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## Summary

Mr . Djamel EL AKRA is a French national and a long-term resident in Asia. He is registered in the Panel of arbitrators of several institutions:

- National Commercial Arbitration Center (NCAC). He has been involved as co-counsel in arbitral proceedings under the NCAC Arbitration Rules, including the first emergency arbitrator proceeding. He is a member of the Education and Training Committee;

- the Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC).

He is also registered in the Panel of Mediators with the Asian International Arbitration Center in Malaysia (AIAC)

As well as being Accredited Civil/Commercial Mediator (enrolled in ADR/ODR International panel), IMI Qualified Mediator, SIMI Qualified Mediator.

He holds a Master Degree in International Business law and a Master Degree in Japanese Language and Studies, including a University Diploma in Chinese mandarin.

He has been practicing in Asia for a decade as in-house counsel and advisor in law firms, handling projects related to energy, infrastructures, corporate, investment, tax and intellectual property rights. He has been listed in the Legal 500, GC Powerlist 2017 Southeast Asia, being the only corporate counsel listed in Cambodia, and have been shortlisted as In-House Lawyer of the Year by the Asian Legal Business in 2017.

His background in international law has provided him with a broad exposure, spanning countries such as France, Italy, China, Japan and Cambodia. He has contributed technical assistance to governmental institutions, such as the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law for the preparation of the UNIDROIT-FAO legal guide on contract farming.

In Asia, among other matters, he has assisted investors in obtaining land rights, conducting due diligence for securing loans for renewable energy projects, establishing joint-ventures or project companies between international and local investors or with local public companies, and structuring legal structure for public private partnerships.

He has also taken advocacy and leadership roles as Secretary General of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry France Cambodia (CCIFC), Chairman of the Human Resources Committee of European Chamber of Commerce of Cambodia (EuroCham), Member of the Task Force on Tourism Industry in the Government Private Sector Forum Working Group on Tourism (GPSFWG), as well as member of the Labour advisory Committee (9TH mandate).

He is also dedicated to academia, lecturing Law courses at the Royal University of law and Economics (International Programs in partnership with Paris II and Lyon 2 Univ.).

## Experience

### **Mediator**

Asian International Arbitration Centre

Nov 2023 - Present (1 month)

Member of the Panel of Mediators

You may find my AIAC profile online / Mon profile en ligne : [https://lnkd.in/g\\_ckCckw](https://lnkd.in/g_ckCckw)

### **Arbitrator**

THAC Thailand Arbitration Center

Nov 2023 - Present (1 month)

### **Accredited Civil/Commercial Mediator**

ADR ODR International Limited

May 2023 - Present (7 months)

Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI) registered training program;

IMI - International Mediation Institute certified mediator training program;

Civil Mediation Council registered training course;

THAC Thailand Arbitration Center recognised training program

### **Member of Education and Training Committee**

National Commercial Arbitration Centre - NCAC

Feb 2023 - Present (10 months)

### **Arbitrator**

National Commercial Arbitration Centre - NCAC

Mar 2022 - Present (1 year 9 months)

### **Doctorant**

IRDA Paris

Jan 2019 - Present (4 years 11 months)

### **University Lecturer in French Language based Law Programme**

Royal University of Law and Economics

Sep 2013 - Present (10 years 3 months)

"Comparative Legal Systems" course (Systèmes juridiques comparés) (Bachelor of Law, RULE

University & Lumière Lyon 2 University, French Academic Cooperation Program in French Language)

<http://www.rule.edu.kh/>

### **University Lecturer**

Université Lumière Lyon 2

Sep 2013 - Present (10 years 3 months)



## **University Lecturer**

Paris-Panthéon-Assas University

Mar 2017 - Present (6 years 9 months)

Teaching the following subjects:

Master 1 Droit des Affaires Internationales / International Law

Droit des sociétés / Companies Law

Master 2 Droit des Affaires Internationales / International Law

Droit du contentieux international et arbitrage international / International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration Law

Master 1 Droit des Affaires Internationales / International Law

TD Droit des contrats internationaux; Droit international privé / International Contracts and International Private Law

