



# DIAC / CI Arb EVENT

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THURSDAY



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## EVENT TITLE

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# How to Get Your First Appointment as an Arbitrator

In this event, CI Arb in collaboration with DIAAC will explore our speakers' personal experiences when it came to their own first-time appointments or appointing first-time arbitrators and will discuss tangible steps that could be taken by both, the first-time arbitrators and the appointing parties to improve the rate of first-time arbitrators' appointments and, as a result to promote more diversity.

This event is a first in a series of **"How to..."** events planned by CI Arb, which will explore routes taken by established professionals to achieve success in their respective fields. The events will cover steps taken by our distinguished guests and their advice on how to obtain the first-time appointments as:

- An Arbitrator
- An Arbitrator's Secretary
- Quantum Expert
- And others...



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## HOW TO GET YOUR FIRST APPOINTMENT AS AN ARBITRATOR

### Introduction



**DR. ZEINA  
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Partner,  
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### Speakers



**OLENA  
VORONOVYCH**

Case Manager,  
Dubai International  
Arbitration Centre



**VICTOR P. LEGINSKY  
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Chartered Arbitrator,  
Certified Mediator

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**MARIA  
MAZZAWI**

Senior Associate,  
Dispute Resolution,  
Eversheds Sutherland



**IRYNA  
AKULENKA FCIARB**

Chair of CI Arb UAE and  
Senior Consultant, HKA

### Moderator



**KASIA HALLIDAY  
MCIARB**

Training & Education Officer  
of CI Arb UAE and  
Associate Director, BRG



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## HOW TO GET YOUR FIRST APPOINTMENT AS AN ARBITRATOR

### Program

4:00 - 4:15

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

4:30 - 5:30

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC AND SPEAKERS

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q&A

CLOSING REMARKS

### Registration

The event is free to attend.

To register for the event Please visit DIAC website [www.diac.ae](http://www.diac.ae). Please specify if you are interested in Attendance In-Person or Virtual Attendance.

- **Attendance In-Person:** Please note that number of spaces is limited to adhere with Government guidelines. Therefore, admission to the event is by registration **only**.

- **Virtual Attendance:** Please specify your attendance preference when registering. Link to connect to the event will be sent to your registered email address.



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### Speaker Bio



### **OLENA VORONOVYCH**

Case Manager,  
Dubai International Arbitration Centre

Olena Voronovych is an international lawyer with expertise in the field of commercial, construction and corporate law, real estate and finance transactions. Olena has experience working on high profile commercial projects and ICSID and UNCITRAL investment treaty arbitrations representing the Government of Ukraine. Olena has been practicing in the UAE since 2015, having been a managing partner in an international boutique law firm in Dubai focusing on transnational corporate, commercial and dispute matters in the CIS and the Middle East.

Currently, Olena holds the position of Senior Case Manager in the Dubai International Arbitration Centre, responsible for managing and administering arbitration cases and providing assistance and legal advice to the Arbitration Court.

Olena is a regular speaker at the events and author of different legal publications.



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### **MARIA MAZZAWI**

FCI Arb, Arbitrator,  
Senior Associate at Eversheds Sutherland

Maria is a Senior Associate with Eversheds Sutherland’s Disputes team and specialises in international commercial arbitration. Maria also serves as an Arbitrator and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London, a Licensed Attorney of the Jordanian Bar, and a MENSA Member. She is fluent in Arabic, English and French. As a civil law lawyer, her practice is typically multijurisdictional and includes advising in both contentious work and non-contentious and transactional/advisory work contexts.

Maria holds a Master’s degree from Queen Mary University of London with a specialisation in ADR and international construction and commercial contracts and arbitration. She also holds a second post-graduate diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

She has been working in the Middle East for 8 years and is an active member of the arbitration community, contributing regularly to online news/media outlets and journals, including International Journal of Arab Arbitration, Khaleej Times, Arabian Business, and Emirates Law.



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### **VICTOR P. LEGINSKY** **B.ED., J.D., FCIARB**

Chartered Arbitrator, Certified Mediator  
**Arbitralis ADR**

Victor Leginsky is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators [CI Arb]. He is certified as a mediator through the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (London) [CEDR] and works frequently in respect of mediation with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (London) [RICS] and the CI Arb. He holds a JD (Juris Doctor) degree and a B.Ed. (Bachelor of Education), both from Canada. He has served as Arbitrator in well over 100 cases, conducting both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations, and has conducted construction-related mediation. He confines his practice to that of a neutral (arbitrator / mediator), largely in construction and energy-related disputes. He is a past MENA Chapter Director of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN).

Victor is resident of and has been working in the Middle East for 15 years. He is Regional Pathway Leader for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and tutors Award Writing. He lectures frequently on dispute resolution in construction, oil and gas and general dispute resolution matters.



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### **IRYNA AKULENKA FCIARB**

Chair of CI Arb UAE and  
Senior Consultant, HKA

Iryna is a qualified Engineer with 15 years of experience, including seven years of managing construction and engineering projects, and thereafter in contractual claims preparation and defence as well as dispute work (expert work and alternative dispute resolution). Iryna is a Fellow with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and acts as an arbitrator in construction disputes.

Iryna is the Chair of the UAE Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and also teaches International Arbitration for the Institute. She is a Member of the Global Advisory Board of ICDR Y&I, a Regional Representative for MENA with Russian Arbitration Association (RAA40), a Member of the Advisory Board for the School of Engineering, American University in Dubai, and a Member of the Advisory Board, Faculty of Business & Law, British University in Dubai.

Iryna is a Registered RICS Expert Witness, and provides training in Cost Planning, Project controls, Procurement, Claims and Disputes, and Contract Administration. She is also a frequent speaker at various events and conferences in the ADR field.



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### Moderator Bio



### **KASIA HALLIDAY MCIARB**

Training & Education Officer of CI Arb UAE and  
Associate Director, BRG

Kasia is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators with a career spanning over 15 years within the industry, working on large infrastructure, oil and gas projects within the UK and the UAE.

Whilst working within the UAE, Kasia was involved in a number of high-profile dispute resolution commissions and arbitration proceedings providing quantum consultant services as part of, or leading quantum teams. She has an extensive experience providing support to the testifying Expert over quantum, prolongation and disruption matters at various stages of proceedings.

Kasia have been appointed on quantum related disputed across a range of sectors including aviation, ports, oil and gas and multi-use commercial projects. Her appreciation of contractual matters is complemented by her previous experience in contracts and commercial management, gained in the earlier stage of her career.

# Organizer

