





منافسة التحكيم التجاري الدولية
SCCA Int. Arabic Moot

 SCCA
المركز السعودي للتحكيم التجاري
Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration

The Story of Making an Impact



in International Commercial Arbitration



A Global Arbitration Competition...



What is The Competition?



In Arabic ...



An international platform, delivered in Arabic, aimed at shaping the next generation of arbitrators and legal practitioners. Over the course of a nine-month educational journey, law students immerse themselves in a simulated competition that mirrors the complexities of real-world international arbitration cases.

Through this experience, participants gain in-depth legal knowledge, sharpen their advocacy skills—both written and oral—and become well-prepared for meaningful engagement in the legal job market.

Watch: Photos of the monument



Proven Leadership.... Backed by Numbers

The Moot's sixth edition represents a significant advancement since its inception. Year after year, the competition has witnessed remarkable growth in the number of participants, establishing itself as a global platform that brings together elite students, legal practitioners, and experts specializing in international commercial arbitration. This growth highlights Moot's pivotal role in preparing students for professional careers in the arbitration field.

2019 (1st)



Students

210



Teams

39



Universities

24



KSA

2020 (2nd)



Students

294



Teams

54



Universities

36



**GCC
6 Countries**

2021 (3rd)



Students

444



Teams

84



Universities

64



**14
Countries**

2022 (4th)



Students

599



Teams

110



Universities

88



20
Countries

2023 (5th)



Students

700



Teams

134



Universities

111



27
Countries

2024 (6th)



Students

924



Teams

154



Universities

121



24
Countries

3,171 Students

from 30 Countries

1,371 Arbitrators

from 25 Countries

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COMMERCIAL LAW DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Impact & Media Engagements



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Media Coverage and Impact



7.7M

Reach

17.7M

Impressions



+45

Official Governmental
and News Accounts
Participated in
Covering the Moot

28K

Engagements

9M

Video Views



Highlights from Mass Media Coverage

Channels

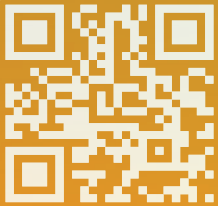


Saudia Tv



Alekhbariya Tv

Newspapers



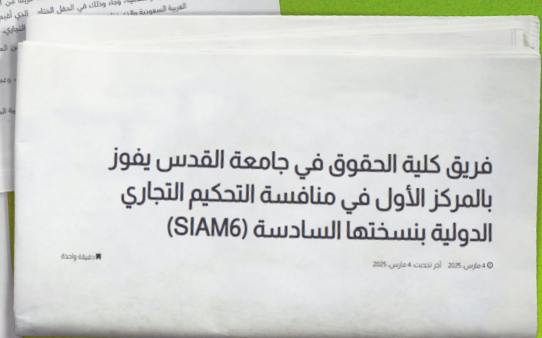
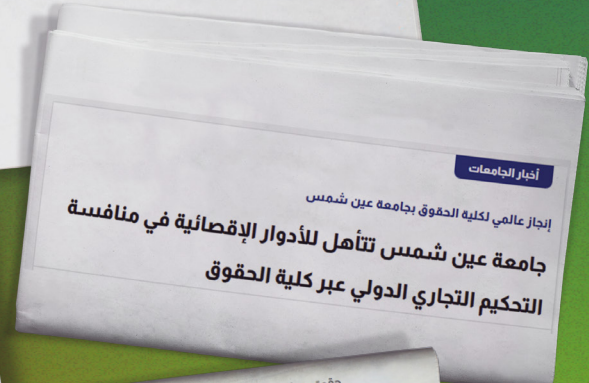
Sabq Newspaper



Saudi Press Agency (SPA)

Highlights from Mass Media Coverage

Newspapers



Quotes About the Moot



«The Moot represents a step toward changing the stereotypical image of our region through the export of global legal talents. It proves that through excellence in scientific, professional, and ethical standards, we can leave a positive mark on reality»

Dr. Walid Abanumay

Chairman of the Board of Directors
(SCCA)



«Six years have passed since the inception of SIAM. It's fascinating to witness those who were participants are now coaches, arbitrators in the competition or even drafters of the next moot case. They'll become in the near future inspiring international figures and future makers who are proud of their language and identity.»

