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Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representation of a UAE-based industrial group chairman in a high-value banking dispute against an investment bank, submitting expert evidence regarding the

negligent encashment of AED 108 million in guarantees for a major Palm Jumeirah hotel development.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Legal risk assessment on knock-for-knock arrangements in a USD 30M subcontract for MEP works.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Representing a South Korean contractor in Dubai Court proceedings, defending an ICC arbitral award against a Chinese state-owned enterprise’s set-aside application based on alleged invalidity of the arbitration agreement and non-fulfillment of preconditions.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Counsel to an international commercial entity in cross-jurisdictional enforcement disputes between the Dubai

International Financial Centre and onshore courts, managing defense strategies against applications to stay execution of commercial judgments.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Representation of a senior executive in a complex insurance coverage dispute with an international insurer’s Dubai branch, notifying claims under a D&O policy related to high-value litigation before the Dubai Courts.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation of a facilities management provider before the Tax Dispute Resolution Committee contesting AED 27.6 million in penalties, arguing that late payment fines under Clause 9 of Cabinet Decision No. 40/2017 do not apply to Voluntary Disclosures.

Commercial Space OperationsSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Conducting a multi-jurisdictional regulatory analysis for a satellite constellation operator regarding ESIM licensing, including foreign entity restrictions, transit rights, and coordination requirements with local terrestrial and satellite operators.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representation of an Egyptian national in a regulatory dispute with a Cairo-headquartered bank’s UAE operations, contesting an unauthorized account freeze and enforcing consumer protection rights regarding KYC compliance under Central Bank regulations.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation appeal in an administrative tax dispute challenging the misapplication of burden of proof and the disregard of a court-appointed expert?s finding of 8.5 million AED in damages due to the Tax

Authority?s 44-month audit delay.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Advising a specialized contractor in Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings against a government municipality regarding extension of time claims for infrastructure delays, site access, and regulatory approvals.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a US digital gaming distributor and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the place of supply rules for electronic services and the imposition of retroactive penalties on non-resident entities.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising a claimant in DIFC arbitration set-aside proceedings, arguing that a

tribunal’s jurisdictional overreach and application of an incorrect legal standard for fraud violated UAE public policy and constituted a denial of due process.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representing a specialized subcontractor in FIDIC-based dispute adjudication board proceedings against a main contractor, referring disputes over payment and contract administration for binding determination following the breakdown of amicable settlement.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Sovereign & Government Disputes

Construction dispute regarding government procurement between a Jordanian contractor and a government agency.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising a global digital asset

organization on criminal complaints and civil claims in The Netherlands against a European foundation for fraudulent investment solicitation and unauthorized token dilution.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Representation in an Extension of Time (EOT) claim regarding delays in a major international construction project.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Advising the director of eight Abu Dhabi Global Market special purpose vehicles in responding to liquidation notices issued by joint liquidators of an Irish parent company, contesting shareholder attributions and clarifying ownership structures involving a Dubai Airport Freezone entity.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation of a global accounting and advisory firm before the Tax Dispute Resolution Committee challenging the imposition of late payment penalties on Voluntarily Disclosed tax liabilities, citing Federal Court precedents on the non-applicability of Clause 9 penalties to voluntary corrections.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Hotel investment dispute between an Italian HNW investor and a hotel developer regarding ROI guarantees.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings contesting an appellate judgment that ignored essential constitutional defenses regarding VAT penalties on labor accommodation services, arguing a violation of the right to defense and procedural nullity.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Federal execution proceedings regarding a tax judgment between a major UAE bank and the Federal Tax Authority challenging the validity of an executive writ issued against a dissolved legacy entity following a statutory merger.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Representing a subcontractor in claiming a debt of AED 3.9 million from a main contractor undergoing restructuring, asserting creditor rights and demanding warranties against fraudulent concealment or destruction of financial records.

Aerospace & DefenseSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Advised a US satellite manufacturer on spectrum coordination, International Telecommunication Union filings, and export control compliance.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a UAE-based steel

fabrication company in a high-value payment dispute with the Dubai branch of a major Italian infrastructure contractor, issuing a formal legal notice to recover over AED 21 million in outstanding receivables.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advising a regional construction materials supplier on the enforcement of contractual payment terms against a multinational civil engineering firm, invoking Article 557 of the UAE Civil Transactions Law to raise a plea of non-execution for aged debts.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Litigation against the Federal Tax Authority regarding the recovery of input VAT on construction costs and the annulment of fines imposed due to the Authority's procedural errors and conflicting directions.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

ISDS dispute proceedings under an OIC treaty between a Jordanian investor and an EMEA State.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Providing expert UAE law evidence to the UK High Court in a high-value fraud case, advising on criminal and civil liabilities for disclosing protected secrets under UAE Penal Code and Companies Law in response to worldwide freezing orders.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

Representation in ICSID proceedings under a Bilateral Investment Treaty between a Dutch holding conglomerate and an EMEA State.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Insurance dispute between a HNW individual and a global insurer for

Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance coverage.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Tax litigation before the Federal Courts Instance challenging the reclassification of nutritional supplements and medicated cosmetics as standard-rated goods, relying on Ministry of Health registration certificates to establish zero-rating eligibility.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counsel to a HNW businessman in the first contempt proceedings filed before the DIFC Courts.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to a private client in a complex multi-party litigation involving the sale of five premium residential units in Downtown Dubai, contesting the validity

of ‘Oqood’ termination notices and enforcing payment obligations under UAE Civil Code provisions against a prominent developer.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Acting as DIFC law experts for a UAE-based healthcare founder in New York Supreme Court proceedings to refute res judicata defenses arising from a prior Dubai consent judgment regarding a credit facility personal guarantee.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Defending a UAE conglomerate and its directors against a US$ 95 million fraudulent conveyance claim under New York Debtor and Creditor Law, involving complex alter ego allegations and the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative review of AED 13.6 million in VAT and penalties, arguing against the imposition of standard-rated tax on storage facilities integral to international transport, citing consistent administrative practice and legitimate expectations based on prior Authority clarifications.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Representation of a UAE trading company in Cassation Court proceedings, challenging the nullification of a marine insurance policy for a cargo of gas oil destined for Yemen, involving complex issues of disclosure, good faith, and the binding nature of expert reports.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counseling a foreign judgment creditor on cross-border asset recovery strategies in the UAE, arguing for the validity of parallel enforcement actions under

federal civil procedure laws and recent judicial precedents.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Strategic tax litigation for a UAE holding company contesting the Authority?s refusal of input tax recovery and zero-rated exports based on excessive formalism, including the rejection of customs-validated export documents and the imposition of double taxation on procedural grounds.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Defense counsel in execution proceedings challenging the enforcement of a tax judgment on grounds that the underlying debt is not yet definitive, citing ongoing cassation proceedings and the absence of a final, unappealable writ.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising a Middle Eastern corporate group on the interpretation of a commercial credit facility, challenging the lower court's reliance on expert financial findings to the exclusion of critical legal defenses regarding 'limited recourse' repayment terms under UAE Federal Law.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Post-judgment enforcement litigation between a consultancy firm and the Tax Authority concerning the evidentiary threshold for suspending execution measures and the judicial requirement to produce a formal settlement deed over administrative suspension notices.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Assisted in producing an expert opinion for a UK High Court matter regarding the liability of shareholders for the debts of a private joint stock company and the

validity and enforceability of Mareva injunctions before the courts of the UAE.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Opining on the criminal risks of disclosing confidential audit documents under UAE Penal Code Article 432 for use in American discovery proceedings, analyzing the four-prong test for ‘disclosure of secrets’ established by the Federal Supreme Court.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a Middle Eastern steel manufacturing company in International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration proceedings seated in Abu Dhabi, defending against claims of automatic contract renewal and alleged breaches of a lease services agreement for workforce accommodation.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Representing a diversified holding company and its directors in US District Court litigation, defending against complex fraudulent conveyance claims under New York Debtor and Creditor Law concerning the alleged restructuring of real estate assets.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Enforcement of an arbitral award against third-party project bank guarantees in a major infrastructure project.

Government Affairs & RegulationLegislative Drafting & ReformSensitive Geopolicy

High-value tax litigation challenging a AED 4.2 million assessment on employee housing, involving a strategic plea to refer the dispute to the Constitutional Circuit to address the constitutional validity of open-ended tax penalties.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a UAE electronics company in formal dispute proceedings against the Dubai branch of a Swiss-domiciled infrastructure firm regarding a breach of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract and failure to issue required financial bonds.

Commercial Space OperationsSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Counseling an international satellite communications provider on Ka-band frequency allocations, equipment certification requirements, and spectrum authorization timelines for deploying mobile broadband services to government and commercial sectors.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsStrategic Governance

Counseling a US-based entity’s Board on complex cross-border engagement structures, negotiating governing law provisions blending Delaware corporate law with ADGM privilege rules, and

establishing ICC expedited arbitration protocols seated in the Abu Dhabi Global Market.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Advising a UAE-based industrial firm in an international arbitration dispute regarding the termination of a services agreement for a residential complex, involving complex arguments on notice periods, regulatory No Objection Certificates (NOCs), and reinstatement obligations under Abu Dhabi law.

Asset ProtectionCritical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Advised on establishing of a legal foundation for asset protection for a High Net Worth individual.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representation of a Middle Eastern investor in a commercial lawsuit against

a British multinational bank regarding the unauthorized liquidation of Chinese energy sector bonds held as collateral for a credit facility.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Litigation challenging the imposition of AED 20 million in administrative penalties, arguing against the retroactive application of late payment fees where voluntary disclosures were submitted to rectify tax positions amidst contradictory Authority guidance.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings contesting the imposition of late registration and payment penalties on a non-resident digital economy entity that voluntarily disclosed historical liabilities following legislative ambiguity regarding the ‘Place of Supply’.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representation of a Cyprus claimant in an application for pre-claim interim remedies before the ADGM Courts to compel the disclosure of valuation materials and facilitate voting rights for a Russian asset disposal by a company listed in Kazakhstan.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising a Dubai-based individual in response to a legal notice alleging breach of trust and unauthorized share transfer of a UAE aviation charter company, involving the analysis of Power of Attorney scope and validity of Share Purchase Agreements.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising a UAE-based claimant on jurisdictional gateways under Article 5(A)(1)(b) of the Judicial Authority Law to pursue claims against a Singaporean entity, establishing a nexus to the Dubai

International Financial Centre through negotiation conduct.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Legal counsel for a UAE educational entity in a tax dispute regarding the definition of ‘Tax Benefit’, challenging penalties imposed on retroactively invoiced VAT where no financial advantage was gained from government contracts.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationTechnology & Telecommunications

Advising a media and entertainment company on the recovery of outstanding minimum guarantee payments and damages for anticipatory breach involving the promotion of streaming services across North Africa and the Middle East.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation of an American project management consultancy in negotiating

reciprocal liability caps and evidentiary thresholds for indemnification claims in a construction agreement governed by United Arab Emirates law.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsStrategic Governance

Representing the Board of Directors of an international entity in strategic financial committee discussions, providing counsel on leadership management contracts and constitutional amendments to ensure robust corporate governance and regulatory compliance across multiple jurisdictions.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Counsel to an international MEP subcontractor in a high-value construction dispute, defending against the abusive call on on-demand bonds by a Southeast Asian main contractor for a landmark Ministry of Interior development in the State of Qatar.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Advising a large holding company on defending against injunctions filed in London, New York, and the UAE simultaneously.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Advising a shipping and logistics center on the procedural requirements for challenging arbitral awards before the Federal Courts, focusing on notification validity and statutory limitation periods for filing nullification lawsuits.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Representing a construction entity in FIDIC-based dispute adjudication proceedings, pursuing claims for prolongation costs arising from delayed demarcations, town planning approvals, and utility connections.

