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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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AHALI Dispute Resolution
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Nationality: American, Pakistani

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

J.D., New York University School of Law, New York, 1990;
Awarded the Vanderbilt Medal;
B.A., *Summa cum laude*, Columbia University, Columbia, 1986;
Elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society;
Member of the Annual Review of American Law; and President of the International Law Students Association.

Admitted to practice in the District of Columbia.

LANGUAGES

English, French, Spanish, Urdu, Hindi and Bengali

PRESENT POSITION

Independent Arbitrator, Ahali Dispute Resolution, Washington, DC, since December 2024

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Dechert LLP, 2012-November 2024;
Partner and Co-Chair, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 2012;
Partner and Co-Chair, Crowell & Moring LLP, 2007-2012;
Counsel, Fulbright & Jaworski, Washington Office. Practice includes representation of parties in international institutional and ad hoc commercial arbitrations, advising parties on appropriate dispute resolution methodologies and procedures, designing tailor-made dispute resolution schemes, developing problem escalation and resolution procedures, and negotiating and drafting dispute resolution clauses for international and domestic contracts in light of the parties' underlying commercial relationship and the applicable legal regimes. Representation of parties in proceedings under the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. Advice to parties in connection with Internet governance issues and representation in relevant ICANN fora. Advises businesses operating internationally on U.S. trade sanctions, U.S. anti-boycott laws and regulations, U.S. export controls, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, bilateral investment treaties, target state municipal investment laws, foreign sovereign immunity, state responsibility, war claims, international human rights and territorial and maritime boundaries.

Consultant, World Intellectual Property Organization Arbitration and Mediation Center (WIPO), Geneva. Key member of the WIPO team involved in finalizing the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. Also participated in the finalization of the dispute resolution policies of several of the new global top level domains (.info, .biz, .name) and helped to develop best practices for registrars and country-code top level domain administration. Served as a member of the start-up team charged with developing the legislative, procedural and operational infrastructure for the United Nations Compensation Commission (later headed one of the Commission's claims divisions). Private law practice with international law firms in Washington, D.C., (Shawpittman; Ackerson & Bishop) and Paris, France, (Freshfields, Bruchkhaus, Derringer).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

International commercial arbitration, alternative dispute resolution, representations before inter-governmental tribunals and organizations and dispute resolution involving information and communications technologies and the digital economy. Internet governance and domain names.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Adviser, electronic commerce and internet conflict management and dispute resolution to the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration, the GCC Commercial Arbitration Center and the Central American Economic Integration Secretariat; Chair, Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Committee and Editorial Board Member;
Best Practices Committee, Application Service Provider Industry Consortium; Member, CPR Institute Information Technology Partnering Committee.

Member:

American Bar Association (Task Force on E-Commerce and Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of International Law and Practice);
The American Society of International Law;
The International Bar Association.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Representation of parties in arbitration and ADR proceedings involving trade secrets and patent rights; advisory representations on trademark and Internet domain name issues.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Key member of the WIPO team involved in finalizing the Internet Corporation for Assigned Name and Numbers' Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. Instrumental in developing the dispute resolution policies for several of the new global Top level domains (e.g. .biz, .info, .name), drafting domain name registration guidelines and policies, setting up WIPO's domain name dispute resolution case administration infrastructure. Assisted with the development of best practices for registrars and country-code top-level domain administration.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Author

Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Best Practices for the Application Service Provider Industry (WIPO 2001).

Contributor

ASP Industry Consortium's *Guide to Service Level Agreements* (ASPIC 2000);
Information and Communications Technology Disputes: Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation, International Bar Association, Section of Business Law Annual Meeting (Cancun, Mexico, October 2001);
Dispute Resolution for the Digital Economy, Conference on Protecting and Exploiting Intellectual Property Rights on the Internet (Barcelona, Spain, July 2001);
Devising Successful Strategies for Achieving Effective SLA Dispute Resolution, Global SLA Summit (London, England, July 2001);
Dispute Avoidance and Resolution in the Digital Economy, Conference on the Legal Aspects of International E-commerce (Dublin, Ireland, May 2001);
Dispute Resolution in the Knowledge-based Economy, GCC Commercial Arbitration Center Conference on the Settlement of Commercial Disputes in the Era of Communications Information Technology (Manama, Bahrain, May 2001);
ASP Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Best Practices and Guidelines, Conference on ASP End User Strategies for the Swedish Market (Stockholm, Sweden, March 2001);
Integrer les meilleures pratiques pour minimiser les risques et resoudre les conflits entre partenaires ASP, Programme ASP (Paris, France, February 2001);
Dispute Resolution for the Knowledge Economy, Dubai Internet City Seminar Series (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, December 2000);
Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Internet, Conference on the Legal Aspects of International E-Commerce (Paris, France, December 2000);
ASP Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Best Practices: A Model for B2B E-Commerce Disputes, International Conference on Dispute Resolution in Electronic Commerce (Geneva, Switzerland, November 2000);
Preparing for Global ASP Access, COMDEX (Las Vegas, Nevada, November 2000);
ASP Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Best Practices, Citrix iForum 2000 (Orlando, Florida, October 2000);
Tirer parti des avantages de l'Internet Dispute Resolution, Conciliation, Mediation et Arbitrage (Geneva, Switzerland, September 2000);
Examining the Best Practice Standards Developing for ASP Services, Global Colocation and Hosting Summit (London, England, September 2000);
ASP Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Best Practices, ASP Now! The ASP Industry Conference (Frankfurt, Germany, September 2000);
The Use of Arbitration for Telecommunications Disputes, Telecommunications Contracts and Dispute Resolution (London, England, May 2000);
ASP Supply Chain Dispute Resolution, ASP Industry Consortium Global Member Meeting (London, England, May 2000);
Electronic Commerce and Intellectual Property, SIECA-WIPO Best Practices and Guidelines for ccTLD Domain Name Administration (San Jose, Costa Rica, April 2000);
Domain Name Dispute Resolution, Workshop on Intellectual Property and the Internet (New Delhi, India, March 2000);
The Impact of Electronic Commerce on Intellectual Property: Dispute Resolution Issues, Cairo Conference on Electronic Commerce and Intellectual Property (Cairo, Egypt, February 2000);

Internet Dispute Resolution, Application Service Provider Industry Consortium – Tokyo Summit Preview (Tokyo, Japan, January 2000);

The Impact of Technology on Arbitration, Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration Conference on International Arbitration in Africa in the Year 2000 and Beyond (Cairo, Egypt, December 1999);

Instructor, International Chamber of Commerce PIDA Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration (Paris, France, November 1998 and May 1999).

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Representation of parties in federal court litigation in the United States of America;
Representation of the State of Bahrain before the International Court of Justice.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Representation of parties in mediations involving intellectual property rights and information technology disputes.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Has acted for public and private entities, as counselor and advocate, in institutional and ad hoc international arbitrations in 15 countries on four continents, as well as in various forms of alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Representations have involved a wide range of commercial, contractual and intellectual property matters, as well as issues involving Internet commerce, hardware and software product performance, systems integration, IT project management, outsourcing, application service providers and Internet domain names.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Attendance at conferences worldwide. Instruction on international commercial arbitration for the International Chamber of Commerce, the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration and the GCC Commercial Arbitration Center.
