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About Mohamed

Mohamed focuses on complex litigation and alternative dispute resolution involving domestic, cross-border, and international disputes. His practice covers a wide range of industries, including commercial, financial, telecommunications, intellectual property, securities, and cryptocurrency. He handles all phases of federal and state court cases, from pleadings to trials and appeals.

Mohamed has significant international arbitration experience. As a bilingual, dual-qualified attorney in common and civil law jurisdictions, he represents clients in international arbitration proceedings under leading institutions such as the American Arbitration Association – The ICDR® – International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (AAA – ICDR), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), JAMS, the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). He also advises on investor-state disputes before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and has experience with judicial review and enforcement of arbitral awards.

In addition to his counsel work, Mohamed serves as an arbitrator in complex commercial arbitration cases governed by US federal, New York, and California, as well as English, and Middle Eastern laws.

He is an adjunct professor at Fordham Law School. Previously, Mohamed interned at the New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, and served as a public prosecutor in Egypt, handling high-profile corruption and white-collar crime cases.

Mohamed's Affiliations

- The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow (FCIArb)
- American Arbitration Association – The ICDR®—International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (AAA–ICDR), Considered the youngest arbitrator on the national roster of AAA arbitrators
- Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC), Arbitrator
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Delegate, 2022 – 2024
- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR), Y-ADR Steering Committee of the Young Leaders in Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2023 – 2026
- New York State Bar Association, International Dispute Resolution Committee, Chair, 2021 – present; Dispute Resolution Section, Executive Member, 2021 – present; Task Force on New York Law in International Matters, 2021 – 2022
- New York City Bar Association, Arbitration Committee, 2021 – present; International Law Committee, 2021 – present; Working Group Report on Private International Law Treaties, 2021 – present
- Muslim Bar Association of New York
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Arbitrator

Areas of Focus

Industries: Automotive Financial Services; Banking & Financial Institutions; Construction;
Consumer Financial Services; Financial Services; Mortgage Lending & Servicing

Services: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Complex Commercial Litigation ;
Consumer & Class Action Defense; Financial Services Litigation ;
Financial Services Regulatory & Compliance; Intellectual Property; Litigation & Trial;
Mortgage Lending & Servicing Litigation ; Regulatory & Compliance ;
Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA);
White Collar Defense, Investigations & Enforcement

Experience

- Secured a complete arbitration award dismissing all claims with prejudice for a financial institution before the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The claims involved breach of contract, common law negligence, and violations of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act (EFTA), Delaware Uniform Commercial Code Article 4A (UCC), and Delaware Consumer Fraud Act (CFA), the Delaware Identity Theft and Breach of Security Monitoring Act (the Identity Theft Act), the Delaware Banking Code, and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA).
- Represented a Fortune 500 company in an institutional arbitration involving claims for violation of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, UCC, Consumer Fraud Act, and other US federal laws

- Represented a global company in an ad hoc arbitration seated in New York, involving breach of contractual obligations under insurance policy agreements.
- Represented investors, brokerages, and investment firms in securities arbitrations concerning securities fraud claims and claims of suitability of investments.
- Represented a global telecom operator in institutional arbitrations totaling \$1.3 billion. The case involved a breach of the interconnection agreement and equal treatment against a global mobile operator.
- Represented a construction company in an institutional arbitration case, which centered around allegations of delays in executing a significant project in the steel and energy manufacturing sector.
- Successfully represented a hotel management company in an institutional arbitration concerning a breach of the exclusive management agreement.
- Advised a Middle Eastern investor in a potential ICSID arbitration against a Middle Eastern country regarding a denial of justice claim based on termination of the investor's "call option" shares by the host state.
- Represented CEO and shareholders in an institutional arbitration involving breach of shareholders agreements and failure to complete the company's initial public offering.
- Represented a regional distributor in an ad hoc arbitration involving claims for a non-exclusive agency agreement and unlawful termination of a contractual agency relationship.
- Represented a consortium of companies in an institutional arbitration, which included claims for breach of contract, debt refinancing, foreclosure of properties, and sale of shares.
- Represented an arbitrator in an arbitration seated in New York involving cryptocurrency regulation and cybersecurity violations.
- Represented an arbitrator in an arbitration involving claims of breach of agency contracts in the sports industry.
- Represented an arbitrator in an institutional arbitration involving claims of breach of banking agreement and unjust enrichment, under the laws of the State of Utah.
- Represented an arbitrator in an institutional arbitration relating to the manufacturing defects of a global company's products under the laws of the State of New York.
- Represented an arbitrator in an institutional arbitration relating to breach of contract and banking violations under the US Federal laws, and the banking laws in the State of New York and the New York General Business law.
- Represented an arbitrator in an institutional arbitration relating to fraud claims and violations of federal laws seated in New York.
- Successfully prevailed on a dispositive motion in a complex commercial partnership dispute before the New York State Court.
- Successfully obtained a dismissal of a case brought by a foreign company against a Fortune 500 company in US federal courts alleging breach of contract and UCC violations.
- Represented a global company in concurrent legal actions related to anti-suit injunctions in US federal courts.
- Represented a Fortune 500 company in disputes before state and US federal courts involving claims for fraud, banking laws

