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## PROFILE

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Leonora Riesenburger is an Independent Chartered Arbitrator, Accredited Adjudicator, Accredited Mediator, Certified ADR Practitioner proficient in all forms of ADR at INTADR DMCC, Dubai, and an International Tenant at 4-5 Gray's Inn Square in London. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB), a Fellow of Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR), and a well known personality in the world of ADR in the Middle East, Asia, and the UK. Leonora is highly specialised in high value complex disputes across key sectors, notably in power, energy, investment, infrastructure, construction, real estate, joint ventures, partnering and shareholder disputes, banking and finance. Her affiliations with prestigious arbitral institutions—among them the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, DIAC, ADCCAC, SCCA, APIAC, MIAC, AIADR.

Leonora's global influence is reflected in her service with leading dispute resolution institutions across jurisdictions. She sits on the Advisory Board of the Indonesia International Arbitration Centre (INIAC), the Governing Council of the Hyderabad Arbitration Centre (HAC) in India, and the Global Advisory Panel of the Musaliha International Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR) in Pakistan. She is also a committee member of the Adjudication Society, a member of the LCIA Arab Users' Council and the Swiss Arbitration Association. Her leadership is further demonstrated through her past roles as Branch Chair of CIARB UAE, an elected member of the Board of Management of CIARB London, and as a member of the DIFC Courts Arbitration Division Working Group.

Leonora regularly teaches for CIARB internationally and for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) across the MENA region and the UK, where she plays a key role in shaping the next generation of dispute resolution professionals. Leonora's professional contributions are distinguished by numerous honorary and voluntary appointments, prestigious awards, and a portfolio of authorships and publications. She is a regular speaker and contributor at conferences, seminars, and industry events both in her home market of the UAE and on the international stage.

## POSITIONS HELD IN UAE

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- Currently, Practice Owner at INTADR DMCC, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Previously, Group Head of Legal/ Group GC at GGICO, listed public investment conglomerate listed on DFM. Advocate and Senior Legal Consultant, Galadari Advocates & Legal Consultants – Projects and Construction (Disputes – Arbitration and Litigation), Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

## PRACTICE SECTORS

*Sector specific representative matters available on request.*

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| Infrastructure & Development      | Construction & Real Estate (Commercial, Residential, Retail) |
| Investment & Trade Disputes       | Facilities & Asset Management                                |
| Power & Energy                    | Manufacturing & Industrial                                   |
| Banking & Finance                 | Shipping, Transportation & Logistics                         |
| Partnering & Shareholder Disputes | Hospitality, Leisure, & Entertainment                        |

## SELECTION OF ARBITRATION CASES – AS ARBITRATOR, ADVOCATE OR PARTY REPRESENTATIVE

- DIAC Arbitration A250160 Dispute concerning an Entertainment Services Management Agreement (Co-Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal).
- LCIA Case No. 256657 Dispute concerning the export and delivery of metal goods and products (Sole Arbitrator)
- DIAC Arbitration 25008 Major construction dispute between master developer and contractor related to the construction, testing and commissioning of 3 residential buildings in Port De La Mer, claim value over AED 33m (Co-Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- SIAC Arbitration ARB549 involving an international and a UAE company oil and gas companies, demurrage claim over USD \$1m (Sole Arbitrator)
- DIAC Arbitration No. 340050 over AED 80m sale and purchase of land and development dispute in relation to a plot located in Majan, Dubai. (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Arbitration No. 230032 AED 15.1 million subcontract dispute, involving a renowned subcontractor specializing in aluminum and glazing works in the United Arab Emirates and a large consortium acting as the main contractor on a significant construction project for the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority. (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Arbitration No. 240022 USD 155K SAP S/4 HANA solution implementation services, software licensing dispute. (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Arbitration No. 230054 circa. AED 2m, Supply, installation, testing and commissioning white goods to projects, 3 clusters, Remraam Community. (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Arbitration No. 220031. Multiple hire agreements dispute for supply of scaffolding materials to a project on Palm Jumeirah, Dubai (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- ADCCAC Arbitration 27/2023 Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of MEP Works for a Family Hotel, Retail, Car Park and Energy Centre in Yas South Integrated Destination Resort (IDR), Abu Dhabi. (Co-Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Case No. 45/2022 Supply and installation of air-cooled heat exchanges for a gas turbine combined cycle power plant, Sharjah authority (Sole Arbitrator)
- ADCCAC Case no. 49/2022 Supply & installation of temporary gantries to utility, plant, Abu Dhabi (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Arbitration No. 132/2021 Supply of substations (fixed and mobile) involving a UAE and French company (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Arbitration No. 1/2021 Piling Works dispute on an island development in Sharjah (Co-Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Arbitration No. 59/2020 Fit-out dispute in respect of a hotel in Business Bay, Dubai (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
- DIFC-LCIA Arbitration No. DL20238 Construction, management and design of a supply pipeline in

