

# AIMAN ODEH



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A door tenant at 4 New Square Chambers, Aiman Odeh has been practising law in the Middle East region since 1985. Currently he practises in both Jordan and UAE. He is well-versed in all forms of dispute resolution, especially in the fields of investment, concession agreements, banking, construction, agency and licensing agreements, securities, and regulatory matters. He also has extensive experience in investment disputes and ICSID and OIC arbitration, in addition to ICC and ad hoc arbitration.

Aiman held cabinet positions in the Jordanian Government between 2007 and 2012 and served as the Minister of Justice and Minister for Prime Ministry Affairs & Legislation. He also served as Senator. Accordingly, he has significant experience in constitutional matters and judicial reforms and has given advice on these matters to other Arab countries.

Aiman is recognised by the leading independent legal directories for his skills and expertise. The Legal 500 lists him as one of only five Band 1 Leading Individuals for Jordan – Dispute Resolution, and he is ranked Band 1 in the same category in Chambers Global. Chambers says that he “*is commended equally for his Jordanian and international experience*”, and that “*in finance disputes he is described as "expert on all banking knowledge" and "probably the best litigator in town."*”. The Legal 500 describes him as an “*eminent figure in the market*”.

Aiman has been engaged as a coordinator in complex cases before US federal and state courts, where he liaised between the clients (including governments) and US law firms. He is well-acquainted with the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) and its exceptions, in addition to the anti-terrorism acts.

Aiman is also knowledgeable about the rules of Islamic Doctrine, upon which the civil laws applicable in many Middle East jurisdictions were founded.

He is fluent in Arabic and English.

## **PROFESSIONAL RECORD**

March 2019 – present	Door tenant at 4 New Square Chambers, London
Mid-2012 – present	Senior partner at Bakr & Odeh Law Firm, Amman, Jordan
March 2019 – present	Consultant at Mohammad Masoud Advocates & Legal Consultants, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
2011 – Mid-2012	Minister for Cabinet Affairs and Legislation, Jordan

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2007 – 2010	Minister of Justice, Jordan
1990 – 2007	Attorney at Law practising before the Jordanian courts and national and international arbitral tribunals
1989 – 1990	Legal Consultant in Kuwait
1984 – 1988	In-house Counsel at the Arab Bank, Head Office, Amman, Jordan

## **PRIVATE PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

### **• Arbitration & Mediation Experience:**

Represented governments, public institutions, public shareholding corporations and investors in mediation and arbitration cases before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) at Washington D.C., International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) at Paris, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague, and OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation) at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

### **Pending International Arbitration Matters:**

- *Fouad Alghanim & Sons Co. for General Trading & Contracting, w.l.l. and Mr. Fouad Alghanim vs. the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes*; ICSID Arbitration Case no. ARB/13/38 (Annulment Proceedings); the place of proceeding is London:

Acting as counsel for the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

- *Michel Dagber vs. the Republic of Sudan before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes*; ICSID Arbitration Case no. ARB/14/2; the place of proceeding is Paris:

Acting as counsel for the Republic of Sudan.

- *Omar Bin Sulaiman Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi vs. The Sultanate of Oman in the matter of arbitration under the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules 2010*; PCA Case No. 2017-32; the place of proceeding is London:

Acting as counsel for Omar Bin Sulaiman Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi.

- *TRASTA Energy Limited v. The State of Libya in the matter of arbitration under the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference*:

Acting as counsel for TRASTA Energy Limited.

- *Geotehnika Ltd., Croatia vs. the Republic of Sudan and the National Corporation for the Development of Rural Water Resources*; ICC Case No:23078/MHM; the place of proceeding is Paris:

Acting as counsel for the Republic of Sudan.

- *Libyan Emirates Oil Refinery Company (United Arab Emirates) vs. National Oil Corporation (State of Libya)*; ICC Case No. 24408/AYZ; the place of proceeding is Paris.

Acting as counsel for Libyan Emirates Oil Refinery Company

- *TRASTA Energy Limited (United Arab Emirates) vs. National Oil Corporation (State of Libya)*; ICC Case No. 24722/AYZ; the place of proceeding is Paris.

Acting as counsel for TRASTA Energy Limited.

- **Litigation Experience:**

Has represented a large number of foreign and local companies and banking institutions in a wide range of major cases (e.g. agency contracts, construction and supply contracts, banking transactions, insurance, administration disputes and general contracting).

## **LEGISLATION EXPERIENCE**

Banking Law, Deposit Insurance Corporation Law, Islamic Sukuk Law, Income Tax Law, Sales Tax Law, Development and Free Zones Law, Aqaba Special Economic Zone Law, Social Security Law, Anti-Money Laundering Law, Economic Crimes Law, Penal Code, various Judicial Reform Laws & Regulations, and Constitutional Court Law.

## **JUDICIAL REFORMS**

During Aiman's tenure at the Ministry of Justice in Jordan, the Ministry implemented many judicial reforms, especially during 2008 & 2009, in addition to other reforms and projects that were reflected in the Judicial Development Strategy of 2010-2012. This strategy included many plans and projects relating to the restructure of the judiciary system and the administration of the justice process in the country, in addition to the revision of the rules and procedures of civil and criminal trials.

In 2016, he was a member of the Royal Committee for Judicial Reforms. The recommendations of this Committee were adopted and as a result eleven amending laws and four regulations relating to the Judiciary and court procedures were issued.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE WORK**

- 2014 – Present: Member of the Board of Trustees of the National Centre for Human Rights, Amman, Jordan.
- 2016 & 2017: Member of the Royal Committee for Judicial Reforms, Amman, Jordan.
- 2014 –2017: Member of the Board of Trustees of Mu'tah University
- 2010 & 2011: Senator and member of the Senate's Legal Affairs Committee
- 2006: Member, Economic Reform Committee, All-Jordan Forum, Jordan
- 2005: Member, Committee for Legislative and Judicial Reform, National Agenda, Jordan
- 2004 – 2006: Judge, Arab Investment Court, Arab League, Cairo, Egypt
- 2003: Member, Anti-Corruption Committee, Amman, Jordan
- 2000: Member, Committee for Civil Procedure Reform, Amman, Jordan

## **EDUCATION**

- 1984 **University of Miami, Miami, Florida, USA.**  
Masters of Law.
- 1982 **University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.**  
Bachelor of Laws.

## **LANGUAGES**

Arabic and English.