Dr. Hamed Merah

Chief Executive Officer
(SCCA)



«The Moot proves the value of investing in minds for the development of reality and not just changing it. It is a genuine investment toward the future, nurturing Arab minds and legal talents that we proudly present at international forums»

Munif Bajamil

Executive Director of Professional Development at SCCA,
Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the
International Commercial Arbitration Moot



«Year after year, we see teams from non-Arabic-speaking countries participate in the Moot, and it has now become a destination of great interest to all»

Dr. Mohammed Abdul Wahab

Chair of the Final Arbitration Hearing Panel



Insights from Students of the SCCA Int. Arabic Moot



Perspectives from Arbitrators of the SCCA Int. Arabic Moot



Impact: Building Future Arbitrators

The Moot has played a significant role in nurturing future arbitrators, as evidenced by the reactions and posts shared by students on social media platforms after their participation.



Ramah Kurnaz

With the launch of the new edition of the International Commercial Arbitration Moot, I felt compelled to share my journey. Between the fourth and sixth editions of the competition, my roles changed — and so did I.

From a student advocate who wrote memoranda, trained, and pleaded before the arbitral tribunal...

To a coach of a team and an arbitrator evaluating pleadings and guiding participants.

In the fourth and fifth editions of the Moot, I was a pleading student. I drafted memoranda, reviewed legal references, trained for long hours, and carried within me a deep passion mixed with the fear of making mistakes, and a strong desire to prove myself. I learned from every comment, reorganized my thoughts after each session, and grew with every round of pleadings.

But in the sixth edition, I found myself in a completely different position:

Coach of the American University – Sulaymaniyah, Iraq team, and an arbitrator in the competition. I became the one who explains, reviews, and guides.

I never imagined that one day I'd be helping students live through what I once did — seeing my former self in their nervousness, their questions, and their determination.

The transformation wasn't just in the title. It was a shift from receiving to giving, from practicing persuasion to evaluating arguments, from awaiting feedback to delivering it, with precision and responsibility.

I'm deeply grateful for this experience. Because it wasn't just a competition.

It was a turning point that changed so much within me.

It taught me, empowered me, and made me believe that hard work never goes to waste.

Thank you to the Moot for being the beginning of the road — and for continuing to bring out the best in us.



Osamah Alqallaf

The International Commercial Arbitration Moot was an enriching journey on every level. We learned so much from it. We met people who brightened our days and brought smiles to our faces. We exchanged knowledge and cultures — it was a gathering that nourished minds and enlightened hearts.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:

“Whoever treads a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise.” (Narrated by Muslim)

How many lessons and insights do our travels bring us?

And how many people do we meet whose companionship becomes a provision for this life and the next?

And so, the days of the journey ended — but they left an unforgettable mark on our hearts, memories to be told, and experiences that refine the soul and nurture the intellect.





Alia AlBati

Praise be to Allah, who gives in abundance, bestows with generosity, and honors without limit.

For the second time in a row, I had an exceptional experience—one far too profound to be captured in words.

Between airport terminals, aircraft manufacturing contracts, and multi-million-dollar disputes—where pens were sharpened and arguments constructed between the company’s “Geo” and “Air Official”—we spent long months researching deeply, analyzing meticulously, studying diligently, and pleading with all the effort, knowledge, and determination we had to serve justice for our clients.

Our journey in the 6th edition of the International Commercial Arbitration Moot was ultimately crowned—with the grace and blessing of Allah—by me receiving 1st place as Best Oralist for the Respondent among 900+ participants, and by our team from Prince Sultan University reaching the quarterfinals, being ranked among the top 8 teams out of 154 teams from around the world.