Critical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family OfficeSuccession & Family Business

Representation of a real estate investor in a tax dispute concerning the ‘first supply’ VAT exemption and administrative liability for double taxation resulting from inconsistent regulatory guidance on intra-family asset transfers.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to a specialized subcontractor in the construction sector, issuing a pre-litigation demand notice regarding a ‘cut and bend’ reinforcement contract, citing Federal Supreme Court precedents to secure payments delayed beyond the contractual ninety-day period.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative appeal before the Abu Dhabi Federal Court contesting the dismissal of a tax objection as ‘premature’ where the Authority failed to adjudicate a reconsideration request during an ongoing audit.

Critical TransactionsDigital Assets & FintechE-Commerce & Data Privacy

Legal risk assessment to a global retailer on executing a cloud distributed order management system across borders.

Asset ProtectionCritical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Advising a Central American settlor on the cross-border structuring of a UAE Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and Trust in the Abu Dhabi Global Market, utilizing the English Trustee Act 2000 to govern the holding of global assets for a Costa Rican beneficiary.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Advising an international executive on the termination of employment by a Dubai Free Zone technology company, specifically regarding the withdrawal of essential work tools in breach of UAE Federal Decree-Law No. 33 of 2021.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to a former General Manager in a complex cross-border employment and shareholder dispute involving entities in India, Egypt, and Oman, seeking specific performance for the transfer of equity and compensation for loss of opportunity under Lebanese civil law principles.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Representation of a UAE-based director in communications with an international financial advisory firm regarding the validity and application of liquidation notices to ADGM entities, including verifying the authority of representatives and establishing protocols for asset disposition.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Expert witness testimony before the New York courts on the laws of the DIFC, ADGM, and UAE in a USD 8 billion claim.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Representation in a USD 110M status-quo dispute regarding termination between a UAE conglomerate and a Malaysian contractor.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Legal claim brought against the guarantor of a charter party agreement for breach of contract terms.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to a maritime engineering firm in executing a domestic arbitration award, navigating complex appellate litigation involving the Sharjah Federal Court of Appeal and ensuring compliance with notification protocols for corporate entities.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Counseling an international contractor on the recognition of foreign arbitral

awards in the UAE, navigating conflicting jurisdictional arguments between civil law and common law courts regarding the legal seat of arbitration.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising a minority GDR holder on corporate governance and disclosure obligations regarding a USD 760 million asset sale by an ADGM public company with primary operations in Russia and securities listed on the Kazakhstan (AIX) and Moscow exchanges.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Advising a Middle Eastern engineering consortium on cross-border dispute resolution strategies regarding a QAR 290 million government infrastructure project, involving parallel International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration and local court injunctions to preserve financial security.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation in a USD 30M tax dispute for an energy utility company arising from government-mandated price markdowns.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal execution proceedings regarding a tax judgment between a global logistics provider and the Federal Tax Authority staying the release of AED 17 million in seized funds pending the adjudication of a post-judgment ‘request for omission’ concerning cancelled penalties.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Advising foreign defendants in UK court proceedings on the interplay between onshore UAE and DIFC jurisdictions, addressing issues of sham contracts, minor’s rights under UAE public policy, and potential conflict of jurisdiction petitions.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counsel to a service executive under investigation by a financial services regulatory authority for compliance breaches.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsM&A & Due Diligence

Advising a UAE conglomerate on the AED 28 million acquisition of a pharmaceutical manufacturing company in Abu Dhabi, including comprehensive legal due diligence on corporate structure, Sharia-compliant financing from a local bank, and regulatory compliance with the Ministry of Health.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Counsel to a Gulf-based entity in a cross-border dispute involving the enforcement of cure notices and termination provisions against North American service providers regarding a major infrastructure project in the United Arab Emirates.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Representing a distressed international entity in navigating UAE bankruptcy court procedures, coordinating expert financial evaluations, creditor negotiations, and trustee appointments for a comprehensive debt restructuring plan.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Counsel to a private client in a commercial claim before court-appointed experts, challenging the actions of a Sharjah-based financial institution’s former management for failing to mitigate losses and enforce judicial orders suspending the liquidation of performance bonds.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Advising an international private client on the legal implications of a master community declaration, responding to allegations of unauthorized structural alterations and land encroachment in a

premium Middle Eastern residential development.

Commercial Space OperationsSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Advising a global NGSO satellite operator on the regulatory framework for licensing Earth Stations in Motion (ESIM) across multiple jurisdictions, including compliance with WRC-23 Resolution 123 for aeronautical and maritime connectivity.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation proceedings against the Federal Tax Authority challenging the application of late payment penalties from the date of the original return rather than the tax assessment date, distinguishing audit findings from voluntary disclosures.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representing a construction firm in cassation proceedings before the UAE

Federal Supreme Court, challenging lower court judgments that imposed joint liability based on alleged corporate affiliation and flawed expert reports.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representation of private investors in a high-profile dispute against a major Indian financial institution operating in the DIFC, alleging regulatory breaches and negligence in the sale of high-risk AT1 contingent convertible bonds issued by a Swiss global bank.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Representing a South Korean construction company in a cassation appeal before the UAE Federal Supreme Court, challenging the dismissal of enforcement proceedings against a Chinese state-owned enterprise on jurisdictional grounds.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Representation of a UAE electromechanical contractor in an ICC arbitration seated in Geneva, Switzerland against a Lebanese construction conglomerate regarding delay damages and outstanding payments for a major infrastructure project.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Providing expert UAE law evidence before the Central London County Court in multi-jurisdictional tenancy litigation, challenging the finality of DIFC judgments due to pending parallel proceedings in Sharjah Federal Courts and constitutional conflict issues.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Objection to execution proceedings for a UAE financial institution securing a judicial stay of enforcement against the Tax Authority regarding disputed administrative penalties that are currently under parallel substantive

review.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Advising a Middle Eastern claimant on pre-arbitration strategy and the potential enforcement of arbitral awards under the New York Convention against a German parent company for liabilities incurred by its local branch.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Tax dispute proceedings before the Abu Dhabi TDRC between a former automotive agency and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the validity of estimated assessments imposed after the cessation of commercial operations and the transfer of the agency agreement.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Advising claimant on resorting to the DIFC courts to obtain Mareva injunctions

as part of a global recovery strategy.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

ISDS dispute proceedings under a BIT between an Indian manufacturer and an EMEA State.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising an international creative professional on the enforcement of a ‘Work for Hire’ agreement governed by UAE Federal Law, seeking damages for the unauthorized commercial exploitation of 3D digital assets by a Middle Eastern eyewear brand.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Dispute resolution between an agriculture subcontractor and an Australian main contractor regarding payment terms.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representing a former CEO of a UAE-based construction firm in a high-stakes DIFC Court application to set aside a partial arbitral award, challenging findings of fraudulent non-disclosure and the arbitrary disregard of statutory corporate filings.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Counsel to a Middle Eastern engineering firm in notifying international financial institutions of judicial attachment orders to suspend the encashment of project securities totaling over QAR 73 million pending final court rulings in Qatar.

Economic Policy & SanctionsFiscal Policy & Tax ControversySensitive Geopolicy

Counsel to a domestic public utilities company in a dispute with the Federal government over tariff structures.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationSwiss & Continental Proceedings

External counsel support on UAE law in relation to arbitration proceedings for a Korean law firm.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to a Dubai-based construction firm in emergency arbitrator proceedings to enjoin the liquidation of a performance bond by a state-linked developer in the United Arab Emirates.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation in Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings between a hotel fit-out subcontractor and the main contractor.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Litigation for a UAE holding company contesting VAT assessments on offshore supplies and employee-related expenses, arguing for the non-applicability of VAT on goods transferred outside the state

and the recoverability of input tax on intra-group recharges for non-employee staff.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Litigating claims against investment promoters of misleading whitepapers and fraudulent initial coin offerings.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Defending UHNW individuals and a UAE conglomerate in New York proceedings resisting a US$ 90 million judgment enforcement action premised on alter ego liability and piercing the corporate veil regarding alleged asset dissipation.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Legal advocacy for the removal of an INTERPOL Red Notice for a high-net-worth Jordanian investor related to capital markets allegations.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal

Arbitration

Cassation proceedings before the Federal Supreme Court challenging the retroactive revocation of VAT refunds and administrative penalties arising from the Tax Authority’s contradictory instructions regarding residential property transfers.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Defending foreign non-signatories in US federal court against fraudulent conveyance claims, opposing jurisdictional discovery and arguing lack of ancillary jurisdiction to enforce judgments against third parties under the Federal Arbitration Act.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Advising a high-net-worth individual on complex insurance coverage litigation involving multi-jurisdictional civil and

criminal proceedings, asserting lifetime run-off cover rights and contesting the insurer?s rescission attempts under UAE Civil Transactions Law.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation appeal before the UAE Supreme Court contesting the expert’s interpretation of ‘excise goods’ versus ‘industrial refuse’ and the rejection of international comparative law standards regarding non-consumable manufacturing waste.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to an international investment entity in defending against an urgent application for proof of status, arguing procedural compliance and navigating the intersection of summary jurisdiction and substantive rights in a complex construction dispute involving project handovers.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advising a Middle Eastern developer on the legal implications of a court-appointed expert’s report evaluating a multi-million dirham construction contract termination, including the analysis of completion delays, defect liability periods, and final account reconciliation under UAE law.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representing an Abu Dhabi construction company in court-appointed expert proceedings in Umm Al Quwain, challenging claims for additional works based on ‘back-to-back’ payment clauses and the premature nature of the subcontractor’s lawsuit.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising an individual investor on complex claims of negligence and misrepresentation arising from a systemic failure of a leading crypto trading

platform, leveraging expert forensic analysis to attribute losses to internal algorithmic errors.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Advising a private joint stock company on resisting asset seizure orders, arguing the lack of ‘certainty of debt’ under Civil Procedure Law due to ongoing annulment proceedings and the suspension of the underlying enforcement.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Coordinating multi-jurisdictional enforcement measures, including Interpol notices and mutual legal assistance treaties between Western Europe and the Middle East, to recover misappropriated digital assets from a decentralized ledger project.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Legal action for the removal of court asset seizures against vessels related to a dredging project.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Counseling a global corporation on director liability risks and asset coverage requirements during insolvency, ensuring compliance with UAE commercial laws and mitigating personal exposure for management in cross-border liquidation scenarios.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Managing data insight and investigation on behalf of the claimant to pursue jurisdiction in the DIFC courts.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Acting for a board member in seeking a director disqualification order under ADGM Companies Regulations against a

