

# International Consultant Law Office LLC



## Saleh Ahmed Alobeidli

Lawyer & Arbitrator

Managing Partner of "International Consultant Law Office (ICLO)" Burj Al Salam, Dubai, UAE.

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#### **Admission Details / Education**

Bachelor Degree in Sharia & Law- United Arab Emirates University	2003
Higher Diploma in Private Law- Dubai Police Academy	2004
Licensed lawyer before all the UAE federal courts and local courts	2006
Master Degree in Commercial Law- Australia- Deakin University	2008
Licensed lawyer before Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Court	2009
Master degree in International Sports Law at ISDE, Madrid, Spain.	2014

### Languages

- Arabic
- English

#### **Work Experience**

From April 2003 to November 2006 working as a Legal Counsel at Dubai Land Department.

From December 2008 to August 2012 working as an Advocate at Hadef & Partners, Dubai.

From September 2012 to April 2014 working as a Senior Associate at Al Tamimi & Co, DIFC.

From May 2014 to Dec 2020, Founder & Managing Partner of Saleh Alobeidli & Co. Advocates & Consultants.

From 2015 onwards, member of the Executive Committee at Sharjah International Commercial Arbitration Centre (TAHKEEM).

From 2016 till 2019, listed Arbitrator at Court of Arbitration for Sports, Lausanne (CAS).

From 2016 till 2017, Member of the User Committee at the DIFC-LCIA.

From 2017 onwards, nominated Arbitrator at the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington (ICSID).





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From 2018 onwards, elected member at the Arbitration Steering Committee of the ICC UAE.

From Jan 2020 onwards, founding partner of ICLO law firm with offices in Abu Dhabi & Dubai.

Saleh is a UAE national with two LLM degrees, one in International Commercial Law from Deakin University, Australia & the other in International Sports Law from ISDE, Madrid, Spain. He participated in several executive international commercial arbitration and sports law programs organized by various international institutions and associations including London Kings College in London, ASSER Institute in The Hague, Netherlands and the Sports Law and Policy Centre in Ravello, Italy.

Saleh is an advocate licensed to appear before all courts of the UAE including the High Court and before all sports dispute resolution bodies. He has experience in handling disputes in the areas of international investment, technology, banking & finance and Islamic finance. He is well positioned in sports law including football, motor racing and Horse Racing. He contributed to the drafting of various commercial and sports law regulation including the long waited Arbitration Law in the UAE. He was member of the task force committee in drafting the latest rules of TAHKEEM.

Saleh has contributed the chapter about the sports Justice in the UAE as one of the authors of the book "International & Comparative Sports Justice" published by the Sports Law & Policy Centre, Rome. Further, he is a member of the Editorial Board and a regular contributor for the international reputable football journal "Football Legal", Paris.

Saleh has gained extensive international experience by working previously with the largest two law firms in the Middle East "Al Tamimi & Company" and "Hadef & Partners". In 2014 as a Managing Partner, he has set up the first sports law firm in the Middle East "Saleh Alobeidli Advocates & Legal Consultants".

#### Recent experience includes:

- Supervising the arbitration cases and the business development at Sharjah International Commercial Arbitration Centre (TAHKEEM).
- Working with the User Committee at the DIFC- LCIA in supporting the growth of the arbitration centre.
- Working as a counsel in many national and international commercial arbitrations.
- Advising the UAE Football Association in various legal issues in relation to FIFA and AFC.
- Advising the UAE Equestrian Federation on various issues related to the International Equestrian Federation.
- Representing and defending various commercial and sports bodies, clubs and athletes at various sports judicial bodies nationally and internationally.
- Advising and representing various sports bodies, clubs and athletes in relation to proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS).
- Advising sports bodies and celebrity players in various commercial sports aspects including image rights, broadcasting rights and general IP rights.
- Advising football clubs, players and intermediaries in relation to international transfer including players' contracts and intermediaries' contracts.
- Acting as an arbitrator in several appeal proceedings before the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS).



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Nominated by the UAE Ministry of Finance as an Arbitrator at the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington (ICSID).

## Memberships

- Member of the UAE Bar Association.
- Member of the UAE Arbitration Steering Committee of ICC.
- Member of the International Bar Association (IBA).
- Member of the Executive Committee at Sharjah International Commercial Arbitration Centre (TAHKEEM).
- Member of the International Football Lawyers Association (AIAF).
- Ex-Member of the User Committee at the DIFC-LCIA.



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