Master 1 Droit des Affaires Internationales / International Law

TD Droit des sûretés et du crédit / Security Law

## **University Lecturer in English Language Based Master of Law (ELBML)**

### **Programme**

Royal University of Law and Economics

Oct 2022 - Mar 2023 (6 months)

Master Level Year 2 : Mergers and Acquisitions Course



## **Senior Counsel**

SETHALAY Law Office

Nov 2022 - Jan 2023 (3 months)

Main Projects :

- Review of the Legal Framework for Public Procurement Transparency and its Enforcement in the Kingdom of Cambodia for Asia Policy Institute (API).
- Analysis Report on Assessing the Legal Framework Conditions for Attaining Universal Health Coverage in the Kingdom of Cambodia (financed by GIZ)
- Acquisition of a local MFI by an international Insurer's holding
- Worked on Competition Law and Consumer Protection Law related materials and projects.
- Business Development and communication with business associations



## **Senior Legal Advisor**

HBS LAW ASIA

Sep 2018 - Mar 2022 (3 years 7 months)

## **Legal Practitioner**

Various Experience

Jan 2011 - Dec 2020 (10 years)



### **Secretary General**

CCI France Cambodge

Jan 2018 - Feb 2020 (2 years 2 months)



### **Board Member**

CCI France Cambodge

Jan 2018 - Feb 2020 (2 years 2 months)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry France Cambodia



### **Knowledge Group Member**

UNIDROIT - International Institute for the Unification of Private Law

Jun 2013 - 2020 (7 years)

Knowledge Group member on the Preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming

“Knowledge Group” gathers persons having expertise and/or special interest in the UNIDROIT work of preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming whether from an academic or practical viewpoint. By providing comments on general or particular issues, including as regards legislation and contract practice in specific country and/or region, as well as any suggestions regarding relevant material or information, the Knowledge Group will provide a useful assistance to the Working Group for the preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming.



### **Committee Chair**

EuroCham Cambodia

Mar 2016 - May 2019 (3 years 3 months)

Chairman of Human Resources Committee

### **Consultant**

Sethavithou Notary Public

Jul 2017 - Aug 2018 (1 year 2 months)



### **Head of Legal and Compliance**

THALIAS

Nov 2014 - May 2017 (2 years 7 months)



### **Executive Director ad interim**

CCI France Cambodge

Jun 2015 - Jan 2016 (8 months)



### **Consultant**

UNIDROIT - International Institute for the Unification of Private Law

Aug 2014 - Oct 2014 (3 months)

Consultancy in the context of preparation of the UNIDROIT-FAO Legal Guide on Contract Farming, in particular for the Consultation Workshop on the Legal Dimension of Contract Farming, Bangkok (Thailand), September 26th 2014.

- assisting the UNIDROIT Secretariat in the collection with relevant literature and case studies in the region on contract farming, to be made available on the UNIDROIT webpage of the Bangkok workshop;
- assisting the UNIDROIT Secretariat during the Consultation Workshop.
- preparing the final report.



## **Juriste**

**Asiallians Attorneys**

Jun 2013 - Sep 2013 (4 months)



## **Legal Researcher**

**UNIDROIT - International Institute for the Unification of Private Law**

Mar 2013 - Jun 2013 (4 months)

1. Collaborate with the Secretariat in relation with the preparation of a legal guide on contract farming.
2. Research in the area of contract law and related areas.
3. Attend Working Group meeting



## **Stagiaire juridique**

**Bun & Associates**

Sep 2011 - Mar 2012 (7 months)

## **Education**



### **Paris-Panthéon-Assas University**

Doctorat, Droit

2019 - 2023

Le contentieux du partenariat public-privé dans les juridictions des États-membres de l'Association des nations de l'Asie du Sud-Est.

Thèses en préparation à Paris 2 , dans le cadre de École doctorale de droit international, droit européen, relations internationales et droit comparé (Paris) depuis le 10-01-2019. Sous la direction de Michel Grimaldi.



