

KARIM NASSIF: VICE CHAIR OF ICC COMMISSION ON ARBITRATION & ADR

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Karim Nassif, founder of the independent Dubai based arbitration practice Nassif Arbitration, has been appointed a Vice Chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, upon the nomination of the ICC UAE National Committee and the support of the ICC Lebanese National Committee.

Nassif has been highly involved in the national arbitration group of ICC UAE, which he has led over the last couple of years and actively contributed to the work of the Commission as a member (notably the Emergency Arbitrator report) and is focused on generational and gender diversity.

Nassif has more than 20 years of experience in arbitration, mediation, civil law, contract law, commercial and corporate law, banking and finance, real estate and construction law.

A veteran of the legal world, Nassif established Nassif Arbitration in 2020 after serving for over a decade as an arbitrator/mediator at International Arbitration Institutions. He served as a partner in leading European and Emirati law firms, where he held various positions of increasing responsibility including head of international arbitration and real estate department at Habib Al Mulla – Baker McKenzie as well as partner at both Cotty Vivant Marchisio & Lauzeral and LPA-CGR avocats.

At the beginning of his career in Lebanon, he worked as an associate at Nahas Law Firm while serving as a part-time lecturer in civil and commercial law at the Faculties of Law of La Sagesse University and Lebanese University. He later took up a counsel role at Merit Corporation Sal (Parent Company of CMA CGM), before moving to the UAE in 2005.