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## BACKGROUND

Prior to relocating to Herbert Smith Freehills' Dubai office in 2015, Joseph trained in the London office of another international firm. He is a qualified solicitor advocate, and holds a Degree in Classics from Durham University.

## KEY SERVICES

[Dispute Resolution](#)  
[International Arbitration](#)

## KEY SECTORS

[Infrastructure](#)  
[Energy Disputes](#)

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## EXPERIENCE

Joseph has extensive experience helping to resolve disputes in the MENA region involving common and civil law issues through litigation in the English, DIFC and regional courts and international arbitration in LCIA, ICC, DIFC-LCIA, DIAC and SIAC arbitrations. Although Joseph has a broad commercial practice, he has particular focus on Middle Eastern oil & gas and energy issues, construction and infrastructure arbitrations, financial services/regulatory, white collar crime and trust disputes, as well as international enforcement.

Joseph has authored various articles relating to Iraqi energy issues, such as "Finding the right balance: Iraq seeks new equilibrium in relationship with IOCs" and "Finding Neverland: exploring the risks in exporting Kurdistan's oil" and has prepared and delivered workshop presentation to US oil supermajors relating to prospective investment in Federal Iraq.

Joseph has also published long-running series of articles concerning issues arising out of jurisdictional conflict between judicial systems of onshore Dubai and the DIFC.

Joseph was recently selected as one of only three 'Future Leaders' in Litigation in the UAE Non-Partner category.

Joseph's experience includes advising:

- an international construction company in relation to ICC expert determination and arbitration concerning claims arising out of the EPC contract for construction of a strategically significant gas turbine power plant in Ghana
  - an international construction consortium in connection with direct cost and disruption claims arising out of the USD 22.5bn Riyadh Metro Project, one of the largest infrastructure projects in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
  - an international IOC in its capacity as operator of the Badra oil field in Iraq under a Development and Production Service Contract in relation to various issues arising out of the development of the Badra field, including costs recovery mechanism under Iraqi TSCs, issues of substantive law such as termination, force majeure and capacity to suspend Petroleum Operations, and strategy and enforcement options against Iraqi government entities such as Ministry of Oil
  - a Dubai based property developer in DIFC-LCIA arbitration proceedings in relation to a dispute relating to DIFC real property involving breaches of contract and obligations owed as a fiduciary and trustee under DIFC law trust law
  - an international contractor in Singapore seated SIAC arbitration and subsequent application to set aside award in Singapore Courts on grounds of natural justice and procedural unfairness
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