

The Representation of Women in Arbitration in Iranian Legal System

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Abstract

After Islamic revolution in Iran, women's judgment competency has been always discussed by connoisseurs. Based on article 4 of Iranian Constitutional Law, all civil, criminal, financial, economic, cultural, military, and political and other laws and regulations should be in accordance with Islamic rules. On this article and concerning the Islamic rules and opinions of Islamic jurists on judges' conditions, Iranian lawmaker believes that women are not competent for judgment, while it has not ruled that arbitrators must be males neither in Civil Procedural Law (concerning internal arbitrations) nor in the Law of International Commercial Arbitration. Therefore women can be also selected or assigned by dispute parties or court as arbitrator.

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