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ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS
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Offices in strategic locations across the United Arab Emirates



600+

Representing the interest of over 600 clients across the Gulf region and beyond annually



20+

Nationalities. Our international capabilities allow us a leading edge on how we serve our clients



40

Years supporting the development of the UAE legal framework

About Us

Galadari Advocates & Legal Consultants is a full-service Emirati law firm dedicated to providing legal solutions at every stage of the business cycle.

Since 1983, we have supported the development of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) legal framework, while contributing to the industry and driving great commercial impact across the Emirates and supporting our clients to navigate through their challenges.

For four decades, our goal has been to deliver the highest-quality product to solve complication issues. Our team take pride in our uncompromising approach to quality and recognize everything we do, or produce is a measurement of our commitment to quality. We give 100% the first time and every time.

We are recognized for our industry focus and strengths across all the key UAE sectors. In each decade since our founding, we have grown with our clients' interests and market dynamics to provide

the highest quality service of complex, and often cross-border, requirements.

Our legal team consists of over 60 locally qualified Emirati and International lawyers across 3 offices who are fluent in 18 different languages across 3 strategically placed offices in the UAE. Our Emirati advocates have full rights of audience across all UAE Courts. Our team aims to provide the highest standard of legal service and maintain the same level of quality at every point of contact.

Aligned with our core values, Galadari is committed to being a responsible business. We are actively progressing towards a diverse and inclusive workforce, using our legal capabilities to do good in the community through pro bono work, supporting communities and charities across the UAE, and reducing our environmental impact.



Our Practice Areas

CORPORATE

Companies across the region continue to consolidate and adopt strategies which allow growth, while corporate transactions, investments and corporate structuring remain key elements of the business cycle. These deals require advisory and technical legal support in order to address any complex and contentious matters that may arise. We address corporate matters by leveraging our regional and international experience, aligning our clients' business priorities to the legal advice we provide.

COMMERCIAL

As the region continues to evolve, the requirement for increased transparency and evolving regulatory requirements becomes essential. Galadari's commercial practice focuses on providing agile advice to clients, whilst supporting the company's vision, ambition and commercial objectives.

DEBT RECOVERY

The recovery of debt is critical for the financial wellbeing of corporate and commercial entities. We are proud to have successfully assisted our clients with the pre-litigation requirements including recovery of debt and the litigation of claims for the past four decades. Our team of experts apply professional standards and technical acumen in order to support our client's recovery requirements, irrespective of the volume or complexity of the case

ARBITRATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Dispute resolution and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) are key areas of focus for

the firm, receiving regular praise for its commercial mindset when dealing with litigation matters. Our Emirati advocates have full rights of audience to appear before all levels of the UAE courts, and our common law DIFC practitioners are licensed to appear before the DIFC Courts. Our team regularly appears before DIAC, DIFC-LCIA, ADCCAC, EMAC and Tahkeem.

BANKING & FINANCE

Our practice acts for regional and international financial institutions, and corporate borrowers; handling a variety of transactions including corporate lending, project finance securization, compliance with central bank instructions and debt restructuring.

FINTECH

Our practice has significant expertise across M&A, blockchain, financial regulation and cybersecurity matters. Our clients are financial institutions, startups and regulatory bodies.

CONSTRUCTION & INFRASTRUCTURE

We have advised on some of the most iconic projects in the UAE. Our practice continues to assist employers, contractors and sub-contractors across the full cycle of construction and infrastructure projects, including cross-border projects (both public and private), turnkey, design and build, construction, infrastructure, civil works, MEP, concessions and PPP's. Our dispute resolution and arbitration expertise combined with our advocacy and international arbitration capabilities make the practice one of the strongest across the region.

MARITIME, TRADE & TRANSPORT

Jebel Ali, Dubai is the largest and the busiest port in the Middle East. Our maritime and international trade practice has extensive experience and in-depth understanding of the industry. Our team advises shipowners, charterers, shipyards, P&I clubs, port and terminal operators, underwriters and traders on all aspects of both contentious and non-contentious shipping related matters. From charter-parties to ship building to ship arrests to cargo claims and financing, our experienced lawyers are well prepared to handle the variety of issues that arise in the maritime industry.

