

Interview With Counselor Dawood Ibrahim Abou-l-Shawareb

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The United Arab Emirates legislation has devoted articles 203 to 218 of Part III of Law number 11 of 1992 on Civil Procedures to the subject of arbitration. These articles deal with arbitration agreements the proof and object thereof, how to select and appoint arbitrators and authorized conciliators, the qualifications of an arbitrator, an arbitrator's acceptance of his appointment, challenging and discharging of arbitrators, arbitration procedures, ratification of the arbitration award, enforcement of the arbitration award and invoking voidance thereof. It should be noted that arbitration awards are subject to no form of appeal; however, the judgment in effect of ratification or voidance of the arbitration award is subject to appeal through the relevant methods of appeal.

Q 1-What is the significance of arbitration in trade?

A- It goes without saying that arbitration is of paramount importance for trade since trade, in its very inherent nature, needs facilitation of procedures and easing of hurdles, in order to save time and effort. Resorting to arbitration, which is more expedite and less expensive for the resolution of trade disputes saves traders this time and effort. Unlike resorting to the ordinary judiciary to solve a trade-related dispute, which would prolong the litigation period and contradict the very nature of trade.

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