Recognition

- *Arab America Foundation*, 40 Under 40, 2024
- *Africa Arbitration Academy*, Africa's 30 Most Promising Arbitration Practitioners, 2022
- *Middle East Policy Council (MEPC)*, 40 Under 40, 2021
- Pepperdine University School of Law, CALI Award, Ethics of International Arbitration

Credentials

Education

Fordham University School of Law, SJD, 2021

Pepperdine University, LLM, 2015

Cairo University, LLB, Law, 2009

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Eastern District of New York

US District Court for the Southern District of New York

Languages

Arabic

Interests

Did you know...

Mohamed enjoys boxing and trying various cuisines from Egypt, the Middle East, and India. His favorite place is the beach.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Co-Chair, "International Commercial Arbitration and the Rule of Law: Perspectives from Around the World," International Arbitration Conference, International Section, New York State Bar Association, Hamburg, Germany, October 15, 2025

- “Investment Arbitration,” Comprehensive Arbitration Course, Arbitration Club, American University of Baghdad, Virtual Event, October 4, 2025
- Panelist, “Nuances of Intellectual Property & Tech-Related Disputes Before WIPO,” New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), Virtual CLE, August 20, 2025
- Panelist, “Hot Topics and Recent Developments in International Arbitration,” Practising Law Institute, Virtual and New York, New York, June 23, 2025
- Panelist, “The Role of Arbitral Institutions: U.S. Perspectives on Handling Arbitration Cases,” New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), New York, New York, May 27, 2025
- Opening Remarks, “Crypto, ESG and Global Markets: U.S., Egypt and Brazil Regulatory Shifts & Trends,” New York State Bar Association’s (NYSBA) International Dispute Resolution Committee and Egypt Chapter of International Section, Virtual Event, April 30, 2025
- “Challenges and Future of Legal Education – How to prepare yourself for your legal industry,” VSkolar, Webinar, February 15, 2025
- Panelist, “New York Is Supportive of Arbitration at Every Stage of the Proceeding,” New York Arbitration Week, International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR), New York, New York, November 18, 2024
- Moderator, “Professional Standards, Ethics, and the Use of AI in Dispute Resolution,” CPR Institute’s Y-ADR Steering Committee and the CPR Technology Advisory Alliance, CLE Webinar, May 14, 2024
- Co-Presenter, “Best Practices for Commercial and Employment Arbitration Efficiency,” American Arbitration Association, CLE Webinar, April 25, 2024
- Moderator, “The Battle of the Seats in International Arbitration,” New York State Bar Association International Section, Webinar, March 28, 2024
- Panelist, “International Commercial Arbitration Law and Practice - A Deep Dive for American Litigators and In-House Counsel,” AAA/ICDR, New York, New York, January 18, 2024
- Panelist, “Power in Mediation—Shifting Sands of Getting to Yes,” New York State Bar Association, New York, New York, January 16, 2024
- Panelist, “The Role of Arbitral Institutions and the Future of *Ad Hoc* Arbitration in Africa,” 2023 Global Conference: Africa Arbitration Day – New York, New York, December 8, 2023
- Panelist, “The Evolution of Third-Party Funding in ADR,” Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Virtual Event, November 30, 2023
- Panelist, “Third-Party Arbitration Funding,” Recent Developments in Arbitration Conference, Center on Civil Justice at NYU School of Law in partnership with the Center for Transnational Litigation, Arbitration, and Commercial Law at NYU School of Law and the Center for International Commercial & Investment Arbitration at Columbia Law School, New York, New York, and Virtual, November 12, 2022
- Co-Moderator, “Panel Discussion-Part II: Arbitration, Mediation and Mixed Modes: Ethical Considerations of Switching Hats,” Dispute Resolution Section Fall Meeting 2022, New York State Bar Association, New York, New York, October 20, 2022
- Co-Moderator, “Arbitration, Mediation and Mixed Modes: Seeking Workable Solutions Med/Arb -Arb/Med-Theory and Practice Panel Discussion – Part I: The Processes,” Dispute Resolution Section Fall Meeting 2022,