### **Paris-Panthéon-Assas University**

Master's Degree, International Law

2011 - 2014

### **Lille University of Human and Social sciences**

Master's Degree, Foreign Languages, Multicultural, Communication

2004 - 2010

- Fluent level in Japanese language.
- Analytical perspective on social, historical, linguistics fields.

- Graduate thesis
- Completed a one-year research program at Osaka University Graduate School of letters (under Pr. Katô supervision)

### **National Commercial Arbitration Centre**

Certificate in Commercial Arbitration, Dispute Resolution

2019 - 2020

Qualified to be registered as Commercial Arbitrator with the National Commercial Arbitration Centre of Cambodia.

### **WIPO/OMPI Academy**

Intellectual Property Training Courses, Intellectual Property

2012 - 2012

New Developments in WIPO

Patent Information and Its Usefulness

IP & Nanotechnologies

Protection of audiovisual performance

Collective management

International Trademark Landscape

UDRP

TM infringement & Internet

DESIGN

Trade Secrets - Issues and Best Practices

IP and Competition Policy

IP management, Valuation

Transfer of Technology and Technology Licensing

Protection of new plant varieties, IP and Biodiversity (IIPPT)

IP & Human Rights

IP & traditional knowledge / Genetic resources

IP and Creative Industries

Licensing A Practical Approach



### **Osaka University**

Research Student Completed, Japanese Language and Literature

2009 - 2010

Academic research on Japanese civilization and classical literature.



### **Zhejiang University**

Mandarin Language Courses Completed, Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics

2008 - 2009

- Chinese language courses (intermediate level)
- Linguistics and civilization courses
- HSK 2009 (Level 6)



## **Dalian University of Foreign Languages**

Linguistic and Cultural training course Completed, Langues et Culture chinoises

2008 - 2008

- Chinese language courses (intermediate level)
- Linguistics and civilization courses

## **Japan Return Program**

2008 - 2008

The Japan Return Programme (JRP), NPO organizes the Nihongo Summit by selecting and inviting panelists from among the foreign youth throughout the world who have studied Japanese. During a 35 day stay in Japan, they will present their opinions in Japanese concerning what they can do for world peace through panel discussions at the Nihongo Summit, in addition to various programmes including interchanges with Japanese students, home-stays, and experience of Japanese traditional culture.

## **Lille University of Human and Social sciences**

Master, International Relation & Cooperation

2010 - 2011

- International management
- Law and International Cooperation Policies,
- Intellectual Property Law, Accounting & Budget Management, Marketing & Communication, Geopolitics, International Economics.
- Long-term Internship at the French-Cambodian Chamber of Commerce

## **Licenses & Certifications**



**Examination to Assess the Qualification as Arbitrator** - National Commercial Arbitration Centre - NCAC



**Associate Member** - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIARB)

Issued May 2020 - Expires Dec 2023



**Arbitrator Professional Certificate** - National Commercial Arbitration Centre - NCAC

Issued Mar 2022 - Expires Dec 2023



**Award Writing Course** - National Commercial Arbitration Centre - NCAC

**Approved Person in the Trust Sector** - Trust Regulator of Cambodia

Issued Aug 2023 - Expires Aug 2025



**IMI Qualified Mediator** - IMI - International Mediation Institute



**Accredited Civil/Commercial Mediator** - ADR ODR International Limited

 **Mediator** - Asian International Arbitration Centre

Issued Nov 2023 - Expires Nov 2026  
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 **Mediator** - Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI)

## Skills

Analyse des risques politiques • Implication des parties prenantes • Policy Analysis • International Law • Human Rights • Legal • Japanese • Chinese • Company Law • Public Relations

## Honors & Awards

### **Legal 500 General Counsel Powerlist Southeast Asia 2017 - Legal 500**

Feb 2017

For 29 years, The Legal 500 has been analysing the capabilities of law firms across the world. The GC Powerlist is the latest publication from The Legal 500, turning its attention to the in-house function, and recognising those corporate counsel who are driving the legal business forward. The latest edition is the GC Powerlist: Southeast Asia, which identifies an array of the most influential and innovative in-house counsel working in the region.

<http://www.legal500.com/assets/pages/cc100/southeast-asia.html>