- KSA. Value: approx. SAR 4.2m. (Co-arbitrator, 3 member tribunal)
- ICC Arbitration No. 25361/AYZ Engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning dispute on a new tank storage terminal, Al Hamriyah Freezone. Value: over USD \$17m. (Co-arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
  - DIAC Arbitration No. 6/2020 Sale and purchase dispute concerning multiple residential real estate units, Dubai Sports City. (Sole Arbitrator)
  - DIAC Arbitration No. 144/2019 Construction dispute concerning two residential towers in TECOM involving the employer and main contractor. Global claim value: approx. AED 250m. (Co-arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
  - LCIA Arbitration No. 204897 Highly Complex Investment Dispute involving Local and Foreign Public Entities (Land and Monetary Holdings) with parallel proceeding in DIFC Courts. Value: est. AED 823m.
  - LCIA Arbitration No. 184133 Highly Complex Investment Dispute involving Local and Foreign Public Entities (Land and Monetary Holdings) with parallel proceeding in DIFC Courts. Value: est. AED 93m.
  - DIAC Arbitration No. 115/2019 Fit-out dispute concerning building project serviced apartments in Business Bay, Dubai, involving a renowned local developer and fit out provider. Claim value: approx. AED 40m. (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
  - DIFC-LCIA Arbitration No. DL19258 Major construction dispute concerning the design, construction, completion and maintenance of a hotel in Tecom, Dubai, with local and foreign parties in the UAE and KSA. Claim value: over AED 1Bn. (Co-Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
  - DIFC-LCIA Arbitration No. DL19216 Shareholder dispute concerning share sale and purchase arrangements involving local and foreign holdings in the UAE and Qatar. Claim value: approx. USD \$ 9m. (Co-Arbitrator, 3 member tribunal)
  - DIFC-LCIA Arbitration No. DL18155 Major construction dispute in Dubai concerning the design, construction, completion and maintenance of a hotel in Tecom, Dubai, with local and foreign parties in the UAE and KSA. Claim value: approx. AED 900m. (Co-Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
  - DIFC-LCIA Arbitration No. DL17128 Multiple shareholder disputes concerning multiple companies, local and foreign holdings in the UAE and BVI. Claim value: AED 35m. (Sole Arbitrator)
  - DIFC-LCIA Arbitration No. DL17088 Real estate investor dispute in Dubai involving a well known local developer and Kuwaiti investor (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
  - DIAC Case No. 150/2017 Multi-party investment dispute, hostile takeover of investment holdings and assets, local and foreign elements (UAE, Bahrain, Netherlands, USA). (3 member Tribunal)
  - ADCCAC Case No. 42/2017 Banking and securities dispute involving a leading onshore Abu Dhabi bank. Global claim value: approx. AED 278m. (Presiding Arbitrator, 3 member Tribunal)
  - DIAC Case No. 2/2017 Sale of land for development dispute involving the master developer/ seller and developer/purchaser, in Dubai (3 member Tribunal)
  - DIAC Case No. 142/ 2016 Sale of land for development dispute involving the master developer/ seller and developer/purchaser, in Dubai (3 member Tribunal)
  - DIAC Case No. 139/ 2016 Sale of land for development dispute involving the master developer/ seller and developer/purchaser, in Dubai (3 member Tribunal)
  - Dubai Court Supervised Arbitration Case No. 881/2016 Fit-Out works dispute in respect of high-end luxury furniture showroom in Dubai (court appointed arbitrator)
  - ICC Case No. 20555, 2015 Data center MEP works dispute involving the main contractor and MEP contractor, Dubai (3 member Tribunal)
  - DIAC Case Nos. 146/2011 & 393/2011 (consol.) High rise building/ major construction dispute involving the employer and main contractor, in Dubai (3 member Tribunal)
  - LCIA Arbitration No. 101769, 2010 Service level dispute, seated in London
  - LCIA Arbitration No. 101754, 2010 Service level dispute, seated in London
  - DIAC Case No. 348/2010 Sale of land for development dispute- mixed use involving the master