management executive for negligence and breach of trust, referencing Middle East court precedents on the ratification of internal breaches.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Representation in a dispute between a steel supplier and an Italian main contractor related to a USD 1.5B project.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representation of a Russian national in a shareholder dispute concerning the beneficial ownership of a UAE limited liability company, including defense strategies against claims of misrepresentation and misuse of agency powers during the transfer of 75% of the company’s capital.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representation of a Levantine financial

professional in criminal and civil proceedings against a North African investor, seeking compensation for defamation and threats under the UAE Penal Code following the dissolution of a Dubai-based special purpose vehicle.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advice on disputes arising from the sale of non-fungible token collections in high-frequency trading environments.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Counsel to a Gulf pharmaceutical executive in opposing a motion to dismiss in New York, providing analysis on whether a DIFC summary enforcement order precludes subsequent international damages claims against Dutch and Indian banks.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative litigation challenging the validity of cumulative penalties for voluntary disclosures and the procedural dismissal of objections based on res judicata regarding distinct assessments.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advising a Dubai-based developer on a AED 55 million dispute concerning the exemption of pre-2018 payments from VAT under the GCC Unified VAT Agreement and Article 112 of the UAE Constitution.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising a UAE resident on the legal implications of acting under a Power of Attorney for an international client, specifically defending against allegations of fraud regarding the closure of corporate bank accounts and the handling of manager’s checks.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Counseling a US professional services firm on a high-value engagement to provide organizational restructuring, executive search, and leadership development services to a multinational group, involving intricate IP licensing and milestone-based payment mechanisms.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings contesting the assessment of ‘entertainment services’ VAT on hotel expenses for non-employee staff of a foreign parent company, arguing that branch and parent company employees constitute a single taxable person.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Comprehensive tax advisory on the classification of floating ‘Boat Houses’ in Dubai for VAT purposes, analyzing building permits and engineering reports to determine eligibility for residential

zero-rating or exemption as immovable property.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Acting as UAE law experts in New York Supreme Court proceedings for a pharmaceutical company and its founder against a ‘Big Four’ audit firm, providing opinions on civil conspiracy, aiding and abetting fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty under Federal UAE law.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising a significant investor on DIFC and UAE director liability claims involving the misuse of corporate structures to circumvent non-profit regulations and the unauthorized devaluation of digital assets through a competing token launch.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Advising a former director of a Dubai-listed construction conglomerate on a multi-million dirham D&O insurance claim, securing coverage for defense costs across four civil disputes involving alleged breaches of fiduciary duty.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Tax dispute resolution for an energy major contesting the reclassification of fixed storage tank leases as taxable ‘services’, asserting they constitute ‘goods’ (real estate) under Executive Regulations and qualify for zero-rating as transport-related services.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to a prominent industrial manufacturer in defending a claim for unpaid rent and damages before a sole arbitrator under ICC Expedited Procedure Rules, challenging the validity of contract renewal clauses and vacating

premises liabilities in the United Arab Emirates.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings contesting the imposition of AED 22.4 million in VAT and penalties on pharmaceutical products, asserting the Authority's lack of jurisdiction to create new tax categories for registered medicines in the absence of Executive Regulations.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

Representation in ICSID proceedings under a Bilateral Investment Treaty between a US major developer and an EMEA State.

Sensitive GeopolicySovereign Space StrategySpace Law & Policy

Advised sovereign Latin American state on the development and legal architecture of its national spaceport.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Federal Supreme Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between an international engineering joint venture and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the non-retroactive application of VAT to construction milestones achieved prior to 2018.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Advising a construction firm on the procedural termination and subsequent reconstitution of a Subcontract Dispute Adjudication Board, including the nomination of board members and the referral of disputes to the FIDIC President for appointment.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Cryptocurrency arbitration involving a click-wrap agreement with emergency procedures for asset freezing.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Provided co-authored foreign legal affirmations and affidavits in Dr. Bavaguthu Raghuram Shetty et al v. Bank of Baroda et al. before the Supreme Court of the State of New York, addressing analogous causes of action under UAE, DIFC, and ADGM law including civil conspiracy, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty, and analyzing conflicts of law and res judicata standards.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representation of a UAE-based investment entity in a dispute concerning a Cayman Islands exempted company, alleging fraudulent share dilution and misrepresentation of the capitalization table in a proposed multi-million dollar share transfer transaction.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representation in a USD 120M dispute between an HNW individual and a major

bank related to the illegitimate use of financial instruments.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Acting as UAE counsel to a Dubai Airport Freezone pharmaceutical trading company in providing a capacity and enforceability legal opinion for Non-Deliverable Forward transactions with a Japanese bank's DIFC branch, governed by English law under an ISDA Master Agreement.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising a general contracting company on resisting a AED 15 million claim, arguing the absence of contractual privity and refuting allegations of using sham entities to evade subcontractor payments.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Strategic legal counsel for a luxury real

estate developer on transitional VAT liabilities for off-plan property sales spanning the implementation of tax laws, advising on the timing of supply and the application of standard rates versus exemptions.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Legal representation in a cross-border procurement dispute involving entities in Qatar and the UAE, petitioning the Dubai public prosecutor to investigate a European subsidiary for creating fictitious financial instruments under the UAE Penal Code.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Declaratory testimony before the New York courts in relation to USD 90M arbitration proceedings enforcement.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising a corporate client on the termination of a partnership agreement due to material breach of contractual obligations, including failure to establish a joint venture entity, and asserting the forfeiture of conditional equity rights.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a Dubai trading company and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the rejection of input tax refunds based on upstream supply chain non-compliance.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising a Middle Eastern corporate client on cross-border discovery strategies in the U.S. federal courts to support foreign criminal investigations into financial irregularities and potential fraud involving hundreds of

millions of dollars.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsM&A & Due Diligence

Legal counsel on region-wide transactional considerations and structuring for a US automated technology provider.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Counsel to a minority shareholder challenging the validity of an Extraordinary General Assembly and board resolutions orchestrated by a Canadian national executive, citing procedural non-compliance with Cayman corporate law and constitutional documents.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Litigation contesting the imposition of ‘Tax Benefit’ penalties under Cabinet Decision No. 40/2017, arguing the absence of financial advantage in cases of

uncollected VAT on historical digital transactions.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to a South Asian investor in Middle East court proceedings regarding the beneficial ownership and transfer of title for a residential property in Central London held through a dissolved offshore special purpose vehicle.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Acting as a UAE law expert in a high-value property dispute before English courts, analyzing the conclusiveness of DIFC Court of Appeal judgments in light of conflicting onshore federal court rulings and Joint Judicial Committee precedents.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsStrategic Governance

Advising an international professional

services firm on jurisdictional analysis, event licensing, and advertising regulations for a new commercial entity in an EMEA jurisdiction.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Defense counsel for a tobacco manufacturer in a tax dispute, arguing against the imposition of administrative penalties for goods exported to Vietnam, citing customs documentation proving transit status and non-entry into the local market.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representing a UAE holding company in cassation proceedings challenging the validity of an arbitration agreement within aircraft finance guarantees, citing lack of specific corporate authority and public policy violations under UAE Companies Law.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation appeal before the UAE Supreme Court contesting the validity of ‘late payment penalties’ arising from voluntary disclosures submitted to correct invoice formats (from tax invoices to credit notes) where the underlying tax liability had been fully settled.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Defending UAE heirs in real estate litigation against a global investment firm seeking to annul property transfers, arguing the non-finality of unratified foreign arbitral awards under UAE Civil Procedure rules regarding asset dissemination.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising an international investor on the rejection of a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) for a wealth management platform, based on the unauthorized issuance of ‘phantom’ shares and discrepancies

between the SPA and the Cayman General Registry records.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Advising a corporate debtor on the preparation and verification of financial statements for bankruptcy filing under the UAE Bankruptcy Law 2023, following a Federal Supreme Court judgment and the discovery of insolvency.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Advising an international contractor on the enforcement of a ratified AED 42 million arbitral award, contesting the appellate court’s refusal to recognize concurrent execution jurisdictions within the UAE federal system.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Counseling a UAE subcontractor on the strategic referral of disputes to a

dedicated Subcontract DAB, navigating complex multi-tiered dispute resolution clauses to secure independent adjudication of claims against a main contractor.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Defense of a free zone entity in cassation proceedings contesting the FTA's methodology for calculating Excise Tax liability, arguing that disparate goods' raw tobacco, finished products, and moisture loss cannot be aggregated for tax assessment purposes without distinct valuation.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Acting as co-counsel in a Swiss-seated international arbitration, arguing for the piercing of the corporate veil to hold parent companies liable for the debts of an insolvent subsidiary in the construction sector.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Supreme Court proceedings regarding a 16.5 million AED VAT dispute between a Dubai conglomerate and the Federal Tax Authority challenging the procedural validity of a tax assessment for lack of detailed reasoning and the retroactive application of administrative guidelines.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Counseling a UAE contracting firm on the strategic management of expert meetings in appellate litigation, focusing on the distinction between technical assessment and legal interpretation regarding contractual payment conditions.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Authored expert reports in Cancrie Investments Limited S.A.R.L. v. Mr Zulfiqur Al Tanveer Haider before the UK High Court, analyzing the validity of service of proceedings via SMS under UAE

law, the discharge of guarantees, voluntary submission to jurisdiction, and the enforceability of judgments under modern Civil Procedure regulations.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

High-value litigation concerning the intellectual property rights associated with non-fungible token (NFT) assets.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representing a private holding company in resisting asset seizure based on a New York ICC award, raising complex jurisdictional conflicts between onshore Dubai and DIFC courts regarding the finality and enforceability of foreign debts.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Counsel to a leading e-commerce business on government issues arising from the

sales of digital rights.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Tax objection proceedings before the Sharjah Tax Dispute Resolution Committee challenging AED 28 million in excise tax assessments on production losses and waste, arguing that inherent manufacturing losses do not constitute taxable ‘released for consumption’ goods.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counseling an Egyptian petrochemical company on leveraging 28 U.S.C. 1782 to obtain evidence from New York-based financial institutions for use in criminal proceedings involving allegations of embezzlement by former executives.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Advising a vessel owner on enforcing

contractual remedies against a charterer for breach of redelivery obligations, pursuing claims for US$ 2 million in liquidated damages and comprehensive repair costs due to negligent alterations.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings regarding the mitigation of percentage-based tax penalties from 40% to 5% where the delay in payment was attributed to the Authority?s approval processes and the tax was previously declared by the surviving entity.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings for a UAE free zone entity contesting the imposition of additional penalties, arguing that voluntary disclosures create a new payment deadline distinct from the original tax return.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a global logistics provider and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the classification of Designated Zone storage services as ‘transport-related’ versus ‘real estate’ supplies.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Advising a Dubai-based marine contractor on structuring a payment guarantee mechanism for a charter party agreement, securing unconditional payment obligations from a main contractor to mitigate subcontractor default risks.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Defending UAE-based individuals and corporates against committal applications in English proceedings, arguing that compliance with foreign disclosure orders would violate domestic professional secrecy and state security laws carrying

custodial sentences.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representation in a USD 120M derivative shareholder claim for a Canadian shareholder arising from allegations of corporate fraud.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Providing expert evidence on UAE Shariah and civil law to the UK High Court, demonstrating that intra-family asset transfers constituted legitimate inheritance arrangements ('Heba') rather than fraudulent dissipation to defeat creditors' enforcement actions.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Advising claimant on resorting to the Singapore courts on Forum Non Conveniens (FNC) grounds vis an inoperable jurisdiction.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom

Court Proceedings

Provided expert evidence in Commercial Bank of Dubai PSC et al. v. Abdalla Juma Majid Al Sari et al. before the UK High Court, advising on potential criminal and civil liabilities under the UAE Penal Code and Companies Law for disclosing confidential information pursuant to a Worldwide Freezing Order.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Sovereign & Government Disputes

Emergency arbitration proceedings between a construction firm and a State entity regarding immediate relief.

