major contract between a French telecommunications company and a State.

Maritime dispute

Assisted in the settlement of a maritime dispute between a foreign company and a State

Maritime dispute legal expert report

Involved in the preparation of a legal expert report concerning a maritime dispute which an arbitral tribunal seated in London significantly relied upon in the rendering of its award.

World Bank project

Participated in the preparation of a legal review and analysis report as part of a World Bank project for improving and facilitating business registration in Yemen.

Admissions

Chartered Legal Executive, England and Wales, 2021

Solicitor, England and Wales, 2022

Education

School of Oriental and African Studies, LLM International and Comparative Commercial Law

College of Law, Legal Practice Course (LPC)

Kingston University, LLB English and French Law

Université de Lyon III - Jean Moulin, Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaire Française

Languages

Arabic

English

French

Memberships

Member of Young ICCA

Key dates

Year joined: 2017

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