

ARBITRATION -LAW 239
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FINAL FOR LLM STUDENTS

The final paper will be a comparison of arbitration law in Saudi Arabia to the arbitration law and process used in the United States. The paper must be 10-15 pages in length. The final paper is due no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday December 8, 2017. The paper must be emailed to me or dropped at my office by that date and time. My email is jedmonds@fe-attorneys.com. My office address is 960 Liberty Street SE, Salem Oregon, 97302. If you need assistance at any time or if you have questions regarding the assignment, please call me at 503-931-5815 or send me an email at the above email address.

The paper should compare arbitration in Saudi Arabia with the aspects of United States arbitration law covered in class. Please compare and contrast the following:

1. What law is generally applicable to arbitration in Saudi Arabia? Is there a law similar to the United States Federal Arbitration Act (FAA)? Are there local rules for arbitration that may or may not apply on a national basis? How does this compare to the system in the United States where both federal and state laws apply to arbitration?
2. How are arbitrators chosen under Saudi law? How does this compare to the method used in the United States? Are arbitrators in Saudi Arabia chosen by the parties, the Courts or government?
3. Does Sharia Law influence arbitration in Saudi Arabia? If so, how does arbitration get influenced by Sharia Law?
4. Is there a central organization in Saudi Arabia that controls arbitration? Does the government control arbitration? Do Saudi courts have control of arbitration?
5. What is the procedure for an arbitration hearing in Saudi Arabia? Do rules of evidence apply? Are the rules similar to those used in the United States? Does an arbitrator need training or specialized knowledge in Saudi Arabia to be an arbitrator? Does an arbitrator need to follow specific laws or rules in order to render a decision?
6. Can an arbitrator's decision get overturned or modified by a Court or another government organization? If so, on what basis?