Government Affairs & RegulationLegislative Drafting & ReformSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation proceedings before the Federal Supreme Court between a UAE real estate entity and the Federal Tax Authority challenging the constitutionality of Article 46 of the Tax Procedures Law regarding administrative penalty caps and

legislative omission.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Representing a New York consulting firm in negotiating a cross-border services agreement with an Ethiopian-backed UAE entity, including complex guarantor provisions, performance-based remuneration structures, and dispute resolution via ICC arbitration in the DIFC.

Critical TransactionsDigital Assets & FintechNFT & Web3 Structuring

Corporate structuring and regulatory advice for the launch of play-to-earn (P2E) NFT gaming projects.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a regional MEP subcontractor in urgent proceedings before the Qatar Courts to attach a QAR 48.5 million performance bond following

the alleged wrongful termination of a contract for a major downtown development in Doha.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Strategic tax litigation for a Dubai-based trading entity challenging the constitutionality of retroactive penalties imposed due to evolving administrative guidelines and clarifications issued by the Federal Tax Authority.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Advising an international maritime seller on defending against claims of invalid contract execution and deposit recovery under a Memorandum of Agreement for the sale of a vessel, involving complex jurisdictional and procedural objections.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation of a leading automotive distributor before the Tax Dispute Resolution Committee contesting late payment penalties, arguing that funds transferred via the Central Bank's UAEFTS system before the daily cut-off constitute timely discharge of liability regardless of portal processing delays.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representing a UAE holding company in cassation proceedings before Abu Dhabi courts to challenge the enforcement of a New York ICC arbitration award, raising public policy defenses regarding the signature of the award and procedural irregularities.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising on asset recovery and injunctive relief strategies against a blockchain technology group across the UAE and Europe following the alleged diversion of

project funds and intellectual property to a newly established for-profit entity.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Representation of a Middle Eastern advisory firm in a debt recovery matter involving unpaid bookkeeping and VAT services provided to a leasing company and its Abu Dhabi Global Market special purpose vehicles.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising a major Abu Dhabi entity in annulment proceedings against an ICC award, raising public policy defenses regarding the tribunal’s failure to sign all pages of the award and procedural irregularities under UAE arbitration regulations.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Advising an international investor on the

recovery of AED 253 million in outstanding receivables from a defaulted property transaction, navigating the Real Estate Regulatory Agency (RERA) dispute resolution mechanisms to block the unilateral termination of contracts by a major Dubai-based real estate group.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representing a European cryptocurrency trader in a multimillion-dollar HKIAC arbitration against a global digital asset exchange, claiming damages for platform outages and challenging the enforceability of exemption clauses under Hong Kong consumer protection laws.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Counsel to an international business entity on appointing and managing local tax consultants in Kuwait to handle income tax filings, objections to tax assessments, and correspondence with the

Kuwaiti tax authorities.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Advising a UAE-headquartered retail conglomerate on the procedural intricacies of the Civil Procedure Law Regulations, specifically regarding the mandatory grievance mechanisms required before appealing execution orders involving foreign or free zone judgments.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Supreme Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a multinational commodities trader and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the VAT treatment of goods transfers from Jebel Ali Free Zone to DMCC.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Representation of a senior professional in pre-litigation correspondence with a

Middle Eastern lifestyle brand, addressing conflicting management instructions and statutory enablement obligations under Article 26 of the Labor Law.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representation of a European digital artist in high-stakes intellectual property litigation before the Dubai Courts, claiming copyright infringement and unpaid royalties against a RAK-based technology company and its Dubai subsidiary regarding a collection of 8,888 non-fungible tokens.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Counsel to a European entrepreneur in the divestment of interests in a UAE limited liability company, navigating complex internal procedures regarding Transfer Notices and validating the right to sell shares to third-party purchasers

following administrative inaction.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Advising an individual director on the enforcement of a Board Member Agreement and recovery of outstanding fees from a shipping holdings entity registered in Abu Dhabi and its affiliates.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsStrategic Governance

Structuring the cross-border engagement of an international executive as an ‘Outsourced Individual’ for an ADGM entity, navigating UAE Golden Visa requirements and ADGM Employment Regulations to ensure compliant corporate administration services.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Counsel to an international supplier in assessing the recovery prospects from a Creditor Trust following the

reorganization of a North American debtor, balancing litigation costs against potential distributions in a US insolvency context.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Advising a foreign consultancy on media licensing requirements, intellectual property rights regarding public sector data, and regulatory compliance for a subscription-based platform in the Middle East.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising an international contractor on UAE criminal proceedings against a British-affiliated supplier for forgery and fraud, involving the double-invoicing of materials and unauthorized drawdowns from Gulf banking facilities.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Representing a South Korean shipping company in LMAA arbitration proceedings against a vessel management firm, and filing a counterclaim in a dispute over a deposit and MOA validity.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a Luxembourg-based foundation in a complex construction dispute regarding a high-end residential project in Dubai, involving a AED 5.3 million claim for delay damages, unapproved variations, and the recovery of costs for third-party remedial works.

Asset ProtectionCritical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Advising an American entrepreneur on the acquisition of beneficial ownership rights for a commercial facility in Abu Dhabi, drafting acknowledgment deeds to secure tangible and intangible assets held under a local license.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Reconsideration application before the Federal Tax Authority for a UAE national oil company challenging VAT assessments on storage tank rentals, arguing for ‘out-of-scope’ classification as real estate supplies within a Designated Zone.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advising an international construction firm on the validity of dispute resolution mechanisms in a Letter of Intent, analyzing the conflict between expert determination, FIDIC arbitration clauses, and local court jurisdiction under Qatari law.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Defending a private joint stock company against enforcement actions by international creditors, pursuing a cassation appeal based on the nullity of financial assignment documents, procedural irregularities, and

jurisdictional challenges regarding specific performance orders.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representation in a USD 40M dispute between an institutional investor and a pharmaceutical firm for misrepresentation of assets.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising a private client on a breach of contract claim against an international banking institution in Dubai, challenging the premature enforcement of security interests and seeking damages for abuse of rights under UAE Civil Code provisions.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Counseling an executive in a high-stakes arbitration to recover AED 23 million in defense costs, arguing waiver of consent

requirements due to insurer delay and establishing the inapplicability of insolvency and indemnification exclusions under UAE law.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counsel to a Doha-based engineering firm in a breach of trust case involving the falsification of delivery notes and commercial invoices by a Dubai logistics provider for a project in the State of Qatar.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representing a UAE holding company in enforcement grievance proceedings before Dubai Courts, challenging the execution of a DIFC-recognized foreign arbitral award based on jurisdictional coordination and the suspension of parallel offshore execution measures.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising a director of an Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) licensed fintech firm on filing formal complaints with the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) regarding the Senior Executive Officer's breach of fiduciary duties and failure to maintain compliance protocols.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Structuring a multi-jurisdictional licensing framework for an American software developer to distribute identity and access governance solutions across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Qatar, while navigating US export control laws.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a real estate development group and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the VAT treatment of

labor accommodation services and related ancillary supplies.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counseling a foreign judgment creditor on asset recovery strategies in the UAE, securing judicial approval for the attachment of performance bonds and the disclosure of bank balances to satisfy a multimillion-dollar commercial claim.

Critical TransactionsDigital Assets & FintechNFT & Web3 Structuring

Counsel to international designers in a complex commercial transaction involving the development of CGI characters and environments for a blockchain-based wealth management fund, establishing revenue-sharing mechanisms via smart contracts and dispute resolution through ICC arbitration.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Submitted expert declarations in CesFin Ventures LLC v. Al Ghaith Holding Company PSJC et al. before the US District Court (SDNY), supporting a Motion to Dismiss by addressing the validity of arbitration award assignments under UAE law, the effect of cassation stays, and opposing jurisdictional discovery in the context of parallel enforcement proceedings.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representation of a US-based non-profit in DIFC regulatory and civil proceedings against a UAE-domiciled blockchain laboratory regarding unlicensed virtual asset services and breach of fiduciary duty.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative litigation challenging the validity of ‘portal-only’ penalty notifications and the enforceability of digital adhesion contracts as a

substitute for statutory service of process in tax disputes.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representation regarding the improper execution of trade orders on one of the largest cryptocurrency exchanges.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Opining on non-deliverable forward transactions and regulatory implications for a global pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Litigation challenging the validity of AED 5 million in administrative penalties, asserting that penalties for late payment cannot be applied to periods where the underlying tax liability was fully settled prior to voluntary disclosure.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationTechnology & Telecommunications

Media licensing and content dispute between a Saudi news media company and a global production firm.

Government Affairs & RegulationSensitive GeopolicySovereign Defense & Immunity

Engaged in high-level Track I diplomatic dialogues with a South East Asian government on behalf of an APAC government regarding bilateral aviation rights.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Advising a UAE-based oilfield services company on the feasibility and strategic implications of filing a late proof of claim in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings of a US energy services partner in the Southern District of Texas.

Aerospace & DefenseSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Advised Asian defense firm on acquisition and legal operation of advanced unmanned

aerial drones.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation appeal before the UAE Supreme Court contesting the assessment of AED 7.5 million in excise tax on tobacco products exported from a free zone, arguing that the goods never entered the UAE mainland for consumption.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Objection proceedings against the Federal Tax Authority challenging the constitutionality of retroactive tax assessments on off-plan commercial sales and the statutory interpretation of transitional ‘time of supply’ rules.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a UAE-based general contracting firm in urgent proceedings before the Abu Dhabi Urgent Matters Court

to block the abusive liquidation of an AED 24.5 million performance bond related to an offshore oil field development project on Zirku Island.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising a multinational stakeholder on the procedural submission of evidence, including commercial licenses and formal legal notices, in a dispute involving a MENA-based wellness investment vehicle and the specific performance of contractual obligations.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation in a USD 40M tax dispute for a technology MNC arising from permanent and fixed establishment status assessments.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsStrategic Governance

Advising the Board of Directors of a

Delaware corporation on corporate governance matters, including the review of constitutional documents and the drafting of standardized executive consulting agreements to align leadership management with financial committee objectives.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Counsel to the management of a distressed company on potential personal liability for unpaid tax obligations and the procedural steps to mitigate administrative penalties through formal bankruptcy filings.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsM&A & Due Diligence

Representation of an international investment group in a cross-border M&A transaction involving the purchase of a medical solutions provider, addressing complex shareholder issues with a German minority partner and navigating Cayman

Islands fund structures.

