



SAMI HOUERBI

ARBITRATOR

BIOGRAPHY

Sami Houerbi began his legal career in 1992 in Munich and Paris, specializing in French and German law. From 1999 to 2005, he joined the Secretariat of the ICC Court of Arbitration, where he managed numerous international arbitration cases.

Since 2006, Sami has acted as counsel and arbitrator in various arbitration cases under multiple institutional rules, including ICC, DIAC, SAC, CAM, CRCICA, etc.

In 2008, he founded Houerbi Law Firm, focusing on business, energy, and construction law, as well as international dispute resolution.

FIELD OF EXPERTISE

Sami has extensive experience with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), having served as Deputy Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration and as Director of Arbitration and ADR for the Mediterranean, Middle East, and Africa. He has been appointed as an ICC Court Member for the 2024–2027 mandate and serves on the Board of the newly revived ICC Tunisia.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- In addition to his ICC roles, Sami is a Court Member at the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre, a Board Member of the Tehran Regional Arbitration Center, and a member of the Panel of Arbitrators for both the Hong Kong and Shanghai Arbitration Centers. As a founding member of the Ifriqya Arbitration Forum, he is dedicated to promoting alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and supporting ADR practitioners across North Africa.

BAR ADMISSION

1995: Tunis Bar

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

FOUNDER OF HOUERBI LAW FIRM

- Sami advises and assists international companies, including those implemented in EMEA region, in their domestic and international disputes in international commercial arbitration. By virtue of these experiences, he developed a recognized expertise in the fields of international contracts, international sale of goods, transfer technological expertise, construction and technical installation.

RECENT EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a UAE industrial manufacturer and a Turkish machinery production company.
- Sole Arbitrator in a CAM arbitration involving an Italian company and an American company over a distributorship agreement.
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC dispute under a distributorship agreement between an Italian company and a Jordanian company.
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration involving a Moroccan construction company and an African State.
- Sole Arbitrator in an ICC arbitration between a Saudi services company and an Egyptian engineering company in a dispute concerning a distributorship agreement.
- Sole Arbitrator in a SAC arbitration opposing a Swiss entity and an Egyptian company.
- Presiding Arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration in London between two Saudi construction companies under English law.
- Chairman of an arbitral tribunal in a CRCICA arbitration between an Egyptian financial services company and a Saudi private party.
- Sole Arbitrator in an ACIC arbitration case involving an Iranian textile company and a Bulgarian reseller.
- Co-arbitrator in a DIAC arbitration between a UAE company specialized in trading refined petroleum products and a UAE oil and storage company.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF LUDWIG MAXIMILIAN (MUNICH, GERMANY)

LL.M. in German Corporate Law | 1993-1994

UNIVERSITÉ PANTHÉON-ASSAS (PARIS, FRANCE)

Postgraduate Diploma in International Law | 1992-1993

First Law Degree | 1990-1992

SAARLAND UNIVERSITY (SAARBRÜCKEN, GERMANY)

Pre-Law Degree | 1988-1990

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor to the book "Arbitration in North Africa: An overview, in Arbitration in Africa: A practitioner's Guide", Wolter Kluwer, 1st edition, 2013 and 2nd edition, 2021.
- Contributor to the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) Project entitled "Does a Right to a Physical Hearing Exist in International Arbitration?".
- Contributor to the ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin entitled "Sorelec v. Libya: A call for Vigilance to prevent Corruption in Investor-State Arbitration", Issue 2, 2021.