

Prof. Dr. Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab

Chair of Private International Law and Professor of International Arbitration at Cairo University; Founding Partner and Head of International Arbitration, Construction and Oil & Gas at Zulficar & Partners Law Firm (Egypt); *Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration; Vice Chair, IBA Arab Regional Forum; Member of the CIMAC Court of Arbitration; Member of AAA-ICDR International Advisory Committee; Member of the Advisory Committee of the CRCICA; Trustee for the CI Arb; Member of CI Arb's Board of Management (2018) and Practice and Standards Committee (2011 – 2018); President of the CI Arb's Egypt Branch (2018); Member of the Court, LCIA (2014-2019); President of the LCIA's Arab Users' Council (2016 – 2018); Member of the Advisory Council of Africa Arbitration; Dean and Member of the Advisory Council of the Africa Arbitration Academy; Member of the SIAC's African Users' Council; Member of the ICDR's Governing Board; Member of Arbitrator Intelligence's Board of Advisors; Associate Fellow of the Centre of Private International Law at Aberdeen University (UK); Fellow of the Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution, University of Massachusetts (USA); International Expert Member of the Permanent Forum of China Construction Law; Member of the Editorial Board of the CI Arb's Arbitration Journal; Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Enforcement of Arbitration Awards; Member of the Editorial Board of the IBA Journal of Construction Law International; Member of the Editorial Board of the IBA Dispute Resolution Journal and Co-Editor of 'Online Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice' (2012), which received the CPR Award for the Best Published Dispute Resolution Work (2013).*

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab is recognized as a *world-leading arbitrator and arbitration practitioner on international investment and international commercial arbitration, Arab and African Laws, Islamic Shari'a, conflict of laws, and online dispute resolution*. He served as 'Sole Arbitrator', 'Presiding Arbitrator', 'Co-Arbitrator', 'Legal Expert' or 'Counsel' in more than 190 cases, including: complex, high value institutional and *ad hoc* arbitral proceedings involving parties from the *Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East* and the *United States*. He featured (as arbitrator, counsel or legal expert) in cases under the auspices of the *AAA, AAA-BCDR, CRCICA, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, LMAA, SCC, SIAC*, as well as *ad hoc UNCITRAL proceedings*.

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab was selected to feature in the first issue of *Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders: International Arbitration (2017)*, which listed the world's leading 33 arbitration practitioners. Since then he has featured in *Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders: International Arbitration (2018) and (2019)*, as well as *Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders: Construction*. He also features in 'Who's Who Legal: Arbitration' and 'Who's Who Legal: Construction' as a *star arbitration practitioner* and has also been selected to feature in the *GAR Global Guide for Future Leaders in International Arbitration (2017 - 2018)*. Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab features in *AFRICA's 100 list of leading African arbitration practitioners* by I-ARB (Africa) and was selected by Africa Arbitration as the *African Personality of the Month (June 2018)*. Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab received the *2018 ASA International Arbitration Advocacy Prize* and was voted the *Leading Legal Practitioner of 2017 by the LAW Magazine*. Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab was selected by

LACIAC (*Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre*) as the *Arbitration Personality in May 2019*. In June 2019, Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab received the *AYA Hall of Fame Award in London as the African Arbitrator of 2019*.

Who's Who Legal (2019) says: *Mohamed Abdel Wahab is "a leader in the space" who is "at the top of the market"*. Who's Who Legal Construction (2019) says: *Mohamed Abdel Wahab is highlighted as "a leading heavyweight construction law specialist whose analytical skills are second to none"*. Chambers & Partners Global (2019) ranks Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab as the STAR individual in Egypt and states that *'Mohamed Abdel Wahab is consistently described by clients as a "superstar in arbitration"'*. He is praised as *"a good strategic thinker"* and is acknowledged for his *"deep understanding of the issues surrounding disputes in the construction and oil and gas sectors"*. The Legal 500 (2019) stated *Mohamed Abdel Wahab is 'an arbitration expert with a global reputation', who is 'one of the best in the world'*.

Who's Who Legal (2017-2018) says: Mohamed Abdel Wahab is *"one of the best practitioners in the world today"* thanks to his *"sharp mind and excellent legal knowledge"*. Chambers & Partners Global (2016-2018) ranks Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab as the only STAR individual in Egypt for Dispute Resolution (Arbitration) and states that: *"Sources consistently identify Mohamed Abdel Wahab as 'the leading arbitration practitioner in Egypt', adding that he is 'very thorough, very knowledgeable and very personable'"*. Chambers & Partners Global (2017) 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'."* The Legal 500 (2018) stated that *'Deep thinker' Mohamed Abdel Wahab has 'a remarkable intellect' and 'impressive advocacy skills'*. The Legal 500 (2017) stated that he is *'Sharp, focused and highly intelligent'*.

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab was nominated three times in (2013), (2014) and (2018) for the *Global Arbitration Review Award for the Best Arbitration Lecture/Speech*.

He read law in Egypt and the UK and he speaks Arabic, English and French.