- developer/ seller and developer/ purchaser, Dubai (3 member Tribunal)
- DIAC Case No. 65/2008 Mega framework and master development dispute involving the framework developer and master developer, Dubai (3 member Tribunal)

## **ACCOLADES & PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

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### **ACCOLADES**

- UAE Business Awards 2024: ADR Practitioner of the Year 2024
- UAE Business Awards 2023: ADR Practitioner of the Year 2023 (Dubai)
- Acquisition International 2021 Legal Awards: ADR Specialist of the Year 2021 (Middle East)
- Acquisition International 2020 Legal Awards: Best Female ADR Specialist (Middle East)
- International Arbitrators & Experts in Engineering Sector (IAEE UAE), 2019 Award for Outstanding Woman of the Year
- Acquisition International 2019 Legal Awards: Most Influential Woman in ADR (Middle East)
- AI Global 2018 Leading Adviser Awards: Leading Investment Management Consultant of the Year (UAE)
- Acquisition International 2018 Dispute Resolution Awards: Mediator of the Year (UAE)
- Acquisition International 2017 Dispute Resolution Awards: Arbitrator of the Year (UAE)
- Acquisition International 2016 Global Excellence Awards: Recognised for Global Excellence in Middle East Investment Disputes
- Acquisition International 2016 Dispute Resolution Awards: Recognised for Sustained Excellence in Middle East Investment Disputes
- Acquisition International 2015 Dispute Resolution Awards: Best in Investment Disputes (UAE)
- Global Legal 500, 2014: Leading Individual in Dispute Resolution – Construction
- Global Legal 500, 2014: Leading Individual in Banking & Finance
- Global Legal 500, 2013: Leading Individual in Dispute Resolution – Construction

### **HONORARY APPOINTMENTS & PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Committee Member, Adjudication Society (2025 onwards)
- Member, Advisory Board, INIAC Indonesia (2025 onwards)
- Member, Governing Council, HAC India (2022 onwards)
- Member, Global Advisory Panel, MICADR Pakistan (2022 onwards)
- Independent Member, DIFCC-Arb Working Group (2020)
- Independent Member, CIARB Board of Management (2019-2021)
- Chairman, CIARB UAE Branch (2017 -2020)
- Honorary Secretary, CIARB UAE Branch (2015- 2017)
- CIARB Regional Pathway Leader in the International Arbitration and Commercial Mediation
- CIARB Course Director/ Tutor/ Examiner/ Assessor on the International Arbitration Faculty
- CIARB Course Director/ Tutor/ Assessor on the Mediation Faculty
- RICS DRS Training Faculty Member / Expert Witness Testimony Certificate Tutor and Assessor

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

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### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Adjudicator Adjudication Training Course, HKICAdj Hong Kong (Oct 2025)
- Diploma in International Arbitration, CIARB Dubai (July 2015)
- Accredited Certification, Commercial Mediator, CIARB London (December 2014)
- Masters of Law International Dispute Resolution, Queen Mary/ University of London (December 2011)
- Postgraduate Diploma Corporate and Commercial Law, Queen Mary/ University of London (August 2011)
- Qualified Lawyers Transfer Certification, BPP Law School, London (2007)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Vocational Training for the Bar, BPP Law School, London (June 2005)

- Bachelor of Arts Joint Honours in Law and Sociology, University of Warwick, UK (July 2004)

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Society of Adjudication
- Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Arab International Arbitration Group
- Swiss Arbitration Association
- Law Society of England & Wales
- Lincoln's Inn, London Inns of Court

**LANGUAGES**

English – native language; French – business proficient