

Ahmed Abbas El-Hag, born in 1963, is an internationally renowned lawyer and agent who has worked on landmark FIFA cases and represented players, managers, clubs and federations. He served as the legal advisor of the Egyptian Football Association (EFA) and as consultant on sporting development and investment to several governments.

Ahmed Abbas began his career in 1989 as a lawyer for Cairo-based embassies, before signing Emmanuel Amunike to Egyptian club Zamalek the next year (he would eventually take the player to FC Barcelona). From that point, Ahmed Abbas began studying sports law to become one of the only players' agents on the continent.

In 1996, Ahmed Abbas made a pioneering legal case against the EFA to adopt FIFA regulations in Egypt. As a result of his action, the EFA adopted FIFA regulations for the first time in 1998, before Ahmed Abbas appealed successfully for further improvements in 2000. That year, the EFA appointed him as its legal advisor.

In 2005, Ahmed Abbas was employed by Sudan to develop its footballing activity. He began by bringing Otto Pfister and Ricardo Formosinho as managers for Sudanese clubs Merrikh and Hilal, and attracted significant investment for the league and national team. After this success, Mohamed Gaddafi sought him as consultant for Libya's Olympic Committee in 2010. Ahmed Abbas' other activities include his advisory role to the South Sudanese Football Association and his securing financial support from the German Football Association for football projects in Libya and Mozambique. His current activities include a sports investment project with the Egyptian Ministry for Youth and Sport, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, the Tanzanian government and twenty African states.

As a players' agent, some of his most well-known deals include taking youth player Abdelsatar Sabry from Egypt to Austria (then Greece and Portugal), Effat Nasser from Egypt to Saudi Arabia, Habib Beye from Senegal to France and England, as well as numerous Egyptian players to European leagues and countless African players to the Egyptian Premier League, including Ghanaians Felix Aboagye and Joe Okyere, and Nigerians Godwin Ezeh, Ghazali Mohamed and John Utaka (whom he later took to Qatar, France and England), as well as dozens more over three decades.

As a managers' agent, he has represented and secured jobs for such coaches as Theo Bücker, Reiner Hollmann, Michael Krüger, Diethelm Ferner, Antoine Hey and many more.