This experience was only made unique because of a dream-driven team that overcame every challenge. Thank you to my colleague Omar Maizar M Alkhalaf for your excellence in your work—congratulations on achieving 10th place Best Oralist. You are truly a first-class advocate, and I’ve learned so much from you. And thank you to Elaaf Khoshaim, who taught us the meaning of mastery and sincerity in work, delivering unforgettable pleadings that enriched us all.

Thanks also go to our teammates Abeer Al-Dosari, Raghad Al-Rukf, and Aljory Al-Mohammadi, who supported us during the research and memoranda drafting phase. May Allah reward and bless your efforts.

This journey wouldn’t have been as rich without our dear coaches. What we learned from you is a true victory in itself. Special thanks to Dr. Nadine Hafaitha for your dedication, commitment, and tremendous effort in training and educating us. You are a legal school in yourself, and it was an honor to learn from you. We also thank our coaches Turki Almouniefy and Reem AlMaiman for their guidance and trust, which—after Allah’s favor—enabled us to reach this level of precision and professionalism.

Thanks as well to Dr. Abdulaziz Altuwaijri, represented by the Dean of the College of Law at Prince Sultan University, and to Professor Zlatan Meskinc for their ongoing and unwavering support.

We also thank the SCCA, the organizing committee, all arbitrators, and participants from across the world—each one a shining gem and a star in the legal field. We were honored to meet and learn from you. Gratitude to everyone who worked hard to bring this competition to such an exceptional level.

And so, we rest our case on behalf of Geo Airport Services and Air Official Company—we hope we did you justice.

I promise this is only the beginning. With Allah’s will, the best is yet to come.
#ArabicGoesGlobal



Aseel Ali

With great pride and gratitude, today I conclude a remarkable chapter in my legal journey following my first participation in the International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

It was an exceptional experience—one that blended challenge with inspiration, enriched my knowledge, and honed my skills in invaluable ways.

I will never forget the long nights we spent drafting legal memoranda and the intense hours of advocacy training. Every moment was a valuable lesson in law and critical thinking.

Traveling to Riyadh to participate in the in-person rounds and reaching the Top 16 was a major milestone in this journey. Standing before arbitral tribunals was a real challenge—and a powerful opportunity to test our abilities under pressure.

The value we gained from hearing pleadings, legal discussions, and panel comments was immense. I’m not exaggerating when I say this experience changed my perception of legal work and opened new horizons for me. From writing memoranda to delivering oral arguments, what I learned will serve as lasting fuel for my professional career. Thank you to everyone who was part of this unique journey.

I now look forward, with passion, to investing what I’ve gained in my future legal path.





Hadeel Osama

“And the conclusion of their call will be: Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds...”
(Qur’an 10:10)

Today marks the end of the journey with the hashtag #InternationalCommercialArbitrationMoot, after months of hard work and intense competition. Out of 154 teams, we proudly made it to the Top 16, delivering a performance we are truly proud of.

It was an exceptional experience, despite the challenges and difficult circumstances, filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable moments. We went through it with passion and left behind a mark worth remembering.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported us on this journey — Team University of Khartoum, this achievement is ours together.



Abdul Bari Shumaila

And success is only from Allah.”
Qur’an 11:8

Yesterday marked the conclusion of the 6th edition of the International Commercial Arbitration Moot organized by the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA).

It was a journey that was both enriching. Alongside my colleagues Basheer Faraj Alani, Tariq Al-Aaib, Abdullah Jawan, and Ali Jawan, we embarked on this path, beginning with writing the memoranda and researching international agreements and laws, including:

- The UNCITRAL Model Law
- The CISG (United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods)
- The Rules of the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration
- The New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards
- And many other relevant laws and treaties.

We also attended numerous training workshops organized by the moot itself.

