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Senior-Level Legal Consultant

Dr. Abdullah focuses on the practice of Saudi law and is a Shari'ah law expert with extensive experience in a wide range of corporate and commercial legal matters, including an emphasis on joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, commercial litigation and arbitration, banking and privatizations.

Throughout his legal career, Dr. Abdullah has incorporated numerous Saudi entities, including limited liability companies and other forms of companies permitted in Saudi Arabia.

Before joining our firm, Dr. Abdullah was a senior legal adviser to Saudi Aramco and Petromin Refinery in Riyadh, where he advised on a wide variety of oil and gas, mining, capital markets, and concession-related matters.

Prior to that, he was legal adviser to Pioneers Securities, where his investment-fund-related work focused on money markets, fund management, general financings, Murabaha financings, insurance and Waqf (endowment) cases.

In addition to his commercial expertise, Dr. Abdullah is well acquainted with the inner workings of Saudi administrative and regulatory agencies. He worked extensively with many Saudi Arabian governmental bodies, including the Ministry of Commerce and Investment and the Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resource (currently Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources).

Professional Experience

Dossary Law Firm Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Counsel, 2022 to Present

Thabat Construction Company (Previously known as Al-Muhaidib Contracting), Khobar, Saudi Arabia

General Counsel, 2021 to May 2022

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Khobar, Saudi Arabia

Senior Counsel, 2010 to November 2018

Saudi Aramco, Khobar, Saudi Arabia

Senior Counsel, 1982 to 2006

Education and Credentials

Master's degree in professional Responsibility, Comparative Studies between Islamic Jurisprudence and Saudi Laws | King Saud University, Riyadh (Excellent degree).

Diploma equivalent to Master of Laws | Institute of Public Admission Riyadh– Saudi Arabia

Licenses

Ministry of Justice lawyer's license No. (38/612)

Areas of Expertise

Corporate Governance | International Law | Islamic Law | Commercial Litigation | Joint Ventures | Litigation | Civil Litigation | Document Drafting | Employment Law | Contract Law | Legal Compliance | Competition Law | Administrative Law

Publication

1. The Responsibility of Doctor Professional, Comparison Fundamentals Study between the Islamic Law (Shari'a) and Contemporary Laws.
2. Transparency & Disclosure and its application in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia laws.
3. The Emending of employment conduct.
4. The Principle of Investigation & Labor Disciplinary.
5. Comparative Studies – General Organization for Petroleum & Minerals (Petromin).
6. Conflict of Interests of agents & Members of the Board of Directors in Joint Stock Companies.
7. Environment Crimes and their Punishment in Islamic Jurisprudence – A Comparative Study (work in progress).
8. Arbitration Annulment Claim (work in Progress).

Experience & Expert Services

Expertise Fields:

- General Attorney for the Thabat Construction Company (Previously known as Al-Muhaidib Contracting), Al-Muhaidib Holding Group from 1/1/2021 up to date.
- Senior Counsel Attorney for Dr. Saud Al-Ammari Law Firm in Association with Blakes (www.blakes.com) from 2010 up to Nov.30, 2018.
- Legal Adviser to the former Ministry of Health HE. Eng. Khalid Abdulaziz Al- Falih.
- Legal Adviser at the office of the Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources HE. Eng. Ali Ibrahim Al-Naimi (previously).
- General Attorney for Saudi Aramco (previously).
- Secretary General for the Shari'ah Board of the Kingdom Holding Company.
- Legal Representative for the Saudi Aramco before all Courts, Committees and Judicial Authorities.
- Legal Adviser for Sadara Chemical Company.
- Legal Adviser for Rabigh Refining & Petrochemical Company (Petro Rabigh).
- Legal Adviser for Pioneer Securities Company (previously).
- Legal Adviser for Charity Committee for Orphans cares (Ensan).
- Visitor Legal Researcher, Harvard Law School.
- Legal Advisor for General Organization for Petroleum & Minerals (Petromin) Refinery – Riyadh (previously).
- Expert in Preparing Legal Courses in Collaborating with Qodrat for Development & Training as many programs were held for SABIC, Saudi Electricity Co and AlRajhi Investment Co.
- Providing Legal advices on an Inheritance (heirs) Cases, Usufruct Rights Division, Inheritance Disputes, Wills & Waqf Provisions and Terms & Requirements of Waqf Supervisor (Nizir).
- Served many of an Inheritance Cases, Waqf Supervisor Accountability and Waqf shares.
- Providing legal opinion on the Contemporary Banking Disputes such as not limited to (Cases on Investment Portfolios Waqf, Business & Bank Mistakes cases, Capital Market Crimes, Commercial Papers Cases, Corporates Cases & dispute before Capital Market Authority, Committees for Resolution of Securities disputes, Commercial Cases, Civil Cases, Criminal Cases and Commercial Arbitration Cases).
- Served as an Attorney for Major Arbitration cases for Multiple Companies.
- Active Member at the Saudi Jurisprudence Society (previously).
- Active Member at the Islamic International Foundation for Economics and Finance.

Main Achievements:

- Participated in the International Negotiations and Disputes Settlement Program- Harvard Law School Kalaf Institute for advanced Studies.
- Participated in Drafting the Saudi Atomic Energy Law.
- Participated in Drafting the Saudi Renewable Energy Law.

- Participated in drafting the implementing regulations of the Railway Transport.
- Participated in drafting the Implementing Regulation to organize the Railway Authority.
- Participated in preparation of financial & Administrative Regulations for Patient Safety Center – Ministry of Health.
- Participated in Drafting Employment Code of Conduct.
- Participated in Drafting Saudi Mining Law and its Implementing Regulations.
- Participated in Drafting Law of Practicing Healthcare.
- Participated in Drafting the Amendments of the Implementing Regulations of the Laws of Practicing Healthcare.
- Participated and Provided Legal Advices on Some Laws to Shoura Council