

Menas Associates has been supporting legal teams working on the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia since 1981.

Menas Associates has considerable experience of assisting law firms and in-house lawyers working on cases that deal with more complex emerging markets.

International Border Disputes

Our expertise in this field began in 1981, when Menas was asked to assemble data in support of Libya's offshore border dispute against Tunisia before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Since then we have advised on disputes including:

- Libya's claims against Tunisia, Malta and Chad
- Egypt's dispute with Israel over Taba
- Cameroon's land and maritime dispute with Nigeria
- The Yemen-Saudi border
- The Jordanian-Israeli border
- South Sudan vs Sudan land border

We are able to provide expert witnesses for law firms, IOCs or other companies anywhere in the world, and our work includes:

- Advice to governments on their claims (or contested claims) before the ICJ in The Hague
- Advice on arbitral proceedings
- Advice to natural resource companies on the ownership of assets, and on the possibility of disputes that may have a bearing on their operations in present or in the future, both on land and sea
- Archival research and para-legal support to law firms on boundary-related disputes
- Expert analysis on the background of disputes, possible routes to settlement, and related prognoses
- Project managing and coordinating multidisciplinary teams handling extended projects



Commercial and Political Risk Arbitration Cases

Our initial arbitration case work, which began in the 1980s, involved providing, managing, and coordinating the team of oil economists that supported Iran's legal team in the major oil cases before the US-Iran Claims Tribunal. Besides the expert witnesses themselves, Menas also undertook and coordinated almost all of the international research and evidence gathering for these cases. Since then we have undertaken multiple similar projects on international commercial arbitration cases in the Middle East and Africa.

Examples of our work on political risk arbitration cases for the insurers or the insured include cases involving:

- The looting of car show rooms in Kuwait by Iraqi soldiers
- Four refineries in Azerbaijan, Russia, and Ukraine
- A large enhanced oil recovery project in Myanmar
- Mobile phone licenses in Iran
- Aluminium smelting in Tajikistan
- The confiscation of on-shore oil rigs in Argentina and Venezuela
- An LNG plant in Egypt
- The cancellation of an large EPC contract in Algeria
- Philippine banana exports to China
- Industrial plants in Saudi Arabia

Our role in these cases has usually involved:

- Finding the most suitable experts for the case
- Undertaking the evidence gathering for the case, which can frequently involve both primary and secondary research in numerous countries and in different languages
- Coordinating and managing the research team and experts
- Liaising with the client and their legal team
- Preparation of memorials and counter-memorials
- Provision of expert witnesses
- Any other 'local-knowledge' related tasks are required by the client and their legal team

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