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**Senior Contracts Manager /  
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**Educational Qualifications:**

- PHD in Business LAW, British University in Dubai, ongoing
- Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP University London, United Kingdom, 2019
- Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, DipCIArb, London, United Kingdom, 2018
- MSc in Construction Law & Dispute Resolution, King's College London, London, United Kingdom, 2014
- BSc in Architectural Engineering, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon, 2004

**Technical Skills:**

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) – Advanced
- Auto-CAD 2014 – Advanced
- Microsoft Office Project Planner – Intermediate
- Primavera P3 & P6 – Basic

A comprehensive blend of engineering and legal qualifications uniquely positions Miss Hiba as an expert in the construction field. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering, a Master of Science in Construction Law, a Graduate Degree in Law, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in Business Law. This diverse academic portfolio underlines her commitment to continuous learning and her ability to bridge the gap between engineering and legal disciplines.

Hiba has extensive experience in the construction industry and has proven her ability to manage, coordinate, and administer contracts for complex projects some of which value up to \$230 million. These projects, which involve both public and private entities, cover a wide range of industries and include solar energy, building construction, and service and infrastructure projects. She has demonstrated her ability to navigate the complexity of construction law and dispute resolution by her track record of successfully drafting agreements, claims, and contributing significantly to the internal administration of arbitration proceedings both domestically and overseas.

Her contract drafting skills have been applied to projects across the Ivory Coast, Cyprus, Lebanon, Cameroon, and the United Arab Emirates, demonstrating an ability to address the unique requirements of each. She also prepared extensive portfolio of claims, within which she meticulously emphasizes the specificities of each contract and project, particularly in terms of their scope, geographical location, and applicable legal frameworks. This diligence accentuates her profound attention to detail and her sophisticated grasp of the intricacies of international construction law.

Hiba's qualifications and professional experience extend further into the realm of arbitration, where she has acted as counsel on various cases under several renowned arbitration institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), and the Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Centre (ADCCAC). Her involvement in these cases covered complex construction issues such as unlawful termination, variations, delays, prolongation claims, and the quantification of general damages. Her role also included assisting in the cross-examination of quantum experts, showcasing her adept understanding of the intricacies involved in construction arbitration.

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### Professional Affiliation

- Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb), London & Beirut Branches
- Member of the Order of Engineers and Architects, Beirut, Lebanon
- Member of Society of Construction Law, London, United Kingdom

### Areas of Expertise

- Quantum Expert Services
- Construction Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- Contract Management and Administration
- Construction Law
- Cross-Examination and Legal Counsel

### Professional Experience Senior

Contract Manager -InShield International Consultancy, Dubai, UAE, 2020 to Present  
Contracts Administrator -Arabian Construction Company, Beirut, Lebanon, 2014-2018  
Contracts Administrator-KVA, Beirut, Lebanon, 2013-2014  
Project Coordinator-Arabian Construction Company, Beirut, Lebanon, 2006-2011.

technicalities. The value of disputes in arbitration, in which Miss Hiba was involved, ranges from 2 million USD up to 90 million USD, highlighting the significance and scale of the matters she has addressed.

In addition to her hands-on experience in arbitration and dispute resolution, Miss Hiba is also recognized as a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), further solidifying her standing in the international arbitration community. She is enlisted as an arbitrator with the DIAC, the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), and the Russian Arbitration Centre (RAC), showcasing her acceptance and trust within the arbitration field globally. This recognition not only highlights her expertise and experience but also her commitment to maintaining high standards of practice in arbitration.

Hiba's combination of engineering and legal expertise, coupled with her extensive experience in the arbitration of construction disputes, makes her a distinguished professional in her field. Her ability to manage complex arbitration cases, along with her recognition as a fellow of the CI Arb and her enlistment as an arbitrator in prestigious arbitration centers, underscores her expertise and her valuable contribution to the resolution of construction-related disputes on an international scale.

### Dispute Resolution Experience

| Case       | Project   | Nature  | Value           |
|------------|---|---|-----------------|
| DIFC-LCIA  | 5-star hotel project in Dubai   | Dispute over delays, unsettled sums, and damages                            | AED 27,700,000  |
| ICC        | Luxury sustainable residential Project in Masdar City                                   | Dispute over delays, unsettled sums, and damages                            | AED 39,000,000  |
| ICC        | ICC arbitration in Geneva for a KSA claimant vs. Emirati respondent                     | Dispute over project management   | KSA 41,000,000  |
| ICC        | ICC-administered arbitration in Brussels for an Emirati claimant vs. Belgian respondent | Dispute over variations, termination, delays, and damages                   | USD 10,000,000  |
| DIAC       | Shoring works project in Dubai  | Dispute over variations and additional works                                | AED 3,500,000   |
| LCIA       | LCIA arbitration in London for a KSA claimant vs. Emirati respondent                    | Dispute over project management   | KSA 556,000,000 |
| DIAC       | Residential compound villa of 83 in Dubai   | Dispute over variations, unlawful terminations, delays, and related damages | AED 116,000,000 |
| DIAC       | Construction of Roads, Infrastructure and Landscaping Works in Dubai                    | Dispute over variations, unlawful terminations, delays, and related damages | AED 45,000,000  |
| Litigation | Construction of a distillation project in Dubai   | Dispute over delays, unsettled sums, and damages                            | USD 6,500,000   |
| ICC        | Residential tower in Al Jaddaf Dubai  | Dispute over variations, unlawful terminations, delays, and related damages | AED 16,500,000  |
| DIAC       | Residential project in Dubai  | Disputes over defective work  | AED 1,200,000   |
| ADCCAC     | 5-star hotel project in Dubai   | Disputes over suspension, and unsettled amounts                             | AED 42,000,000  |