PROJECTS: OIL AND GAS, ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RENEWABLES

Our practice has a proven track record across a range of renewable and non-renewable energy sectors. We advise on several industry-standard agreements and custom-made arrangements including front end engineering design, upstream hydrocarbons concessions and production sharing agreements, oilfield services agreements, power purchase and energy conversion agreements, chemicals and petrochemicals project documentation, feedstock, off-take and master sale and purchase agreements, ports concession agreements, leases and land-related agreements.

FINANCIAL CRIME & INVESTIGATIONS

We are UAE leaders in prosecution and defense in respect of white-collar crimes. We regularly advise organisations and individuals on criminal investigation, corporate fraud, embezzlement, anti-money laundering and asset stripping. We represent clients in connection with police and public prosecution, and court proceedings.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Our dedicated medical malpractice attorneys employ a uniquely designed case assessment process to identify existing and potential risks and provide solutions to overcome obstacles. Our goal is to help secure medical negligence compensation as due and ensure the highest standard of medical care is provided by members of the medical community across the UAE.

INSOLVENCY & RESTRUCTURING

With over four decades of experience advising corporate and commercial entities, Galadari has assisted many entities overcome complex situations, influenced by internal or external economic factors. We help businesses identify opportunities in critical conditions and minimize financial exposure and the risk of liability incurred by directors and other stakeholders. We are the firm of choice for each step of insolvency proceedings, financial restructuring and implementing distress strategies.

LITIGATION

Galadari boasts the largest cross-disciplinary litigation team in the UAE advising on contentious and non-contentious matters. Our practice comprises highly qualified international and regional lawyers, speaking over 20 languages. Our team regularly represent regional and international clients across all UAE Courts, including the DIFC, the ADGM, Federal Courts and all Courts of Cassation. Our Emirati advocates have full rights of audience before all levels of courts and tribunals in the UAE, and lawyers are licensed to appear before police stations and public prosecutions.

EMPLOYMENT

Our employment practice is reputedly a leading provider of employment advice in the UAE. Galadari regularly assists HR, directors and c-suite professionals to stay ahead of regulatory changes, while supporting them in developing policies and strategies to minimise employee risk. We advise some of the leading organisations in the region on mainland and free-zone matters ranging from employment contracts, workplace disputes, wrongful and unfair termination, protection of client information, discrimination, immigration, and employee data protection.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Our IP practice handles a range of services including registration, renewal, amendments, licensing, patent and design protection, copyright, trademarks, portfolio management, litigation, enforcement of rights, infringement, IP auditing and compliance. We are also experienced in, handling complex and sensitive large-scale dispute matters from consumer protection to competition to counterfeiting and prosecution and litigation.

FAMILY BUSINESS & PRIVATE CLIENTS

Our family office practice has four decades of experience in developing legal structures, trust deeds and executing agreements to defend family assets from external and internal risks, allowing for a clear and structured transition to future stewardship. We create framework for resolving issues and differences without compromising the integrity of the family, and formulating succession plans under both Sharia and common law inheritance laws.

TAX

Galadari was one of the first firms dedicated to advising on how to effectively navigate the tax regulations and addressing any legal impediments which may arise. We advise on all areas of UAE tax including M&A (tax structuring and due diligence), corporate tax, VAT and customs duties. Our long-standing presence on the market means our team are experienced on advising multinational and foreign companies on structuring their international investments and operations in the UAE.

REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE

Regulation is of critical importance in shaping the welfare of economies and society. Our lawyers are selected from specialized practice areas so we can provide a complete range of regulatory services and specialist support. We are often requested to draft and amend UAE laws and have excellent relationships with regulators. Our track record of involvement in updating the UAE's laws places us in pole position when advising private businesses on legal matters, legal interpretation, and the approach adopted by regulators in securing compliance at local and federal levels.

REAL ESTATE

Our real estate practice is highly regarded and work closely with the Dubai Land Department, the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, government institutions and departments. We assist investors, operators and key organisations in the market in facilitating their operations in the UAE and regionally. Our clients benefit from our market leading expertise, our strong network, and thorough understanding of procedural requirements.