Commercial Space OperationsSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Counseled a European launch services provider on cross-border launch operations, liability exposure, and international treaty compliance.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Representing a private individual in regulatory investigations by the Abu Dhabi Global Market Registration Authority, challenging jurisdiction under the Commercial Licensing Regulations 2015 based on lack of nexus and connected person status.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Advising foreign principals in cross-border asset recovery litigation, defending against the enforcement of an ICC award through piercing the corporate

veil and contesting the application of US fraudulent transfer statutes to international transactions.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Urgent request to stay execution proceedings for a multinational technology company, arguing the premature enforcement of a AED 5 million tax penalty pending the outcome of a substantive appeal before the Federal Supreme Court.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative appeal against a Tax Dispute Resolution Committee decision dismissing an objection as ‘premature’ despite the expiry of statutory deadlines for the Federal Tax Authority’s reconsideration, arguing constructive rejection.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Submission of expert legal evidence to a North American commercial court regarding Dubai International Financial Centre rules on issue estoppel to prevent the dismissal of complex civil fraud and money laundering claims based on prior UAE proceedings.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representing a foreign entity in navigating U.S. judicial assistance procedures under Section 1782, facilitating the acquisition of banking records from correspondent banks to bolster state prosecution efforts against individuals accused of public fund misappropriation.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Arbitration against exchange platforms related to market crashes, price drops, and systemic trading issues.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Advising a claimant in multi-jurisdictional enforcement litigation, contesting the jurisdiction of Dubai Courts to annul an ADGM-seated ICC award while simultaneously pursuing recognition proceedings in the Abu Dhabi Global Market Courts.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Representing a South Korean construction firm in ADGM Court proceedings to enforce a US$ 9.6 million ICC arbitral award, asserting jurisdiction under the ADGM Arbitration Regulations against a Chinese state-owned enterprise.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Counsel to an education services provider vis a licensing authority for the revocation of an operating permit.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to an employee of a UAE-based digital services provider in a dispute involving the restriction of corporate access and on-premises work requirements during the notice period.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Counsel to a US technology headquarters in finalizing a commercial distribution contract with a Dubai Silicon Oasis entity, addressing complex intellectual property rights, withholding tax implications for sales in Riyadh, and compliance with the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a Sharjah-based offshore services provider in Federal Supreme Court proceedings, defending against an annulment action for a commercial arbitration award on the grounds of time-bar under the UAE Federal

Arbitration Law.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Advising a specialized engineering firm on the initiation and management of a high-value dispute resolution process regarding a government infrastructure tender in the Liwa Oasis, including tribunal selection, witness preparation, and the enforcement of arbitral awards.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Counseling an executive in insurance coverage litigation against an international insurer, contesting the avoidance of a D&O policy based on alleged mismanagement and highlighting procedural irregularities in the underlying arbitral award.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Providing expert legal advice to an

insolvent company on the procedural requirements for bankruptcy under UAE Federal Decree-Law No. 51 of 2023, including debt threshold verification and the preparation of creditor schedules.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representing a UAE holding company in cassation proceedings challenging the validity of a debt assignment to a global litigation funder, citing Civil Code violations regarding counter-value requirements and failure of notification prior to enforcement.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Litigation against the Federal Tax Authority regarding the impossibility of filing VAT returns due to portal errors, arguing against the imposition of late payment penalties where the Authority failed to provide a functional payment mechanism.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Litigation of claims against unlicensed virtual asset service providers operating in regulated jurisdictions.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to a private client in a pre-litigation dispute involving the fiduciary duties of an agent, addressing claims of reputational damage and harassment arising from the management of a commercial entity and interactions with UAE financial institutions.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a consultancy firm and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the validity of input tax invoices issued under a historical trade name following a corporate rebranding.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation in a tax dispute for a US defense contractor arising from defense and security agreement tax concessions.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Counseling an international construction firm on challenging the partial nullification of legal costs in a Dubai-seated arbitration award, arguing that ICC Rules and party submissions conferred authority on the tribunal to allocate legal fees.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation appeal before the UAE Supreme Court contesting the dismissal of a counterclaim in a tax dispute, arguing that the procedural provisions for cross-claims under the Civil Procedure Law apply in the absence of specific tax regulations.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Advising a multinational construction firm on corporate restructuring and insolvency options under UAE Federal Bankruptcy Law, including strategic guidance on preventive composition, financial reorganization, and liquidation proceedings.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

Representation in ICSID proceedings under a Bilateral Investment Treaty between a Chinese technology conglomerate and an EMEA State.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Representing a UAE holding company in US Federal Court proceedings to dismiss a lawsuit seeking jurisdictional discovery, demonstrating its misuse as a merits-based tool for enforcing foreign awards already under execution in multiple jurisdictions.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation of an education investment company before the Federal Supreme Court contesting the imposition of administrative penalties for a clerical error in a VAT return, establishing that no liability arises absent actual prejudice to the public treasury.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a government-owned utility provider and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the imposition of AED 114 million in penalties following a retroactive tariff reduction mandated by the Supreme Committee for Water and Electricity.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Representing the former CEO of a UAE-based construction firm in a DIAC arbitration against an international insurer, claiming US$ 10 million under a

D&O liability policy and challenging coverage denial based on alleged non-disclosure and conduct exclusions.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Strategic tax litigation for a Jebel Ali Free Zone entity defending the ‘out of scope’ VAT classification of storage and sub-leasing services against the Authority’s attempt to reclassify them as taxable transport services based on trade license restrictions.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative litigation challenging the imposition of AED 2.5 million in penalties arising from a ‘forced’ voluntary disclosure for a non-existent entity where the tax liability was previously settled by the legal successor without loss to the Treasury.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative litigation challenging the validity of a tax assessment issued after a 43-month audit period, arguing procedural delays constituted administrative error warranting the cancellation of time-based penalties.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Advising a maritime contractor on the legal grounds for lifting a precautionary attachment, arguing that the debt remains disputed and unproven following the cassation of lower court rulings by the UAE’s highest judicial authority.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

ISDS dispute proceedings under a BIT between a Chinese technology conglomerate and an EMEA State.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsStrategic Governance

Advising an international tax technology

firm on corporate structuring, foreign direct investment eligibility, and market entry strategies for a digital media venture in the UAE.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a Qatari electromechanical joint venture in urgent summary proceedings before the Doha Court of First Instance, obtaining an ex-parte order to block the liquidation of a QAR 24.7 million performance guarantee by a Malaysian construction conglomerate.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Representing a Jordanian construction company in ICC arbitration proceedings, providing strategic counsel on procedural matters and critiquing tribunal-appointed expert reports concerning complex industry disputes and technical specifications.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a regional electromechanical contractor in urgent proceedings before the Qatar Court of Urgent Matters to attach a QAR 48.5 million performance bond issued for the Msheireb Downtown project, preventing encashment by a major regional construction conglomerate.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Tax objection proceedings before the Tax Dispute Resolution Committee regarding the reclassification of AED 25.7 million in storage tank rentals, asserting their status as ‘out-of-scope’ real estate supplies within a Designated Zone.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal execution proceedings regarding a tax judgment between a UAE consultancy and the Federal Tax Authority seeking a stay of enforcement based on an extra-judicial suspension agreement confirmed

via email correspondence.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to an international property owner in the forensic quantification of damages arising from catastrophic water leakage and project delays, utilizing critical path analysis to rebut contractor extension of time claims and enforce liquidated damages caps.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representation of a global investment firm in civil proceedings before the Dubai Courts, enforcing a Memorandum of Understanding and Share Transfer Agreement against a local commercial entity regarding the assignment of corporate stakes to a third-party acquirer.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

Representation in UNCITRAL proceedings under a Bilateral Investment Treaty between an Indian manufacturer and an EMEA State.

Critical TransactionsDigital Assets & FintechNFT & Web3 Structuring

Advising European digital artists on the negotiation and drafting of a commissioned services agreement with a Seychelles-based digital media company, securing a USD 40,000 fee and ongoing profit participation in a high-frequency trading NFT project.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representation of a UAE holding company in a high-value reconsideration petition before the Abu Dhabi Court of Cassation, challenging a final judgment on grounds of res judicata established by a Supreme Court of Oman ruling regarding a British Virgin Islands entity.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Counsel to a UAE construction entity in claiming damages and unpaid contract sums from a governmental authority for the development of strategic roadway infrastructure, managing the entire arbitral lifecycle under the rules of the Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Center.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation in a USD 90M tax dispute for a publicly listed developer in relation to retrospective property development taxes.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation in a USD 120M tax dispute for a tobacco manufacturer arising from production moisture loss and wastage calculations.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Representation of a general trading entity in post-judgment execution proceedings to rectify procedural errors resulting in the double collection of judgment debts and the unauthorized seizure of working capital.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising a major commercial entity on jurisdictional conflicts between onshore UAE courts and the DIFC courts, specifically challenging the latter’s authority over urgent relief applications and the enforcement of assigned arbitration awards.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counseling a business owner on potential conflicts of interest and fiduciary duties in relation to an ADGM regulatory investigation involving multiple related entities, ensuring the protection of reputational and commercial interests.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advising a general contractor on defending against a multimillion-dirham claim for variation orders, arguing before the expert tribunal that payment obligations are contingent upon receipt of funds from the main employer under UAE law.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representation in a USD 40M vicarious liability dispute in the UAE courts between a UAE major retailer and a Korean MNC.

Asset ProtectionCritical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to a foreign investor in the United Arab Emirates regarding the restructuring of a service-sector business, establishing legal title over operational assets and securing management control through irrevocable powers of attorney.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Pursuing English Common Law-style Mareva injunctions within the GCC region to freeze the assets of a technology holding company accused of deceit and regulatory non-compliance regarding a ‘Layer 2’ blockchain rollout.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationTechnology & Telecommunications

Representation of a regional digital entertainment provider in DIFC-LCIA arbitration proceedings against a UAE retail conglomerate regarding the breach of a distribution agreement covering territories in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the GCC.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Counseling private clients in US litigation involving parallel international proceedings, securing a stay of enforcement by proving the pendency of foreign court challenges regarding the validity of award

assignments and cross-border execution measures.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Objection proceedings against the Federal Tax Authority concerning the annulment of administrative penalties where tax errors arose from good faith reliance on conflicting instructions issued by a federal authority regarding the taxability of services.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings challenging the imposition of AED 18.8 million in VAT and penalties, arguing against the retrospective application of tax liabilities to free-of-charge inter-governmental supplies mandated by local legislation.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising an investment consultant on compliance with investigatory production orders from the ADGM Registrar, managing rolling disclosures while contesting the scope, proportionality, and temporal limits of document requests.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Strategic tax dispute resolution for a Fujairah oil terminal operator contesting the Authority’s refusal to apply a binding specific clarification retrospectively to cancel historical tax liabilities and associated administrative fines.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Providing a legal opinion on the enforceability of ISDA derivative confirmations and the application of DIFC Netting Law to qualified financial instruments, confirming compliance with Dubai economic regulations and UAE

commercial fraud statutes for a cross-border financial transaction.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representing a major UAE holding company in DIFC Court proceedings regarding a US$ 88 million worldwide freezing order, managing complex asset disclosure requirements and challenging the timeline for compliance amidst jurisdictional disputes.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsM&A & Due Diligence

