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Profile

Maria Mazzawi serves as the Registrar of the Abu Dhabi International Dispute Resolution Centre (arbitrateAD), where she leads the operations of the Centre's Case Management Office. A trilingual, civil-law-qualified specialist in international dispute resolution, she brings more than fourteen years' experience across the Middle East and is regarded as one of the region's foremost arbitration practitioners, having been recognised in the Legal 500 Middle East Arbitration Powerlists in both 2022 and 2023. Maria presently serves as Co-Vice Chair of the CIArb UAE Branch Committee.

Maria is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and a Licensed Attorney. Prior to joining arbitrateAD in 2025, Maria spent several years at Eversheds Sutherland in Dubai as a senior arbitration specialist, advising on complex, high-value international commercial and construction disputes before leading arbitral institutions. Alongside her practice as counsel, she sat as a practising arbitrator, including appointments as tribunal chair in DIAC proceedings.

A published academic author, she writes on developments in civil law and international arbitration and is a frequent speaker at leading regional and international conferences, remaining a committed contributor to the advancement of the arbitration community.