



# Interview with the Judge Mr. Mohd Obaid Al Kaabi



**1 What do you think about arbitration and its significance as a means for resolving business disputes locally and internationally?**

Arbitration is an effective and quick tool to resolve disputes. It has acquired recognition for a long time at the national and international levels, especially with the spread of the culture of using alternative methods for settling disputes away from courts. Arbitration has several advantages including, fast resolution, low cost, easier procedures as well as the freedom of the arbitration tribunal to resolve disputes with barely any restraint, except if the resolution of the dispute is adversely affected. The selection of arbitrators takes place by the full consent of all parties, so that they have the confidence in those they choose to settle their dispute.

**2 In your view, what role does arbitration serve for the judiciary? Is it a tool helping resolve business disputes and take the burden off the judiciary, or a competitor?**

With the development, diversity and global nature of (business) deals and transactions, and given the fact that today's transactions involve multiple parties and have a fast pace due to the nature of the Age of Speed which itself led to an increasing number of cases before courts, and given the suffering of litigants from slow proceedings and the big financial losses they bear as a result, the concept of 'new litigation systems' had to come into existence with the objective of settling conflicts away from courtrooms.