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Areas of Practice

- Arbitration and DIFC Courts
- Civil, Commercial Litigation, and Negotiated Settlements.
- Maritime Disputes.

Education

- Currently Enrolled in the Solicitor Qualifying Exams of England and Wales.
- Master of Laws (LLM) in International Trade - Ain Shams University. (2021).
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Summary Profile

Ziad is a bilingual Associate in the Arbitration and International Litigation Department at M&CO Legal, where he plays an integral role in the firm's dispute resolution practice. He initially joined the firm's Litigation Department in late 2022 and has since supported both the Litigation and Arbitration teams in managing domestic and international commercial disputes. His arbitration experience includes proceedings conducted under the rules of DIAC, ICC, and UNCITRAL, among others.

Ziad has advised and represented clients across a broad spectrum of contentious matters, including disputes related to construction, real estate, insurance, commercial agency, maritime, employment, tenancy, shareholder issues, and general commercial conflicts. He also regularly serves as a Tribunal Secretary in arbitration proceedings administered by DIAC, ICC, and CRCICA.

In addition to his expertise in international litigation and alternative dispute resolution—particularly in arbitration—Ziad handles domestic litigation across all UAE courts, including the Ruler's Court and the Rental Dispute Centers. His practice spans a wide range of matters, including civil, commercial, employment, tenancy, construction, maritime, and banking disputes. He also advises on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards, ratification of domestic arbitral awards, and interim measures related to arbitration proceedings before UAE courts.

Before joining M&CO Legal, Ziad worked at top-tier law firms in Egypt, where he gained substantial experience in legal research, advisory, and negotiated settlements. This international exposure helped him build a strong foundation in cross-border legal matters.

Ziad holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Trade from Ain Shams University, which he earned through Postgraduate Diplomas in Private Law and International Trade

- Admitted Advocate of the Courts of Egypt. in 2021. His academic background and diverse legal experience equip him to navigate complex legal challenges in both domestic and international contexts.

Languages

- English
- Arabic

Focus Area

Ziad is a legal professional with extensive expertise in handling complex civil and commercial disputes across multiple jurisdictions, including the UAE local courts as well as the DIFC and ADGM Courts. His practice spans a broad spectrum of high-stakes matters involving banking and finance, construction and infrastructure projects, and maritime disputes.

With a deep understanding of both local and international legal frameworks, Ziad offers comprehensive legal advisory services tailored to the unique needs of clients operating in dynamic and often challenging business environments. He regularly advises financial institutions, multinational corporations, contractors, and shipping companies on contentious and non-contentious matters.

In addition to his litigation and arbitration practice, Ziad is frequently engaged to contribute to complex legal opinions, where his analytical acumen and strategic insights are instrumental in shaping outcomes.

1. Representing a Claimant (Main Contractor) in a Abu Dhabi seated Arbitration administered by ADCCAC, amounting to AED 49,000,000 The matter concerns a claim initiated by the Claimant against the employer (Respondent) in respect of its due entitlements arising out of the FIDIC contract.
2. Representing a Claimant in a Dubai seated Arbitration administered by DIAC, the matter concerns a claim initiated by the Claimant against the Respondent in respect of a shareholder's dispute, concerning a sponsorship agreement.
3. Representing a Claimant in a Dubai seated Arbitration, conducted in Arabic and administered by DIAC, involving a claim to remove the Respondent from the position of General Manager.
4. Representing the Claimant before the DIFC Courts in relation to indemnity agreement involving complex issues of contractual liability and enforcement against the Defendant, concerning an amount of AED 100,000,000.
5. Successfully represented the Defendant, a prominent international wholesale bank operating overseas, in legal proceedings before the Dubai courts. The claim has been instituted by the borrowers (Claimants) against the Bank (Defendant), alleging fulfilment of financial obligations relating to outstanding entitlements arising from credit facilities "Trade finance facilities" extended by the Bank, concerning a dispute valued at AED 110,000,000.
6. Successfully represented the Claimant in an application before the Dubai Courts for interim measures, seeking to set aside a jurisdictional Award in a Dubai seated Arbitration administered by DIAC.

7. Successfully represented the Claimant a local retail bank in legal proceedings before the Dubai courts, Abu Dhabi courts, Ras Al Khaimah Courts, in relation to non-fulfilment of financial obligations relating to outstanding entitlements arising from credit facilities, concerning a total dispute value of the cases of AED 20,000,000
8. Successfully represented the Defendant a local construction company in legal proceedings before the Dubai Courts arising from allegations of contractual default, concerning a total dispute value of AED 11,000,000.
9. Successfully represented the Claimant in a payment order proceeding before Ajman Courts leading to the Supreme Court of the UAE, concerning a total dispute value of AED 1,500,000.
10. Successfully represented the Defendant, a prominent international logistics company, in a complex civil tort dispute before the Dubai Courts involving a total claim value of AED 3,500,000.
11. Successfully represented the Claimant, an employee, in a labour dispute before the Dubai Courts, concerning a total dispute value of AED 1,000,000.
12. Successfully represented the Claimant, in a complex civil tort dispute before the Dubai Courts, in relation to default in tort with regard to financial securities, concerning a total claim value of AED 320,000.
13. Successfully represented the Defendant, a tenant, in a rental dispute before the Rental Disputes Center “RDC”, regarding the renewal of the tenancy contract and the adjustment of the rent amount, involving a value of AED 150,000.
14. Successfully represented the Claimant in a real estate dispute before the Dubai Courts, involving a claim amount of AED 24,000,000.
15. Successfully represented the Claimant, in relation to domestic arbitral award ratification, before the Dubai Courts, concerning an execution amount of AED 15,000,000.
16. Successfully represented the Claimant, in relation to Foreign arbitral award Execution, before the Dubai Courts, concerning an awarded amount of USD 33,000,000.
17. Successfully represented the Claimant a logistics company in relation to a commercial contract breach dispute against an international conglomerate involving a claim amount of AED 6,500,000.
18. Successfully represented the Defendant in an arbitration annulment proceeding before the Abu Dhabi Courts, concerning an awarded amount of USD 1,500,000.
19. Provided assistance in relation to an expert opinion submitted to the DIFC Courts, addressing a range of complex legal issues, including but not limited to matters concerning public policy, the interpretation of statutory provisions, and the interaction between domestic and international legal principles.



Publications

1. Special Judicial Committee for Incomplete and Cancelled Real Estate Projects in Dubai and its relation to Arbitration disputes. – M&Co Legal.
2. The Legal Framework of Global Shipping: Maritime Law and Its Future in a Technological World. – M&Co Legal.