All of this was alongside our academic commitments. We learned countless lessons; this experience shaped our legal personalities and revealed skills and strengths we hadn’t seen in ourselves before. We worked on developing those qualities until, by the grace of Allah, we achieved:

- Second place for Best Claimant Memorandum out of 154 teams from 121 universities across 24 countries.
- Additionally, we ranked among the Top 64 teams globally in the oral pleadings round.

But more importantly, we learned the value of time management and the power of teamwork in pursuit of a shared goal — and with Allah’s help, we achieved just that.

As for the nature of the competition, it was truly unique. Your teammates are both your rivals and your allies. One day, you’re defending an argument you once refuted. That is where the real challenge—and the enjoyment—lies.

After completing the memoranda and in-depth research phase, we entered the preliminary oral rounds. During this stage, we were joined by:

- Dr. Yusuf Faraj
- Mr. Abdulaziz Miftah Al-Ghafoud
- Dr. Abdulmalik M. Al-Tamimi, MCI Arb
- Ms. Nuran Salah

Although they joined us only shortly before the pleadings began, their impact was profound. We held numerous sessions, blending night and day with rigorous training and preparation.

We were honored to plead before arbitration panels composed of elite professors and legal experts, many of whom also reviewed our written memoranda. We had the privilege of meeting distinguished judges, lawyers, international arbitrators, and highly skilled law students from around the world.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my parents and my entire family, who supported and encouraged me to pursue every goal aligned with our religious and ethical values. I dedicate this success to them — a gesture that will never fully repay their sacrifices.

I also extend my thanks and congratulations to the families of all the participating students, whose support was instrumental in helping us reach this achievement.

Moreover, I dedicate this success to the faculty and students of the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Alasmarya University. Finally, I thank the International Commercial Arbitration Moot for this incredible Arabic initiative, which was once just an idea and has now come to life, by Allah’s grace and through your efforts.

We promise, God willing, that you will see the fruits of what you have planted: a rising generation of promising Arab legal professionals.

Peace and blessings be upon you all.



رحلة المنافسة



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Participating Universities | الجامعات المشاركة



SCCA Arabic Moot Timeline

Submission of
the Claimant's
Memorandum

November
2024

December
2024

Submission of
the Respondent's
Memorandum

Online Oral
Hearings

January
2025

November
2025

In-Person Oral
Hearings

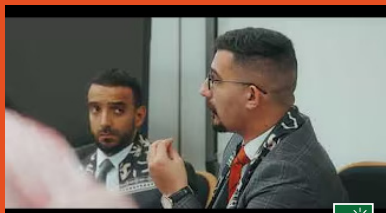
Announcement of Winners
and Closing Ceremony

November
2025

Highlights from The Moot



Summary of the
Third Day of Oral
Pleadings



Summary of the
Second Day of
Oral Pleadings



Summary of the
First Day of Oral
Pleadings

The Moot Case

The case for the sixth edition of the Moot involves a simulated international commercial dispute between two parties:

- Claimant: Jaw Airport Services (Public Shareholding Company)
- Respondent: Official Air Limited

The dispute concerns the alleged supply of goods that failed to conform to the contractual specifications — specifically, the provision of drinking water testing kits and food analysis equipment. The non-conformity is claimed to have resulted in a breach of contract by one of the parties.

Arbitral proceedings were initiated by the Claimant before the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration (SCCA). The Request for Arbitration includes various supporting documents such as contractual agreements, evidentiary materials, witness statements, expert reports, and other relevant exhibits.

The case raises several substantive and procedural issues under international commercial arbitration, including:

- The validity of the arbitration agreement
- The authority of the signatories to bind the respective parties
- The interpretation of contractual provisions
- The admissibility and assessment of evidence.



Read about
the case



The Scientific Committee

Expert Minds Behind the Case Narrative

The committee brings together distinguished professionals from six countries, combining a wide spectrum of expertise in law and arbitration.

It plays a central role in shaping the moot case, developing its legal storyline, and preparing the core materials that serve as the foundation for participants' written submissions and oral arguments.



