



BIOGRAPHY

Mohamed Sameh AMR (Ph.D.)

Professor and Chair of International Law, Cairo University

Independent Arbitrator

Attorney-at-Law (Cairo)

Consultant (Paris)

Dr. Mohamed Sameh Amr is an Attorney at law, Founding Partner of Amr and Partners Law Firm, Cairo-Egypt. He is Professor and Chair of International Law, at Cairo University. Amr is a Board member of Faculty of Law, Cairo University.

Amr is an independent arbitrator as well as is acting as a legal advisor in the field of corporate law (Investment Law, Financing and Banking Law, Corporate and Commercial Law). Amr is a Board member of the Egyptian General Authority of Foreign Investment (GAFI) since 2017.

Since his graduation from Faculty of Law, Cairo University in 1987, Amr has worked in three complementary fields, which are Academia, Law practice and Diplomacy.

In the field of Academia, Amr is currently a Professor of International Law at Cairo University. He started his academic career as Assistant Lecturer at Faculty of Law, Cairo University in January 1988 and subsequently a Lecturer in 1997 and Assistant Professor in 2004 until 2010 at the same university.

He is also a visiting professor at SciencePo. (France) and Verona University (Italy).

As Academic for more than 30 years, he taught courses in other universities and institutions, such as: American University in Cairo (AUC), Ain Shams University, Egyptian Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Egyptian National Center for Judicial Studies, Institute of Arab Studies and Researches (Arab League). He also supervised postgraduate students (LLM and Ph.D).

In the field of Corporate Law and Arbitration, Amr is a member in the Egyptian Bar Association. He has experience over 30 years in this filed since he joined Shalakany Law Office in 1987 as Associate. After obtained his Ph.D. degree, he re-joined the firm as Senior Associate then a Partner until 2005. In 2005 he established with others a law firm in Egypt (Arab Legal Consultants). In 2016, Amr established a new firm "Amr Law Firm" in Cairo (Egypt) and act as Independent Consultant in Paris (France).

Amr offered a comprehensive range of legal services in the field of commercial law, investment law, management, joint venture, franchising, banking and finance, companies incorporations, structures and restructure of companies, mergers and acquisitions, securities, capital market, competition, public-private partnership, as well as trademarks and patents, tourism and services, and IPO's. He has been involved drafting and negotiation many commercial, shareholders and loan agreements. He helped Egyptian as well as foreign and multinational Companies to execute high-value deals and advised on all aspects of doing business in Egypt and in Arab region.



He acted as Legal Advisor for some major transactions in Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Iraq, Algeria and Syria.

In the field of Arbitration, he acted as co-arbitrator and Chairman of arbitral tribunals in numerous of domestic and international arbitration cases (institutional and *ad hoc*) in matters relating to construction, transfer of technology, agency, distribution, shareholders, telecommunication and oil and gaz. His arbitration experience as Arbitrator and Counsel covers the arbitration Rules of CRCICA, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC and PCA.

Appointments as Co-arbitrator and Presiding Arbitrator:

- Co-arbitrator, CRCICA Case No. 546/2007, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co- arbitrator, CRCICA Case No. 1147/2016, governed by Egyptian Law
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1161/2016, governed by Egyptian Law
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1142/2016, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, DIAC Case No. 151/2016, governed by UAE Law
- Co- arbitrator, CRCICA Case No. 1174/2017, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, DIFC-LCIA Case No. No: DL17119/2017, governed by UAE Law
- Co-arbitrator, DIAC Case No. 193/2017, governed by UAE Law
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. Case No. 1187/2017, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, ICC Case No. 23311/AYZ/2018 (c. 23323/AYZ), governed by Laws of Qatar
- Co-arbitrator, CRCICA Case No. 1250/2018, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, CRCICA Case No. 1280/2018, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, ICC Case No. No. 24539/AYZ/2019, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, CRCICA case No. 1325/2019, governed by Egyptian Law
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1377/2019, governed by Egyptian Law
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1397/2020, governed by Laws of Yamen
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1400/2020, governed by Laws of Iraq
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1402/2020, governed by Egyptian Law
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1404/2020, governed by Egyptian Law
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1407/2020, governed by Egyptian Law
- Chairman, CRCICA Case No. 1413/2020, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, CRCICA Case No. 1427/2020, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, CRCICA Case No. 1429/2020, governed by Egyptian Law
- Co-arbitrator, CRCICA Case No. 1440/2020, governed by Egyptian Law



As a Counsel and Co-Counsel:

- Appointed by Respondent, CRCICA Case No. 1356/2019, governed by Egyptian Law.
- Appointed by Respondent, PCA Case No. 2020-26, governed by International Law.
- Appointed by Respondent, CRCICA Case No. 1434/2019, governed by Egyptian Law

As Legal Expert:

- Expert legal opinion submitted to an ad hoc arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the English Arbitration Act (EAA 1996), (2019/2020)
- Expert legal opinion on mater of Jurisdiction in light of Egyptian Law, submitted to Courts of Switzerland (2019)

Member of:

- ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and Panel of Conciliators
- WIPO List of Arbitrators
- CRCICA Panel of Arbitrators
- Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre (KLRCA) Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators
- Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb)
- Shanghai International Arbitration (SHIAC) Panel of Arbitrators/Mediators
- ICC Arab Arbitration Group (ICC)
- List of Arbitrators of the Egyptian Minister of Justice.
- ICC Institute (Paris)
- French Committee of Arbitration
- Egyptian Society of International Law

Amr participated in drafting the Executive Regulations of the Egyptian Law of Competition and Anti-trust (2006), Investment Law of Egypt (2017), amendments to Companies Law (2017), amendments to Capital Market Law (2017), amendments to Financial Leasing Law (2017) and the new Factoring Law (2018).

In the field of International Investment Law, Dr. Amr also participated in drafting and negotiating number of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs). He also represented Egypt in the three rounds of negotiations of the new proposed rules of ICSID.

In the field of Diplomacy, Amr served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to UNESCO 2012 – 2016. He also served as the Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt to UNESCO 2000 - 2004. Amr was elected as the Chairperson of UNESCO's Executive Board of UNESCO 2013 – 2015.

Throughout his diplomatic carrier, Amr negotiated and participated in drafting number of international conventions, declarations and instruments.



Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- Ph.D. in International Law, from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of London, 1997
- LL.M. (Master Degree in Law) from Law Faculty of Law, Cairo University (*Diplôme en Droit Public*, 1988 and *Diplôme en Droit Privé*, 1989)
- LL.B. (*Licence en Droit*), from Faculty of Law, Cairo University, 1987

Professional Experiences as Attorney-at-Law, Legal Consultant and Independent Arbitrator (Since 1987):

- Admitted lawyer before the Egyptian Cassation Court, Constitutional Court and High Administrative Court
- Founding Partner of Amr and Partners Law Firm, since 2016
- Independent Consultant in France
- Co-Founder and Senior Partner at Arab Legal Consultants office, in 2005 - 2012
- Associate, Senior Associate and Partner at Shalakany Law Office (Cairo) 1988 – 2005.
- Specialized in the field of Corporate and Investment Law, incorporation of companies, establishment of campuses of foreign universities in Egypt, drafting and negotiating agreements such as: shareholders Agreements, Sale and Purchase Agreements, Hotel management Agreements, Financing and Loan Agreements (including syndication agreements and Escrow Agreements), Joint Venture Agreements, Franchising Agreements.
- Represented Egyptian clients to conclude major transaction in several countries in the region, such as: Sudan, Libya, Algeria, Iraq and Syria.
- Presiding Arbitrator, Co-Arbitrator and Counsel in number of cases under the rules of CRCICA, DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ICC and PCA.

Member of:

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Membership of Board of Directors:

- Egyptian General Authority of Investment and Free Zones (GAFI), 2017 – To date
- Misr Insurance Holding Company, 2018 – To date
- Egyptian Higher Council of Antiquities, 2017 – To date
- Al Ahly for Financial Leasing, 2019 – To date

Legislative Role

Based on his experience as corporate lawyer, Dr. Amr participated in drafting of the following:

- Egyptian Law of Competition and Anti-trust (2006),
- Investment Law of Egypt (2017),
- Amendments to the Companies Law (2017),
- Amendments to the Capital Market Law (2017),
- Amendments to the Financial Leasing Law (2017) and f
- Factoring Law (2018).

