

## WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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### EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

D.E.S.S. (Masters), Multimedia and Information Technology Law, University of Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France, 2003;  
CEIPI Diploma, Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle, University of Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France, 1991;  
D.E.S.S. (Masters) in International Business Law, University of Paris I – Pantheon Sorbonne (France), 1985;  
B.A., Business Law, University of Paris I – Pantheon Sorbonne, France, 1984.

Admitted to the Paris bar, 1996;  
Registered industrial property attorney with the INPI, France, 1992-96.

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### LANGUAGES

French, English and Arabic.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

**2004-2010:**

Partner, Molinari Legal Consultancy, Dubai.

Consulting and advising in Intellectual Property Rights and Information Technology regulation including domain names protection, e-commerce, as well as in commercial and corporate law (Joint-Ventures, holdings, incorporation of international companies, distribution and commercial agencies, industrial subcontracting);

**1997-2004:**

Lawyer, Acker Choquette Law Firm;

General Counsel, Arabia Online Guernsey Limited;

Industrial Property Counsel, Rouse & Co International.

**From 1986 to 1996 (France):**

Industrial Property Counsel, Ernest Gutmann-Yves Plasseraud S.A.;

Vice-manager, Contracts Department, Groupe Usinor Sacilor- Société Sollac;

Industrial Property Counsel, Cabinet Claude Rodhain S.A.;

Lawyer, Cabinet d'avocats Alain Bensoussan.

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Protection of Intellectual Property rights (trademarks, copyrights, designs), unfair competition, Information Technology (software and computer law, data protection, domain names and e-commerce), international contract law, commercial and corporate legal matters.

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## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

MCIArb, Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - International Arbitration Mediation Center, London;

Member, Board of Directors of the French Business Council of Dubai and the northern emirates.

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## EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Over 18 years experience advising in IP legal matters, enforcing IP rights on a worldwide basis and in the MENA region, reviewing, drafting & negotiating a full range of IP/IT contracts under different jurisdictions.

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## EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Handling cases of domain names disputes and registration of domain names as an in-house counsel and as an external legal counsel.

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## MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

**Several articles** on Information Technology regulation in "Gulf News Business" 2002:

- "*Spamming on the Internet*".
- "*Fighting cyber squatting*".
- "*E-business requires legally secure climate*".
- "*secured on-line payment*".
- "*web international disputes*".

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**Lectures:**

FBC legal seminar: "Counterfeiting in the UAE", 1999.

In cooperation with the French consulate and trade commissioning, lectures on commercial agencies and distribution regulation and latest developments in the UAE, 1998, 1999, and 2004.

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**EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION**

As legal IP Counsel in different organizations has handled over 50 IP cases and has advised and liaised with litigators in IP and IT disputes (trademarks, software and copyrights, industrial models and designs, unfair competition) in France and in the MENA region (Middle East and North Africa);  
As general legal counsel, has been involved in monitoring, liaising with and advising litigators in commercial and industrial disputes in some of the Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC).

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**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION**

Attendance of the WIPO workshops "for arbitrators" on October 25 and 26, 2004, and "domain names dispute resolution" on October 28 and 29, 2004.

Training in Arbitration and Alternative Disputes Resolution organized by the "Chartered Institute of Arbitrators" – London on December 12-14, 2004.

Has qualified as Member (MCI Arb) of the "Chartered Institute of Arbitrators", 2005.

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