Legal counsel on regulatory compliance with a securities authority for a cross-jurisdictional reverse merger transaction.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to a European contractor regarding the enforceability of consequential loss exclusions versus

delay liquidated damages under UAE Civil Code Articles 292 and 389, involving a dispute over a commercial development in the Middle East.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Expert opinion prepared for the UK courts in relation to corporate structuring and dissemination of assets.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Counsel to a foreign investor in litigation against a major trading company, managing the submission of pleading bundles to validate the transfer of shares and compel the execution of commitments under UAE Civil Law.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Counseling a marine services firm in high-stakes litigation, obtaining a stay of execution from the UAE Federal Supreme

Court against a lower court’s vessel seizure order pending final adjudication of the underlying debt.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Real estate investment dispute between Polish investors and a hotel developer regarding project equity.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation in a USD 18M dispute between an agriculture subcontractor and an Australian main contractor regarding project delays.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Acting as an expert witness in complex cross-border litigation, analyzing the conflict between English court orders and UAE public policy on data protection, banking secrecy, and the enforcement of foreign judgments under mutual legal

assistance treaties.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representation in a USD 20M shareholder dispute between an exiting shareholder and a global engineering firm regarding valuation.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Construction dispute regarding defects and delays between a Canadian entity and a Spanish/Korean consortium.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Representation of a European high-net-worth individual in multiple high-value real estate disputes before the Dubai Land Department, challenging the cancellation of sale and purchase agreements for luxury properties in the Burj Khalifa district due to non-payment by a regional developer.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal

Arbitration

Representing a leading energy services company as guarantor in a US$ 3.9 million payment deed for charter hire, ensuring seamless execution of dredging works for the North Field Expansion Project in Qatar.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Advising a UAE-based claimant on the procedural interplay between onshore Dubai Courts and the DIFC Arbitration Division, securing a strategic stay of enforcement for an arbitral award involving a multi-national electronics supplier.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a UAE oilfield services company in the termination of a multi-party Agency and Funding Agreement with US and Canadian energy services firms

regarding an onshore project for a national oil company in Abu Dhabi.

Commercial Space OperationsSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Counseled Space Tourist on discriminatory arbitration claim against major US space tourism firm.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representing a private joint stock company in high-stakes litigation against an international financier, challenging lower court decisions for failing to verify the validity of an arbitration clause signed without proper corporate mandate.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to a Gulf services provider in initiating senior management settlement procedures regarding a renewable energy project, involving jurisdictional

analysis for asset recovery and liability across the United Arab Emirates and Western Europe.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Representing a specialist subcontractor in dispute resolution proceedings against a main contractor, negotiating the settlement of disputed variations and back charges totaling AED 19.9 million on a landmark infrastructure project.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Counsel to a private joint stock company in overturning a cassation judgment by invoking new procedural amendments, citing conflict with established legal principles regarding the liability of foreign purchasers for shareholder dues in a cross-border acquisition.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Advising an international engineering and construction contractor on the wrongful termination of an EPC contract by a national oil company, invoking Article 417(2) of the UAE Commercial Transactions Law to attach the guarantee amount at a pan-Arab financial institution.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Counseling an innovation hub on protecting patent rights during the national phase entry across multiple jurisdictions, addressing potential challenges to ownership and warning against tortious interference with economic interests by former partners.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Counseling UAE defendants in complex cross-border litigation, asserting forum non conveniens in the Southern District of New York given parallel execution proceedings in Abu Dhabi and the DIFC

regarding the same arbitral award.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Counsel to an international commercial entity in a high-stakes insurance litigation, arguing against the presumption of bad faith and the reliance on flawed expert testimony regarding the timeline of knowledge for a shipment intercepted near Ras Isa port.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Representation of a taxpayer before the Federal Court in a dispute concerning the retroactive application of administrative fines, establishing that persistent system glitches in the FTA’s portal prevented the timely settlement of liabilities.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representation in a USD 60M capital

markets dispute between a shareholder of a listed firm and a block trade acquirer.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Counsel to a Middle Eastern executive in navigating cross-border insolvency proceedings following a High Court of Ireland judgment, seeking consent from liquidators to dispose of assets for government-related expenses for subsidiaries in the United Arab Emirates.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation of a UAE-based tobacco manufacturer before the Federal Supreme Court challenging the imposition of Excise Tax on moisture loss during production, arguing that evaporated moisture does not constitute a taxable 'Excise Good' under Executive Regulation No. 37 of 2017.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Counsel to a Middle Eastern commercial entity in navigating complex jurisdictional disputes before the Dubai International Financial Centre courts, invoking Rule 4.2(6) case management powers to pause proceedings related to a cross-border distribution agreement.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Counsel to an international retail conglomerate in managing pre-litigation correspondence and liability assessment under United Arab Emirates law regarding a commercial dispute with a regional electronics supplier.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Counseling a UAE contractor on the strategic appointment of a Dispute Adjudication Board to resolve multi-faceted delay claims involving statutory authority approvals and material submittals.

Critical TransactionsDigital Assets & FintechNFT & Web3 Structuring

Strategic integration of real-world asset (RWA) NFT utility within traditional private wealth management frameworks.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Engaged as an expert on UAE law in a confidential ICC arbitration between East Asian contractors regarding a USD 800 million infrastructure project, advising on privity of contracts, legal personality, the validity of arbitration agreements, and issues of judicial interest.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative litigation under Federal Decree-Law No. 8 of 2017 between a Tax Group member and the Tax Authority concerning the evidentiary burden for proving zero-rated exported services and the attribution of group-level invoices to a specific entity.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representing a prominent UAE family conglomerate in multi-jurisdictional litigation against a US financier and third-party funder, resisting the enforcement of foreign awards against shareholders by asserting the exclusive jurisdiction of onshore UAE courts.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advisory mandate regarding the tax implications of reclassifying hotel apartments as residential units, assessing the impact of licensing status, contractual terms, and Dubai Land Department regulations on VAT liability.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative litigation challenging the imposition of AED 7.1 million in VAT penalties, arguing that a voluntary disclosure made to secure a justiciable decision on a legal interpretation does not constitute a ‘correction of error’

warranting punitive measures.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings challenging the imposition of AED 4.3 million in tax penalties, arguing against the retrospective application of late payment penalties to voluntary disclosures and contesting the dismissal of counterclaims related to transitional contract adjustments.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Counseling a ship owner on the strategic appointment of arbitrators and the formulation of counterclaims in a London-seated arbitration concerning the disputed sale of a barge vessel and associated financial losses.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsStrategic Governance

Representation of a key stakeholder in

conducting a comprehensive regulatory review for a corporate restructuring, advising on Joint Stock Company governance guides and disclosure obligations for related business activities in the Middle East.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Counsel to a long-standing depositor in claiming material and moral damages against a foreign bank branch in Dubai, challenging the arbitrary suspension of accounts without judicial orders and asserting breaches of the Consumer Protection Regulation.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Defense of a chemical entity in Federal Court proceedings upholding a TDRC decision to annul AED 813,000 in penalties, proving that non-compliance was caused by the Federal Tax Authority’s three-year technical failure to process a

tax group de-registration.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Representation of a leading regional irrigation and infrastructure contractor in ADCCAC arbitration proceedings against the Western Region Municipality, involving complex contractual claims exceeding AED 40 million related to the Hameem development project in Abu Dhabi.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representing a diversified investment holding company in an application to set aside a DIFC Court order recognizing an international arbitral award, citing abuse of process and coordinating parallel onshore litigation regarding guarantee validity.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising Emirati shareholders in complex

multi-jurisdictional litigation involving a Saudi investor and Indian multinational corporations, arguing lack of standing and jurisdiction based on English law governance of a BVI shareholding agreement.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising a major commercial entity on resisting ‘conduit jurisdiction’ enforcement of international finance guarantees, seeking a declaration of competent jurisdiction in favor of onshore courts based on defendant domicile and lack of free zone nexus.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representing a UAE holding company in cassation proceedings challenging a foreign arbitral award, arguing the nullity of the arbitration agreement due to lack of corporate capacity and unauthorized execution under UAE Company

Law and public policy.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representing a major UAE entity in enforcement proceedings of an international award, challenging the validity of the tribunal’s composition due to undisclosed conflicts of interest and arbitrator bias under UAE arbitration regulations and international guidelines.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Litigation of claims against operators and directors for misrepresentation of digital asset values.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a major UAE real estate developer before the Tax Dispute Resolution Committee contesting the retroactive application of VAT to commercial property installments paid

prior to the VAT Law’s effective date.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Strategic legal advisory for a UAE commercial entity regarding the interplay between ongoing tax audits and corporate insolvency, specifically addressing the preferential status of tax debts and the suspension of enforcement measures under the Bankruptcy Law.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Counsel to a UAE subsidiary of a regional industrial holding company in strategic litigation, arguing for the restriction of debt recovery to the liquidation value of pledged assets in Emirates Hills and listed securities, rather than the full facility amount.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative litigation challenging the

reclassification of zero-rated vehicle exports to standard-rated supplies and the denial of input tax recovery due to alleged documentation deficiencies during a tax audit.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Representing a maritime contractor in grievance proceedings before the UAE Federal Courts, challenging the precautionary seizure of vessels based on expired licenses and lack of operational nexus under UAE Maritime Commercial Law.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Advising a Middle Eastern technology distributor on the release of liability and waiver of deliverables in a complex dispute involving overlapping claims from a consultancy partner and a Tech Access entity, governed by the laws of the Dubai International Financial Centre.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Counseling a commercial entity on the strategic filing of a liquidation application, ensuring compliance with asset coverage requirements to mitigate director liability and adhering to statutory deadlines for insolvency declaration.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Strategic tax litigation for a Jebel Ali Free Zone entity challenging the classification of tobacco dust as ‘excise goods’ released for consumption under Article 12 of the Executive Regulations and the imposition of tax on manufacturing deficiencies.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Providing expert testimony for a New York litigation regarding UAE statutes of limitation and the viability of unjust enrichment claims by a shareholder against a corporate auditor, citing Dubai

Cassation Court and Federal Supreme Court precedents.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation appeal before the Federal Supreme Court regarding the VAT treatment of services provided to a foreign affiliate, contesting the Authority's reclassification of zero-rated exports as standard-rated local supplies based on a disputed fixed establishment.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Supreme Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a government utility provider and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the non-applicability of VAT on supplies made without consideration to exempt government entities.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation appeal before the UAE Supreme Court regarding the imposition of retrospective late payment penalties on voluntary disclosures submitted to correct historical VAT returns.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to a high-net-worth individual in a real estate controversy, defending against a developer’s demand to demolish a swimming pool and boundary wall extension, and negotiating compliance with Dubai planning and construction standards.

