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**SECTORS:** Energy, Oil and Gas, Power, Rail

**SERVICES:** Aviation Dispute Resolution, Construction, Energy Dispute Resolution, Infrastructure Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, Real Estate

## BIO

### SORAYA IS COUNSEL IN THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GROUP.

Soraya is an experienced arbitration practitioner. She has wide-ranging experience in all types of international commercial arbitrations, having acted as advising counsel under major institutional arbitration rules (including ICC, SCC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA and DIAC) and ad hoc in arbitrations seated in Europe and the Middle East in relation to a wide variety of industry sectors, including banking and finance, real estate/construction as well as oil and gas.

Soraya also regularly sits as arbitrator (sole arbitrator, co-arbitrator and chair) in arbitrations mainly related to real estate, sale and purchase disputes and commercial disputes.

Soraya has authored a number of publications in the field of arbitration and more specifically in relation to Middle Eastern arbitration related topics.

Soraya is fluent in French, English and Arabic.

## EXPERIENCE

Advising a United Arab Emirates-based fire-proofing company in a dispute in relation to the construction of Abu Dhabi Airport Midfield Terminal under the DIFC-LCIA Rules with seat in DIFC and governed by United Arab Emirates law.

# WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

Advising a United Arab Emirates-based investment company in a dispute arising out of the performance of a Murabaha financing agreement under the DIFC-LCIA Rules with seat in Dubai and governed by English law.

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Advising a United Arab Emirates-based company in a dispute against a German manufacturer in relation to the supply and installation of equipment and an industrial plant under the LCIA Rules with seat in London and governed by English law.

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Advising a US\$80m plus dispute arising out of the performance of a long-term gas supply agreement between two Pakistani companies under the ICC Rules with seat in Singapore and governed by English law.

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Advising an IT services provider in a dispute arising from the performance of an IT services agreement for Abu Dhabi Police under the ICC Rules with seat in Abu Dhabi and governed by United Arab Emirates law.

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## EDUCATION

2003 · Admitted to the Paris Bar

2002 · Ecole de Formation du Barreau (Paris Bar School)

2000 · DEA in Private International Law and International Trade Law, Assas University, Paris, France (with honors)

1999 · Maîtrise in Private law, Assas University, Paris, France (with honors)

## MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

ICC UAE

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

ArbitralWomen

## INSIGHTS

### ARTICLE

#### UAE CASE LAW UPDATE – RECENT DUBAI COURT OF CASSATION JUDGMENT ON RECOVERY OF LEGAL COSTS IN ARBITRATION

[www.wfw.com/articles/uae-case-law-update-recent-dubai-court-of-cassation-judgment-on-recovery-of-legal-costs-in-arbitration/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/uae-case-law-update-recent-dubai-court-of-cassation-judgment-on-recovery-of-legal-costs-in-arbitration/)

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### ARTICLE

#### RECENT DUBAI COURT OF CASSATION DECISIONS ON ENFORCEABILITY OF ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS

[www.wfw.com/articles/recent-dubai-court-of-cassation-decisions-on-enforceability-of-arbitration-agreements/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/recent-dubai-court-of-cassation-decisions-on-enforceability-of-arbitration-agreements/)

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### EVENT

#### VICTORY IN CONFLICT – STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN COMPLEX DISPUTES

[www.wfw.com/events/victory-in-conflict-achieving-success-in-complex-disputes/](http://www.wfw.com/events/victory-in-conflict-achieving-success-in-complex-disputes/)

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## ARTICLE

### US COURT REFUSES TO ENFORCE A DIFC-LCIA ARBITRATION CLAUSE DUE TO ABOLISHMENT OF THE DIFC-LCIA ARBITRATION CENTRE

[www.wfw.com/articles/us-court-refuses-to-enforce-a-difc-lcia-arbitration-clause-due-to-abolishment-of-the-difc-lcia-arbitration-centre/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/us-court-refuses-to-enforce-a-difc-lcia-arbitration-clause-due-to-abolishment-of-the-difc-lcia-arbitration-centre/)

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## ARTICLE

### SAUDI ARABIA'S CIVIL TRANSACTIONS LAW: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

[www.wfw.com/articles/saudi-arabias-civil-transactions-law-construction-contracts/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/saudi-arabias-civil-transactions-law-construction-contracts/)

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