New York State Bar Association, New York, New York, October 20, 2022

- “Counsels Ethics in International Arbitration,” Arbitration Committee of the New York City Bar Association, September 2020

Publications

Mohamed has extensively published articles on international arbitration and litigation. Some of his recent publications include:

- “Alternative Dispute Resolution in Islamic and Arab Culture: A Brief Summary,” *New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer*, Volume 18, No. 2, 2025
- “Third Party Arbitration Funding in Egypt: Doctrines & Practices,” *International Journal of Arab Arbitration (IJAA)*, Volume 16, No. 2 - 2024, 2025
- “Third Party Funding in International Arbitration: A Critical Appraisal and Pragmatic Proposal,” *Edward Elgar Publishing*, 2023
- “Third Party Arbitration Funding and Islamic Shari’a: Friends Not Foes,” *Journal of Dispute Resolution*, Vol. 22(2), 2022
- “Third-Party Funding in the United States: A Systematic Judicial Analysis,” *Columbia American Review of International Arbitration*, Vol. 32 (2), 2021
- “Domestic Courts’ Impact on Arbitral Awards: Pragmatic Reflections on the New York Convention,” *Journal of Dispute Resolution*, 2021
- “Arbitrator Disclosure: In Defense of The Second Circuit Approach,” 44 *Fordham International Law Journal*, 529, 2020
- “Reflections on Diversity of ADR: Insights from the New York Arbitration Week,” *New York State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Blog*, 2019
- “Denationalizing Counsel Ethics in International Arbitration,” *World Arbitration and Mediation Review (WAMR)*, Vol. 12(4), 2018

Events

- D.L. Morriss and Mohamed F. Sweify Present at the NYSBA International Arbitration Conference in Hamburg, Germany, Oct 15, 2025
- Mohamed F. Sweify Presents on Hot Topics in International Arbitration, Jun 23, 2025
- Mohamed F. Sweify Moderates Panel on the Institutional Approaches to Arbitration in the U.S., May 27, 2025
- Exploring the Evolution of Dispute Resolution: Mohamed F. Sweify Participates in NYSBA Program, Apr 23, 2025
- Mohamed Sweify to Present CLE Panel During New York Arbitration Week Organized by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR), Nov 18, 2024

In The News

- Mohamed Sweify Explores Alternative Dispute Resolution Within Islamic and Arab Culture, Sep 16, 2025
- Mohamed F. Sweify Examines the Doctrines and Practices for Third-Party Arbitration Funding in Egypt, Jun 10, 2025

Press Releases

- Mohamed F. Sweify Admitted to the List of Arbitrators of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Aug 6, 2025
- Mohamed F. Sweify Appointed to List of Arbitrators of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center, May 13, 2025
- Mohamed Sweify Named Among Arab America Foundation's 2024 40 Under 40 Awardees, Apr 2, 2024
- New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) International Section Elects Two Hinshaw Attorneys to Leadership Positions, Mar 6, 2024
- Mohamed Sweify Appointed to the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution's Young Leaders in Alternative Dispute Resolution Steering Committee, Sep 25, 2023

Webinars

- Mohamed F. Sweify Speaks on a NYSBA CLE Panel on IP and Tech-Related Disputes at WIPO, Aug 20, 2025
- Mohamed F. Sweify Kicks Off NYSBA Program on "Navigating Crypto, ESG, and Global Markets: Regulatory Developments in the U.S., Egypt, and Brazil", Apr 30, 2025
- Mohamed Sweify Presents on the Future of Legal Education, Feb 15, 2025

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