- Aviation
- Agriculture
- Business Solutions
- Commerce
- Construction
- Education
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Entertainment
- Facilities management
- Family groups
- FMCGs
- Government
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- Insurance
- Information Technology
- Investment Management
- Legal
- Logistics
- Maritime
- Media
- Oil & Gas
- Pharmaceuticals
- Real Estate
- Retail
- Telecommunications
- Tourism
- Wealth management

We operate cross disciplinary teams servicing clients operating in key sectors

Supporting the wider community

At Galadari Advocates & Legal Consultants, we uphold high standards of professionalism and ethics in all our interactions with clients, employees and the community. By taking ownership of our responsibility, we strive to improve as a law firm, employer and global citizen.

Climate Action

Embedded sustainability in our offices and employees, aiming to recycle 95% of waste by partnering with local suppliers.

Supporting the “Greener Arbitration” campaign for reducing environmental impact in arbitration with best practices.

Good Health & Well-Being

Health Awareness campaign with Daman Insurance and Dubai Health Authority to prevent illnesses and promote health habits.

Annual staff participation in the Bloomberg Square Mile Relay Dubai.

Social & Philanthropy

Organized a roundtable with key UAE authority figures from Department of Economic and Tourism, Dubai Financial Services Authority and the Ministry of Finance, to discuss the UAE’s evolving regulatory framework and cross-industry opportunities for future development.

Supported the Pakistan Floods Emergency Relief Appeal and Earthquake Disaster and Humanitarian Relief Effort in Turkey and Northern Syria with individual firm member

donations of emergency shelf essentials for those affected by the crisis.

Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

Partnership with Dubai Foundation for Women and Children (DFWAC) to offer 200 pro-bono hours and legal training.

Provide 1,000 pro-bono hours to Dubai Legal Affairs Department to aid career development.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Pledging equal representation in arbitration to enhance women’s profile and representation.

Partnership with AbbVie to launch a mentorship program for young lawyers and working parents to advance their careers.

Quality Education

Collaboration with Dubai Legal Affairs Department to create UAE accredited CLPD courses. We offer internships and training contracts for new graduates to obtain federal lawyer’s licenses, boosting the UAE’s in-house professional capabilities.



Environmental, Social, and Governance
Galadari Advocates & Legal Consultants ethical initiative

Our Management Team



ZIAD GALADARI

Founder and Chairman

LLB Al Ain University, United Arab Emirates

Ziad is an influential leader across the Emirates, supporting the development of the UAE's legal framework, contributing to the evolution of the industry and driving greater commercial impact across the region since 1982.

He sits on several high-profile boards, alongside advising members of Government and senior dignitaries on legal and commercial matters. He is also an advisor to major turn-key contracts for development projects across the Middle East.

As an avid philanthropist, Ziad continues to strive for community and industry innovation and contributes to such initiatives for ongoing development of the Emirates.



AHMED GALADARI

Managing Partner

LLB Al Ain University, United Arab Emirates

Ahmed is recognized as a regional legal expert and respected for his outstanding contribution to the development of alternative dispute resolution in the Gulf region. He is one of the UAE's most experienced court advocates, with full rights of audience in all UAE Courts. Ahmed also heads the litigation and dispute resolution practice across the firm's offices in Dubai, DIFC and Abu Dhabi. He has been a key figure at the firm since joining in 1990, supporting the firm's overall growth and development.



ABDULLA ZIAD GALADARI

Senior Partner

LLB University of Westminster, United Kingdom

Abdulla is a key influence across the UAE, supporting a diverse range of businesses and senior dignitaries to navigate the legal framework of the country. He is the strategic leader behind the firm's progressive approach, introducing global lawyer, sharing key insights with the market, and developing and executing a technology driven strategy which will continue to drive innovation within the legal profession.

He actively supports the young Emirati leaders of tomorrow through internship programmes and training contracts for new graduates enabling over 30 Emirati lawyers to obtain a federal lawyer's license, growing the UAE's inhouse professional capabilities.



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