Dr. Ameera Al-Qaim

Chair



Dr. Mohamed Swaify

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CMS MENA



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Holy Spirit University



Mr. Nawaf Dawood Al-Sulaim

Senior Case Counsel
SCCA



Sara Al-Zaabi

Legal Trainee

Training Programs

In preparation for the Moot, a series of specialized training programs was provided to equip students with the necessary legal knowledge and practical skills for excelling in international commercial arbitration.



Program Title	Trainer	Program Link
Introduction to International Commercial Arbitration: Principles and Applications	Dr. Youssef Farah	 
	Dr. Mohammed Al-Eisa	 
	Mr. Charbel Ma'arbes	 
Legal Memorandum Drafting Skills	Ms. Zeinab Hussein	 
"MANDY" Platform: An Essential Tool for Legal Researchers	Ms. Tamara Richardson	
Artificial Intelligence in International Commercial Arbitration	Mr. Ahmed Afifi	 
Concept of Contracts under CISG	Mr. Jawan Samaha	 
Conflict of Laws in Arbitration (Day 1)	Mr. Mohammed Al-Eisa	 
		 
Equivalent Arbitration Clauses: Concept and Applications	Dr. Shehab Farouk	 
Skills of Oral Pleadings	Mr. Nawaf Al-Saleem	 
Contractual Damages: Concept and Applications		 



Awards and Winners

Best Teams Award

1st Place King Saud University

2nd Place Carthage University

3rd Place Cairo University

4th Place Birzeit University

Awards and Winners

Best Claimant Memo Award



Al-Quds University

1st Place



Asmara Islamic University

2nd Place



Taibah University

3rd Place

Awards and Winners

Best Oralist for Claimant Award

جائزة أفضل مترافع عن المدعي

الأول

إيمان إسماعيل الفرجاني

ميسراتة

ميسراتة

1st Place

Misrata University

Logo: Misrata University, CLDP, UNCTAD, SCCA, UEA, CIARB, JUS MUNDI, UNCTAD

جائزة أفضل مترافع عن المدعي

الثاني

آلاء بنت عبد الرحمن
بن إبراهيم الجبروي

مسقط

مسقط

2nd Place

Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University

Logo: Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, CLDP, UNCTAD, SCCA, UEA, CIARB, JUS MUNDI, UNCTAD

جائزة أفضل مترافع عن المدعي

الثالث

صلاح بونس
عبدالله الشعاعين

البحرين

البحرين

3rd Place

Jerash University

Logo: Jerash University, CLDP, UNCTAD, SCCA, UEA, CIARB, JUS MUNDI, UNCTAD

Awards and Winners

Best Oralist for Respondent Award

جائزة مترافع مدعى عليه

الأول

عاليا الباتني

1st Place

Princess Sultan University

جائزة مترافع مدعى عليه

الثاني

سعيد الزيتي

2nd Place

University of Mohammed Premier Oujda

جائزة مترافع مدعى عليه

الثالث

انسام الرديني

3rd Place

Hebron University

Awards and Winners

Exceptional Performance Award



The certificate is titled "جائزة الأداء الاستثنائي" (Exceptional Performance Award). It features logos for CLDP, United Nations, SCCA, and the 6th International Islamic University. The award is presented to the "الجامعة الإسلامية العالمية ماليزيا" (International Islamic University Malaysia). The certificate lists several winners and their respective institutions, including the "المعززين" (Sponsors) and "المعززة" (Honorary Chairperson). A QR code is provided for more information. The award is presented to International Islamic University, 1st Place.

Spirit of Competition Award



The certificate is titled "جائزة روح المنافسة" (Spirit of Competition Award). It features logos for CLDP, United Nations, SCCA, and the 6th International Islamic University. The award is presented to "جامعة فوتنتين أوشوغبو" (Fountain University, Osogbo). The certificate lists several winners and their respective institutions, including the "المعززين" (Sponsors) and "المعززة" (Honorary Chairperson). A QR code is provided for more information. The award is presented to Fountain University, Osogbo, 1st Place.



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