Academic Experiences:

- Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law –Cairo University, 2010 – To date.
- Visiting Professor of International Law at University of Verona (Italy), 2017/2018.
- Visiting Professor of International Law at SciencesPo. (France), 2016/2017.
- Visiting Professor at Centre of Diplomatic Studies (Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 2010 – 2012
- Visiting Professor at The National Center for Judicial Studies (Egyptian Ministry of Justice), 2009 - 2012
- Visiting Professor of International Law, Institute of Arab Studies and Researches (Affiliated to Arab League Organization), 2009 – 2012 and 2017 – To date,
- Visiting Professor of International Law, Faculty of Engineering, Post-Graduate Program of International Water Resources, 2009 - 2012.
- Visiting Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, Ain Shams University, 2005 - 2007



- Visiting Professor at Faculty of Mass Communications, Cairo University, 2005 - 2007
- Visiting Professor at the American University in Cairo, Political Science Department, 2005 - 2006
- Associate Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, Cairo University, 2003 - 2010
- Senior Lecturer of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, Cairo University, 1997 - 2003
- Assistant Lecturer of Public International Law Department, Cairo University, 1988 - 1997

Professional Experiences as Legal Advisor to Intergovernmental Organizations and Governmental Institutions:

- Member of the Egyptian team in the three negotiation rounds for the adoption of the new rules of ICSID, 2018 – 2020.
- Legal Advisor to the Egyptian Delegation for the Negotiation of the Renaissance (GERD) Dam 2017 – 2020.
- Legal Consultant in the field of Investment Law appointed by IFC and World Bank, 2017 – 2018.
- Legal Advisor to the Egyptian Delegation concerning the Negotiation on the Nile River, 2009 - 2012
- Member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Nile Basin Initiative, 2010 - 2012
- Legal Expert to UNDP for the project of “Modernization of the Public Prosecution Office in the Arab States”, 2005 - 2006
- Representative of Egyptian General Authority of Foreign Investment in the meeting Re: the regional arrangement for investment in MENA, organized by OECD, Manama, 2005
- Legal Expert to ECF S.p.A. for the project "Technical Assistance for Institutional Strengthening of the Egyptian Tourism Authority", 2005
- Legal Advisor to the Egyptian Ministry of Trade and Industry for the project "Competition Law assignment" within the Trade Enhancement Programme (TEP-A), 2005
- Legal Advisor of the Egyptian Ministry of Trade and Industry to draft and negotiate a Bilateral Investment Treaty between Egypt and Germany, 2005
- Representative of Egyptian General Authority of Foreign Investment to negotiate the COMESA’s Investment Treaty, 2004 - 2005
- Member of the Egyptian Delegation to the Hague Diplomatic Conference for adoption of the Second Protocol of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict 1954, 1999
- Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Public Works and Irrigation of Egypt Re: the Legal Protection of the Watercourses’ Environment, 1999



- Legal Expert appointed by UNCTAD to evaluate and examine the Egyptian Laws and Regulations of Investment, 1998

Diplomatic Experiences:

- Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Egypt to UNESCO, 2012 – 2016
- Chairperson of UNESCO’s Executive Board 2013 – 2015.
- Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Executive Board of UNESCO, 2013 - 2015
- Deputy Head of Delegation to the General Conference of UNESCO, 2013 and 2015
- Chairperson of the Group of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Group to UNESCO, 2013 –2016
- Member of Several International and regional Intergovernmental Committees.
- Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt to UNESCO, 2000 - 2004
- Member of Egyptian Delegation to the General Conference of UNESCO, 2001 and 2003
- Representative of Egypt in many International Committees and Conferences.

Main Publication:

Main Publications

Books:

- International Investment Law (Forthcoming)
- "Public International Law", Co-Author, Dar- El Nahda El Arabia, Cairo, Egypt, 2011
- “Law of International Institutions”, Dar- El Nahda El Arabia, Cairo, Egypt, (2008), (2007), (2005), (2004), (1999)
- “The Role of the International Court of Justice as the Principal Judicial Organ of the United Nations”, Kluwer Law International, 2003

Articles:

- ‘Constructing Dams on International Watercourses, between Sovereignty of States and the Right to Share International Watercourses’, in History of Water, Sovereignty & Development of International Water Law, edited by Tvedt, Terje, Owen McIntyre and Tadesse Kassa Woldetsadik, 2015
- “Economic, Cultural and Social Council of the African Union”, in Manual on the African Union, Judge Abdulqawi Yusuf and other (Editors), Nijhoff Publishers, 2012
- "Prior Notification for the Construction of Projects over International Watercourses", Egyptian Review of International Law, 2011
- “International Protection of the Diplomatic Courier and Bags”, Law and Economics Review (Al Qanoun Wel Iqtisad), Faculty of Law - Cairo University, 2009



- “Diversion of International Watercourses”, African Yearbook of International Law, vol. 10, 2002
- “Third Party Intervention before the Dispute Settlement Body of WTO”, Legal and Economic Research Review, Faculty of Law, Bani-Souief University, vol. 15, July 2001

Languages

- Arabic: Native
- English: Fluent
- French: Working Language

Personal data

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