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#### **Karim A. Youssef, founder and chairman of Youssef + Partners joins Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession Advisory Board**

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The [Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession](#) (Center) today announced the appointment of [Karim A. Youssef](#), founder and chairman of [Youssef + Partners](#) and a leader in international arbitration, to the Center's Advisory Board, effective August 1, 2023. The Center's [Advisory Board](#) consists of leading lawyers from across the profession and around the world, including some of the world's top chief executives, law firm managing partners, general counsels, and others who believe in the Center's mission.

"I am extremely pleased to welcome Karim A. Youssef to the Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession's Advisory Board," said David B. Wilkins, the Center's faculty director.

"Karim's unique perspectives founding and leading one of the top firms in Egypt and the Middle East, a region of the world that will be critical to global development in the middle decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> century—not to mention his impressive academic background and his status as global arbitration and international law figure—make him an outstanding addition to the vibrant discussions that the Advisory Board has with me, and with each other, about the best ways for lawyers and the profession to engage with the key challenges of the day. I look forward to working with Karim for many years to come."

Dr. Karim A. Youssef said upon the announcement of his appointment to the Center's Advisory Board, "I am profoundly honored to join the advisory board of the Harvard Law School Center of the Legal Profession. The Center stands at the forefront of the discourse on the future of the legal profession, and how legal practitioners should navigate the transformative currents sweeping across the business of law. This revered institution has been recognized for its pioneering role in shaping the trajectory of law practice and legal education and for influencing thought leadership and policy-making in the US and globally. I look forward to contributing to its invaluable role and to engaging with David and all my colleagues on the Advisory Board."

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#### **About Karim A. Youssef**

Karim A. Youssef is the founder, and chairman of Youssef + Partners. He heads the international arbitration and international law practices at the firm. His practice focuses on commercial arbitration, investment treaty arbitration, complex high-value disputes, and international law, and is world-renown in these fields.

Dr. Youssef is a leading international figure in dispute resolution. He has acted as counsel, expert, or arbitrator in more than 146 international cases and disputes.

Dr. Youssef is “a heavyweight arbitration lawyer with extensive experience acting on multibillion-dollar claims” (Chambers & Partners, 2022). Since 2011, he has played a major role in Arab Spring arbitrations and in some of the MENA region’s major disputes, across key industries, including energy, construction, technology, telecommunications and infrastructure. He is ranked as a “Star individual” by Chambers & Partners and as a “Global Thought Leader” by international Who’s Who Legal. Mr. Youssef has been described as “a leading light in international arbitration” (Legal 500, 2018) and “a master of strategy” who thinks “light years ahead” (Chambers & Partners, 2022). In 2021, Forbes Middle East recognized him as an industry leader who champions “Cutting Edge Legal” in the MENA region.

In addition to the Center on the Legal Profession, Mr. Youssef memberships include the advisory board of the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and the board of the BVI-IAC arbitration committee.

Dr. Youssef has law degrees from Yale Law School, where he earned an LLM and JSD, as well as from the Sorbonne-Paris (LLM, DEA License, and JD) and Cairo University Law School (License and DES).

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