Commercial Space OperationsSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Advised a commercial space firm on federal lobbying strategy before Congress and executive agencies.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings regarding a

tax assessment between a UAE consultancy and the Federal Tax Authority challenging the retrospective application of a current Tax Registration Certificate to historical tax periods to deny input VAT deductions.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a commercial group and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the rejection of input tax refunds based on the Authority’s requirement to verify upstream tax settlements by third-party suppliers.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Advising high-net-worth individuals in defending asset transfers against fraudulent conveyance claims, demonstrating compliance with corporate articles regarding inheritance management and challenging the standing of a foreign

creditor’s unratified judgment under UAE law.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Defending a UAE ultra-high-net-worth individual in UK High Court proceedings brought by a global litigation funder, challenging a worldwide freezing order by establishing the independence of corporate liability under UAE Companies Law and public policy.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

ISDS dispute proceedings under a BIT between a US major developer and an EMEA State.

Asset ProtectionCritical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to a prominent Gulf family on establishing a ‘confidentiality shell’ for their Private Trust Company, utilizing UAE Federal Decree-Law No.

31/2021 (Crimes and Penalties Law) and the English Trustee Act 2000 to secure sensitive board operations.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Objection proceedings against the Federal Tax Authority concerning the imposition of standard-rated VAT on the sale of units designated as ‘hotel apartments’, arguing that the absence of active hotel licenses and services at the time of supply qualifies the units as residential buildings eligible for the 0% VAT rate.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Advising a leading UAE electronics retailer on responding to a legal notice from a Middle Eastern trading company concerning alleged liabilities involving an Abu Dhabi-based international trading subsidiary.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Litigation challenging a tax assessment on AED 29.6 million in advance payments for a major infrastructure project, arguing that the ‘taxable event’ occurred upon service performance in 2017 rather than the contract date.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advising a GCC-based specialized subcontractor on the validity of waiver of claim provisions and the statutory limitations on fixed damages under Federal Law No. 5/1985 for a design and build project in the Gulf region.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advising a landscaping and civil works subcontractor on the final account closure for a major mixed-use development in Abu Dhabi, including the rebuttal of US$ 5.4 million in back charges and delay damages.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Litigation regarding the recovery of AED 48.4 million in refundable VAT and associated damages for lost opportunity, challenging the Authority's refusal to process refunds pending the completion of subsequent audits on the taxpayer's supply chain.

Commercial Space OperationsSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Advised major US satellite operator on launch and licensing of non-geostationary satellite stations in a Gulf state.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Advising Middle Eastern plaintiffs in United States litigation regarding a multi-billion dollar conspiracy involving Indian and European financial institutions, specifically dealing with the extraterritorial application of DIFC procedural laws on joinder.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Advising a logistics company on appealing a vessel arrest order in Umm Al Quwain, arguing the invalidity of seizure due to the absence of a proven maritime debt and the expiration of navigation licenses.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Representing ultra-high-net-worth individuals in US federal court proceedings regarding the alleged dissipation of US$ 190 million in real estate and corporate assets, challenging alter ego liability and tortious interference claims.

Critical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family OfficeSuccession & Family Business

Advising a UK-based law firm on the corporate governance structure of a Middle Eastern family trust, specifically regarding the engagement of a Board Secretary for an Abu Dhabi Global Market Restricted Scope Company under English Common Law principles.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Counseling a private joint stock company in multi-jurisdictional litigation, filing a cassation appeal to the Joint Judicial Tribunal to resolve parallel proceedings concerning the annulment of financial guarantees and the recognition of foreign awards.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Representation of a Middle Eastern creditor in evaluating ‘excusable neglect’ arguments under US bankruptcy law to overcome a missed bar date, involving complex cross-border notice issues and an underlying arbitration clause seated in London.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Advising a Middle Eastern subcontractor on the extension of an arbitration agreement to non-signatory shareholders and ultimate beneficial owners under Swiss law to secure enforcement against a

project-specific vehicle.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Hotel development dispute between a High Net Worth developer and an Indian contracting firm regarding completion.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Representation of an Abu Dhabi-based oilfield services creditor in the insolvency proceedings of a Canadian energy services corporation, specifically regarding the review of Sale Approval and Vesting Order applications before the Alberta courts.

Asset ProtectionCritical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Coordinating between UAE litigation counsel and UK conveyancing solicitors to execute a court-mandated transfer of deed for a property in Westminster following the restoration of a RAK International

Corporate Centre company.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Advising a European private client on the strategic termination of a construction contract with a regional fit-out contractor, invoking contractual clauses to expel the contractor for persistent non-compliance and critical defects under UAE law.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representation of an Indian claimant in a GCC multi-jurisdictional fraud supply claim related to a major infrastructure project.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Defense counsel in tax enforcement proceedings for a UAE entity challenging multi-jurisdictional asset freezing orders against bank accounts, securities,

real estate, and trade licenses pending the formalization of a settlement.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Representation of a Dubai-headquartered consumer goods distributor in early-stage dispute resolution and internal investigations regarding claims asserted by a GCC commercial partner.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Federal Supreme Court proceedings under UAE Excise Tax legislation between a tobacco manufacturer and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the taxability of hazardous industrial waste and byproducts generated within a Designated Zone.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Expert in a multi-billion USD complaint for fraudulent related-party roundtripping transactions.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate

DisputesMajor Litigation

Counsel to high-net-worth individuals in preparing formal regulatory complaints and DIFC Court proceedings against a commercial bank, challenging the suitability of advice regarding perpetual fixed income securities and seeking damages for misrepresentation and breach of statutory duty.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Defense counsel for a logistics multinational in a VAT dispute contesting the Authority’s jurisdiction to reclassify licensed commercial activities based on regulatory permits from other government entities rather than the actual nature of supply.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationInsurance & Reinsurance

Advising a Middle Eastern logistics firm on appellate strategy before the Dubai

Courts, contesting a judgment that voided insurance coverage based on alleged non-disclosure of vessel seizure by Coalition Forces in Saudi waters.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Aviation dispute regarding delivery terms between a US aircraft manufacturer and a UAE buyer.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative appeal before the Abu Dhabi Federal Court contesting the dismissal of a tax objection as ‘premature’ where the Authority failed to adjudicate a reconsideration request within the statutory timeframe, constituting a rejection by silence.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsM&A & Due Diligence

Due diligence for the acquisition of a manufacturer of lifesaving IV solutions

with proprietary medical technologies.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Counsel to a high-net-worth individual in litigation before the Dubai Courts against a global lender, arguing the binding nature of electronic correspondence granting grace periods for margin calls on foreign securities.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Dispute over the sale of a barge vessel between East Asian and South Asian parties involving maritime law.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationTechnology & Telecommunications

Counsel to a Middle Eastern technology client on pre-litigation strategy, including the assessment of ‘change request’ validity, suspensive conditions, and the quantification of damages for project delays against a global digital

agency with entities in London, Chennai, and Singapore.

Sensitive GeopolicySovereign Space StrategySpace Law & Policy

Advised a state on the establishment of its national space agency and internal governance structure.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Strategic advice on multi-party joinder and consolidation under the 2021 ICC Rules for a complex construction dispute involving a main contractor, its shareholders, and the employer across Europe and the GCC.

Critical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family OfficeSuccession & Family Business

Representation of a North American national in the formalization of a commercial transfer agreement for an automotive business in the Middle East, ensuring compliance with local economic department regulations and civil code

provisions on ownership.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Objection proceedings against the Federal Tax Authority regarding the annulment of administrative fines for alleged late VAT settlement, establishing that taxpayer obligations are met upon initiating payment through Authority-approved channels within the statutory deadline.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation proceedings before the UAE Supreme Court regarding the evidentiary standard for electronic tax notifications, challenging the validity of a time-bar dismissal where forensic technical evidence proved non-receipt of the Authority’s decision despite its claim of dispatch.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representation of a major cryptocurrency foundation in cross-border civil and criminal proceedings in the UAE and the Netherlands against a blockchain development conglomerate and its directors regarding allegations of fraud, unauthorized token minting, and regulatory breaches.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Complex claims concerning compensation limits, API use, market data accuracy, and insurance fund deployment.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Cassation appeal before the UAE Supreme Court regarding the retroactive imposition of VAT penalties on a non-resident entity, arguing legal impossibility due to conflicting Authority clarifications and absence of knowledge.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Counsel to a Middle Eastern infrastructure developer in a high-stakes dispute regarding the construction of contractor accommodation facilities, securing a judicial order to suspend bond encashment pending the resolution of substantive claims in arbitration.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings contesting an appellate judgment that upheld tax penalties despite expert evidence confirming full payment of tax liabilities, arguing a violation of the principle that tax procedures are a means to collection, not an end in themselves.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Strategic advice to a UAE conglomerate on managing parallel litigation risks between onshore Dubai, the DIFC, and the United States, specifically focused on the non-recognition of consent orders as

judgments on the merits in foreign jurisdictions.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Advising a creditor on the verification of insolvency proceedings commenced by a construction firm, demanding proof of compliance with Federal Bankruptcy Laws and assurances against the dissipation of assets or preferential payments.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counsel to a CEO of a publicly listed company in a prosecution investigation related to a shareholder exit.

Construction & EngineeringEnergy & Industrial ProjectsGlobal Arbitration

Advising a Middle Eastern supplier on legal recourse and the recovery of substantial funding costs following the material breach of a subcontracting agreement by Texas and Alberta-based

partners in the energy sector.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Judicial review proceedings before the Abu Dhabi Federal Court contesting the imposition of VAT and penalties on pre-implementation construction services, seeking the appointment of an engineering expert to verify the timing of supply.

Critical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family OfficeSuccession & Family Business

Representation of a private client in drafting the Articles of Association and Trust Deed for a Gulf-based corporate trust, incorporating European data protection standards and establishing exclusive jurisdiction within the ADGM Courts for dispute resolution.

Commercial Space OperationsSensitive GeopolicySpace Law & Policy

Counseled a private satellite station developer on regulatory strategy, safety

certification, and government-commercial partnership structure.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Counseling a commercial entity on potential personal liability claims against directors and shareholders of an insolvent company, seeking warrants regarding asset disposal, speculative spending, and the maintenance of proper commercial books.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation of a non-profit professional association before the Sharjah Tax Dispute Resolution Committee contesting administrative penalties, arguing that unintentional non-compliance caused by the passing of a financial officer warrants relief under the principle of proportionality.

