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Professor Dr. Mohamed S. Abdel is the chair of private international law and professor of international arbitration at Cairo University, and founding partner and head of international arbitration at Zulficar & Partners Law Firm. He holds visiting posts in the US and UK, where he teaches comparative commercial and investment arbitration, English contract law, comparative law, online dispute resolution, telecommunications law, construction law and practice, and conflict of laws.

He is a vice president of the ICC International Court of Arbitration; member of the London Court of Arbitration (LCIA); vice president of the LCIA Arab Users' Council; member of the advisory committee of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA); and member of the ICDR/AAA International Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), the International Arbitration Institute (IAI) and the practice and standards committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb); vice president of the CI Arb (Egypt branch); chair of the CI Arb's technology committee; associate fellow of the Centre of Private International Law at Aberdeen University; and fellow of the Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution at the University of Massachusetts. He is a dispute resolution consultant to the World Bank Group and a CEDR-accredited mediator.

His expertise spans private and public international law, international commercial and investment arbitration, oil and gas, construction and real estate, comparative private and public law, telecommunications and information technology, tourism and leisure, banking and finance, agency, and insurance. He possesses extensive expertise in cross-border multi-jurisdictional and highly complex transactions and disputes. He has been involved in disputes governed by Egyptian, English, French, New York, Swiss, Italian, Spanish, United Arab Emirates, Saudi, Bahraini, Kuwaiti and Omani laws, as well as the general principles of law.

He holds over 55 prizes for academic achievement and excellence. He is regularly published in learned international journals and frequently speaks at international conferences. He is also the co-editor-in-chief of the leading *International Journal of Online Dispute Resolution* and co-editor of the leading treatise "*Online Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice*", which received the CPR's 2013 award for the Best Published Dispute Resolution Work.

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab has appeared in mega disputes involving State and State-owned entities and is listed on the rosters of many arbitral institutions including the CRCICA, DIAC, BCDR-AAA, ADCCAC and CIETAC, and has served as sole arbitrator, presiding arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator and counsel in more than 140 cases, including complex, high-value institutional and ad hoc arbitral proceedings involving parties from the Middle East, Europe, Asia, Canada and the United States. He has appeared in cases under the auspices of the AAA, CRCICA, DIAC, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, LCIA-DIFC, LMAA, SIAC, as well as ad hoc UNCITRAL proceedings.

Prof. Dr. Abdel Wahab features in *Who's Who Legal: Arbitration* and is regularly recognised and ranked as a leading dispute resolution practitioner. The 2013 edition of *The Legal 500* stated, "**Head of international arbitration Mohamed Abdel Wahab 'distinguishes himself through his sharpness, highly professional input, and performance befitting of a world-class arbitration practitioner'.**" The 2014 edition described Mohamed Abdel Wahab as "**one of the brightest of his generation, a strong thinker and excellent advocate who knows arbitration inside out**".

The 2013 edition of *Chambers & Partners Global* (2013) stated that Abdel Wahab is "**commended by clients for his impeccable language skills and efficient manner**"; the 2014 edition described the firm's arbitration practice as "very strong", and Mohamed Abdel Wahab as "**very knowledgeable**". The 2015 edition, meanwhile, describes him as "**terrific**", with one source stating: "**He prepares his case meticulously and comprehensively, and he is a superb cross-examiner.**"

He has been nominated twice for the Global Arbitration Review Award for Best Arbitration-related Speech. In 2013, his nomination was for his presentation, "*Domestic Law Basis for International Arbitration*" at the Milan Chamber of Arbitration on 29 November 2013; in 2014 he was nominated for his presentation, "*Glocalizing International Arbitration: An African Perspective*" for the LCIA- MIAC Users' Council Guest Lecture in Port Louis, Mauritius on 2 October 2014. Owing to his academic and professional background, he served as a legal expert in more than 20 cases, advising on aspects of English, Egyptian, Emirati, Bahraini, Omani, Kuwaiti and Saudi laws in relation to issues of conflict of laws, contract law, international jurisdiction and arbitration, construction law, telecommunications, hotel management, Islamic *Shari'a* law, project finance, administrative, commercial and civil laws, and insurance.