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**ICSID Panel Designation:**

Designation/ Role	Designated By	Designation Date
Arbitrator	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	December 10, 2020 – present

**Experience in ICSID Proceedings:**

Case Name	Type	Role (Appt'd by)
<i>Fouad Alghanim &amp; Sons Co. for General Trading &amp; Contracting, w.l.l. and Mr. Fouad Alghanim vs. the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID Case no. ARB/13/38)</i>	Arbitration	Counsel for the Respondent
<i>Fouad Alghanim &amp; Sons Co. for General Trading &amp; Contracting, w.l.l. and Mr. Fouad Alghanim vs. the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID Case no. ARB/13/38)</i>	Annulment	Counsel for the Respondent
<i>Michel Dagher vs. the Republic of Sudan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID Case no. ARB/14/2)</i>	Arbitration	Counsel for the Respondent
<i>Italstrade S.p.A. &amp; Salini Costruttori S.p.A. (Italian) vs. the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID Case no. ARB/02/13)</i>	Arbitration	Counsel for the Respondent

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An overseas associate at 4 New Square Chambers, Aiman Odeh has been practising law in the Middle East region since 1985. Currently he practises in Jordan. He is well-versed in all forms of dispute resolution, especially in the fields of investment, concession agreements, banking, construction, agency and licensing agreements, securities, and regulatory matters. He also has extensive experience in investment disputes and ICSID and OIC arbitration, in addition to ICC and ad hoc arbitration.

Aiman held cabinet positions in the Jordanian Government between 2007 and 2012 and served as the Minister of Justice and Minister for Prime Ministry Affairs & Legislation. He also served as Senator. Accordingly, he has significant experience in constitutional matters and judicial reforms and has given advice on these matters to other Arab countries.

Aiman is recognised by the leading independent legal directories for his skills and expertise. The Legal 500 lists him as one of only five Band 1 Leading Individuals for Jordan – Dispute Resolution, and he is ranked Band 1 in the same category in Chambers Global. Chambers says that he “*is commended equally for his Jordanian and international experience*”, and that “*in finance disputes he is described as "expert on all banking knowledge" and "probably the best litigator in town."*”. The Legal 500 describes him as an “*eminent figure in the market*”.

Aiman has been engaged as a coordinator in complex cases before US federal and state courts, where he liaised between the clients (including governments) and US law firms. He is well-acquainted with the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) and its exceptions, in addition to the anti-terrorism acts.

Aiman is also knowledgeable about the rules of Islamic Doctrine, upon which the civil laws applicable in many Middle East jurisdictions were founded.

**PRIVATE PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

- **Arbitration & Mediation Experience:**

Represented governments, public institutions, public shareholding corporations and investors in mediation and arbitration cases before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) at Washington D.C., International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) at Paris, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague, and OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation) at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

**Pending Investment Arbitration Matters:**

- *Omar Bin Sulaiman Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi vs. The Sultanate of Oman in the matter of arbitration under the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules 2010*; PCA Case No. 2017-32; the place of proceeding is London:

Acting as counsel for Omar Bin Sulaiman Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi.

- *TRASTA Energy Limited v. The State of Libya in the matter of arbitration under the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference*; PCA Case No. 2020-09; the place of proceeding is Paris:

Acting as counsel for TRASTA Energy Limited.

**Concluded Investment Arbitration Matters:**

- *Fouad Alghanim & Sons Co. for General Trading & Contracting, w.l.l. and Mr. Fouad Alghanim vs. the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes*; ICSID Arbitration Case no. ARB/13/38 and subsequent annulment proceedings; the place of proceeding is London:

Acting as counsel for the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

- *Michel Dagher vs. the Republic of Sudan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes*; ICSID Arbitration Case no. ARB/14/2; the place of proceeding is Paris:

Acting as counsel for the Republic of Sudan.

- *Italstrade S.p.A. & Salini Costruttori S.p.A. (Italian) vs. the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes*; ICSID Arbitration Case no. ARB/02/13; the place of proceeding is Paris:

Acting as counsel for the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

## **EDUCATION**

1984 **University of Miami, Miami, Florida, USA.**  
Masters of Law.

1982 **University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.**  
Bachelor of Laws.

## **LANGUAGES**

Arabic and English.