Critical TransactionsHNW Investment DisputesPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Representation of a Palestinian senior executive in DIFC Court proceedings against a Lebanese engineering holding company regarding the enforcement of a USD 18 million Global Settlement Agreement involving share transfers and unpaid profit shares.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Federal Court proceedings under UAE VAT legislation between a major UAE bank and the Federal Tax Authority regarding the enforceability of tax obligations and voluntary disclosures against a dissolved entity following a statutory merger.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Defense counsel for a UAE bank in execution proceedings challenging the enforcement of tax penalties on grounds of procedural invalidity under Article 40 of the Tax Procedures Law and the pursuit of a debt previously settled by the legal

successor.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Providing a legal opinion to a British main contractor on the interpretation of ‘direct perpetration’ versus ‘causation’ under Islamic Shari’ah principles and UAE court precedents for a construction arbitration concerning property damage and third-party claims.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Administrative litigation challenging the validity of a tax assessment and penalties totaling AED 6.1 million, arguing against the imposition of standard-rated VAT on residential labor housing and the reclassification of composite supplies.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representation of a UAE-resident claimant

in pursuing criminal and civil remedies against the directors of a Dutch foundation and its DIFC affiliate for deceit and conflict of interest related to the covert issuance of utility tokens.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Procedural Strategy & Enforcement

Representation of a Dubai electronics retailer in DIFC Court proceedings, obtaining a stay order under Decree No. 19 of 2016 pending the resolution of a jurisdictional conflict by the Joint Judicial Tribunal.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Representation of a Dubai Aviation City-registered IT solutions provider in negotiating a multi-party settlement agreement to resolve breach of contract claims regarding consultancy and distribution agreements with a local technology establishment and a Free Zone entity.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Litigation challenging the imposition of VAT on goods supplied outside the UAE by a foreign parent company to a local government entity, contesting the Authority's jurisdiction over offshore transactions despite contrary specific clarifications.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counsel to a HNW real estate mogul on criminal defamation, fraud, and embezzlement claims defense.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Advising a UK-based minority shareholder on the enforcement of share transfer provisions within the Articles of Association of a Dubai sports services company, specifically challenging the General Manager's failure to circulate pre-emption notices to other stakeholders.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counsel to a Belgian designer in a cross-border commercial dispute involving the United Arab Emirates, securing a judicial order to protect moral and economic rights in a blockchain project and recover outstanding contractual payments totaling USD 96,000.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited Kingdom Court Proceedings

Submitted an expert report in Hortin Holdings Limited et al. v. Hurlingham Management Limited et al. before the Central London County Court, addressing DIFC Court jurisdiction, the finality of DIFC judgments, and potential conflicts of jurisdiction with onshore courts and the Joint Judicial Committee.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationTechnology & Telecommunications

Arbitration between a global electronics manufacturer and a retailer over distribution and licensing rights.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Advising a major UAE conglomerate on a tax dispute concerning the interpretation of payment deadlines during COVID-19 extensions, challenging penalties where banking settlement latencies caused funds to reflect after the due date despite timely remittance.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Counsel to a free zone authority in an administrative dispute with the Federal government regarding jurisdiction.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Counseling a Middle Eastern healthcare executive on the enforceability of exclusive jurisdiction clauses in Abu Dhabi, demonstrating to a US court that UAE courts may override such clauses to allow foreign proceedings to continue.

Commercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal ArbitrationTechnology & Telecommunications

Counsel to a Dubai-based licensor in issuing a final letter of demand and initiating binding arbitration against a major electronics retailer for failure to remit revenue shares related to subscription sales in Oman, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

ISDS dispute proceedings under a BIT between a Dutch holding conglomerate and an EMEA State.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Counsel to a UAE-based professional services firm regarding the breach of a Service Agreement for financial controller duties involving a complex corporate structure operating across Dubai and the ADGM.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Court proceedings for the seizure of a vessel in satisfaction of a charter debt and outstanding liabilities.

Asset ProtectionCritical TransactionsPrivate Wealth & Family Office

Counsel to an international investor in the gaming sector regarding the establishment of a passive holding entity in the Middle East, designed to isolate financial risks associated with intellectual property and cryptocurrency assets under ADGM regulations.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Advising foreign defendants in a dispositive motion to dismiss before the SDNY, leveraging ongoing cassation proceedings in Abu Dhabi that stayed the enforcement of an assigned arbitral award under UAE Civil Transactions Law.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Litigation regarding the recovery of AED 4.4 million in excess refundable tax and associated damages, challenging the Authority?s refusal to process refunds or allow set-off pending the verification of third-party supplier payments.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Litigation of claims against directors exercising fraudulent control over corporate crypto-wallets and assets.

Critical TransactionsDigital Assets & FintechE-Commerce & Data Privacy

Legal counsel on e-commerce compliance regarding data localization, cybersecurity, and e-authentication regulations.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Defending a South Korean marine construction subsidiary in UAE court proceedings against claims of unjust

enrichment and alter ego liability, establishing its separate legal personality from related entities.

Administrative LawGovernment Affairs & RegulationSensitive Geopolicy

Judicial review proceedings contesting the imposition of administrative penalties resulting from a 41-month tax audit, arguing that the Authority's procedural delays constituted an administrative error warranting penalty relief.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Systemic issues arising from spot and futures trading, the behavior of leveraged tokens, and platform liability.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising retail clients on a pre-litigation claim against an international wealth manager for the recovery of

substantial capital losses, focusing on the failure to conduct appropriateness assessments and the unauthorized leveraging of structured financial products under Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) rules.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Advising a US-based management consultancy on a multi-million dollar Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work with a Dubai-based conglomerate for the strategic design and operational establishment of an executive chairman’s office.

Digital & Cryptocurrency LitigationMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Counsel to an international investor in Dubai criminal and civil actions seeking to pierce the corporate veil and establish personal director liability for the mismanagement of a crypto-wallet and investment funds.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Counsel to a private client on the framework and execution of a transaction brokerage agreement for a complex acquisition in the shipping sector, navigating corporate disclosure requirements and establishing dispute resolution protocols.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesInsolvency & Asset RecoveryMajor Litigation

Securing a final commercial judgment in the United Arab Emirates to close liquidation proceedings for an international holding company after perfecting the transfer of foreign assets in Great Britain to the ultimate beneficial owner.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyRegulatory & Licensing Fiscal IssuesSensitive Geopolicy

Representation of a digital publishing entity before the Federal Supreme Court regarding the retroactive characterization of digital goods as services and the statutory interpretation

of debt accrual dates for VAT penalties.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

Representing a construction firm in litigation involving the joinder of a Chinese EPC contractor, asserting defenses based on the distinct corporate identities of group entities and the finality of prior judgments regarding subcontractor dues.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representation of a Qatari branch of a leading Indian construction conglomerate in filing criminal complaints before Dubai Public Prosecution regarding the fraudulent misappropriation of over AED 6 million related to a landmark development in The Pearl-Qatar.

Critical TransactionsDigital Assets & FintechNFT & Web3 Structuring

Advisory services concerning revenue

recognition and taxation frameworks associated with high-volume NFT minting events.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Advising foreign principals in high-stakes US litigation opposing the enforcement of an ICC arbitral award against non-signatories, defending against tortious interference claims, and managing parallel cross-border disputes involving hospitality and industrial holdings.

Construction & EngineeringGlobal ArbitrationInfrastructure & Transport

Construction dispute regarding technical specifications between a Korean subcontractor and a Chinese contractor.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Objection proceedings regarding the imposition of penalties for a clerical

error in a VAT return and the challenge of arbitrary estimated assessments issued under Article 23(2) of the Tax Procedures Law without new information.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Advising a California-based cybersecurity firm on the negotiation and drafting of a software distribution agreement with a UAE technology partner, establishing exclusive jurisdiction within the Dubai International Financial Centre courts for cross-border disputes.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Federal enforcement proceedings on behalf of a UAE trading company to recover AED 1.8 million in excess funds seized by multiple banks under a duplicate execution order for a single tax liability.

Commercial Contracts & RiskCorporate Governance & M&ACritical Transactions

Counsel to a Middle Eastern acquirer in identifying and mitigating ‘red flag’ risks associated with a healthcare target, including the restructuring of legacy related-party agreements with an investment house, environmental compliance for industrial facilities, and potential litigation exposure.

Fiscal Policy & Tax ControversyIndirect & Direct Tax DisputesSensitive Geopolicy

Tax objection proceedings before the Dubai Tax Dispute Resolution Committee for a major real estate group challenging AED 1.2 million in penalties for voluntary disclosures, asserting the absence of a ‘tax advantage’ where the taxpayer maintained a credit position.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Representing a construction firm in proceedings before the UAE Federal Courts, seeking the cancellation of a vessel seizure order based on a favorable

Federal Supreme Court judgment remanding the underlying debt dispute for retrial.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Representing a UAE holding company before the Joint Judicial Tribunal regarding a positive conflict of jurisdiction between onshore and DIFC courts, challenging the enforcement of a foreign arbitral award and associated freezing orders.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsStrategic Governance

Advising a prominent Emirati investor on the regulatory structuring of a reverse merger involving a publicly listed marine logistics company, including the drafting of transaction brokerage agreements in compliance with Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) governance regulations.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising on the validity of a corporate guarantee issued by a publicly listed Indian parent company to secure foreign exchange hedging liabilities of its Middle Eastern subsidiary, analyzing the interplay between UAE Federal Law and Indian corporate authorization requirements.

Aviation & TransportCommercial & Sectoral ArbitrationGlobal Arbitration

Counseling a vessel owner on executing a series of payment deeds totaling over US$ 3 million, enforcing charter hire payments and demobilization fees under UAE Civil Procedures Law for a project in Ras Laffan.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Representing a UAE conglomerate in litigation involving parallel proceedings before Abu Dhabi and DIFC Courts, challenging the enforcement of an international aviation leasing

arbitration award based on jurisdictional conflict and public policy grounds.

Expert Testimony & Foreign LawMajor LitigationUnited States Court Proceedings

Advising a US law firm on the distinctions between UAE civil code, DIFC common law, and ADGM regulations regarding auditor liability and the enforceability of unsigned engagement letters in a multi-jurisdictional dispute.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Representation of a leading UAE real estate developer before the Tax Dispute Resolution Committee regarding the VAT classification of ‘serviced apartments’, challenging the Federal Tax Authority’s reliance on contractual terminology over the actual residential nature of the units for the application of the zero-rating.

Commercial DevelopmentConstruction & EngineeringGlobal Arbitration

Counsel to a Gulf-based engineering firm in navigating complex jurisdictional challenges between arbitral tribunals and local courts, utilizing expert reports on corporate authority to invalidate arbitration provisions in a ‘Paid-when-Paid’ dispute.

Complex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor LitigationShareholder & Joint Venture Litigation

ADGM Court proceedings on behalf of a Cyprus-based investment vehicle seeking urgent interim injunctive relief to restrain an ADGM-domiciled logistics conglomerate from disposing of its core Russian operating subsidiaries.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising a prominent Abu Dhabi conglomerate on resisting the recognition and enforcement of a foreign arbitral award in the DIFC Courts, challenging jurisdiction based on the ‘conduit’ theory and public policy defenses.

Corporate Governance & M&ACritical TransactionsM&A & Due Diligence

Provision of due diligence to a leading energy servicer on conservation and guaranteed energy savings projects.

Major LitigationRegulatory Enforcement & DefenseWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Legal counsel to a proxyholder regarding potential civil and criminal liability under UAE law arising from the disposition of shares in a logistics company, allegedly transferred at nominal value under an implied nominee arrangement.

Cross-Border Fraud & Asset TracingMajor LitigationWhite Collar, Fraud & Investigation

Acting for a South Asian multinational in civil claims attached to criminal proceedings in the United Arab Emirates, seeking restitution for funds embezzled through a credit facility established for a Middle Eastern real estate project.

Banking & Financial InstrumentsComplex Commercial & Corporate DisputesMajor Litigation

Advising a major commercial entity on jurisdictional conflicts between onshore Dubai and DIFC courts, seeking a stay of arbitration award enforcement pending a final ruling on the nullity of the underlying financial guarantees.

Global ArbitrationInvestor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)Treaty Claims (BITs & MAs)

Representation in UNCITRAL proceedings under the OIC treaty regarding an investment dispute between a Jordanian investor and an EMEA State.