

ADGM Induction Program – Authority Q&A

Authority Name:	ADGM Courts (including the ADGM Dispute Resolution Hearing Centre)
Who is the CEO of ADGM Courts authority?	Linda Fitz-Alan – Registrar and Chief Executive, ADGM Courts
What does ADGM courts do?	<p>ADGM Courts provide the following services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ADGM Courts 2. ADGM Courts Notary Public, Authentication and Wills Office, and 3. the ADGM Dispute Resolution Hearing Centre (DRHC).
What type of cases does ADGM Courts determine?	<p>ADGM Courts determine civil or commercial claims or disputes in accordance with ADGM's Founding Law¹:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • involving ADGM, any ADGM Authorities or ADGM Establishments • arising out of or relating to contracts or transactions entered or performed, in whole or in part, in ADGM • arising from incidents which occurred, in whole or in part, in ADGM, and • where the parties have agreed in writing to have their claims or disputes determined by ADGM Courts (including where the parties have no connection whatsoever with ADGM).
Does cases are not heard by ADGM Courts?	ADGM Courts do not hear or determine criminal cases, family law cases or disputes involving estates or inheritance.
What is the language of the Court?	All proceedings before ADGM Courts are conducted in English.
What is the Registry and what does it do?	<p>The ADGM Courts Registry is the administrative office of the Court. The Registry staff can provide you with information about <u>your case</u> and answer any questions of an administrative or procedural nature.</p> <p>The Registry staff cannot provide any legal advice about your case, assist you in printing or completing forms or tell you what to say in Court. You cannot rely in Court on any information given to you by the Registry staff.</p>

¹ Abu Dhabi Law No. 4 of 2013 as amended by Law No.12 of 2020

	If you have any enquiries, you may contact the Registry by sending an email to enquiry@adgmcourts.com
What doesn't the Registry do?	<p>ADGM Courts do not handle complaints.</p> <p>ADGM Courts staff cannot provide legal advice.</p> <p>ADGM Courts staff cannot discuss details of any claim/case.</p> <p>Publicly available information for cases is available on the Courts' website www.adgm.com/adgm-courts</p>
How does ADGM Courts contribute to ADGM's overall framework?	<p>ADGM Courts play a crucial role within ADGM by providing a robust legal and dispute resolution infrastructure for businesses and investors operating within ADGM's jurisdiction, including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dispute Resolution: ADGM Courts handle civil and commercial disputes utilising streamlined, fast and efficient processes. 2. Legal Certainty: By directly applying English Common Law, ADGM Courts offer legal certainty and familiarity for international commerce and foreign direct investors. 3. Digital services: ADGM Courts are pioneers in digital justice, offering a fully digital eCourts platform for all legal processes, which enhances accessibility and efficiency. Parties can access the platform 24/ 7 from anywhere in the world. 4. Judicial Expertise: ADGM Courts' Judges are drawn from leading common law jurisdictions, ensuring the high standards of judicial independence and expertise.
What is the primary role of this authority?	The primary role of ADGM Courts is to ensure that the system of civil and commercial justice in ADGM is accessible, fair and efficient and in accordance with global best practice.
What is the core mission and vision of the ADGM Courts authority?	<p>The core mission and vision of ADGM Courts revolve around providing a world-class judicial framework that supports ADGM's status as a leading international financial centre, based upon the direct application of English common law.</p> <p>Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver Justice: Ensure fair, efficient, and transparent resolution of disputes. • Support Economic Growth: Provide a legal environment that fosters continuous economic development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovate Judicial Services: Lead in digital transformation of judicial services to enhance accessibility and efficiency in legal processes. <p>Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Standards: Uphold the highest standards of judicial independence and integrity. Legal Certainty: Apply English Common Law ensuring a predictable and stable legal environment for international commerce. Digital Leadership: Be at the forefront of digital justice, offering a fully digital platform for all legal process.
Where can I read more about the ADGM Courts?	You can find information about ADGM Courts on the website https://www.adgm.com/adgm-courts/
What is ADGM Courts Notary Public Service?	ADGM Courts Notary Public is licensed and authorised by Abu Dhabi Judicial Department (ADJD) to carry out the following activities under Law No. (11) of 2017 concerning the Notary Public in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> notarisation of documents notarisation non-Muslim Wills authentication of personal status documents, and to practice all the functions under the Law.
How do I contact ADGM Courts Notary Public?	You can contact ADGM Courts Notary Public by emailing notarypublic@adgmcourts.com
Where can I read more about the ADGM Courts Notary Public?	You can read more about the ADGM Courts Notary Public on their website https://www.adgm.com/adgm-courts/notary-public
How does ADGM Courts Notary Public contribute to ADGM's overall framework?	The Notary Public service supports ADGM's business community as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitates Business Transactions: Notary services ensure that business documents comply with notarisation and authentication requirements. Enhances Legal Certainty: By providing a trusted mechanism for notarising documents, the risk of fraud and legal uncertainty in the integrity of documents is reduced.

	<p>3. Accords with International Standards: ADGM's notary services align with international best practices, making it easier for businesses to operate globally and attract international investors.</p> <p>4. Convenience and Accessibility: The fully digital notary public office allows for seamless and efficient notarisation and authentication processes 24/7 from anywhere in the world.</p>
What is the ADGM Dispute Resolution Hearing Centre?	<p>The ADGM Dispute Resolution Hearing Centre (DRHC) is a unique state of the art hearing centre for arbitrations, mediations, serving the international dispute resolution community in line with international best practices.</p> <p>The DRHC offers sophisticated services and amenities, utilising advanced technology for virtual, hybrid and physical hearings, mediations and meetings.</p> <p>The DRHC offers a world first 'Mediation in the Metaverse' service. A unique platform leveraging Web3 technology to deliver a digital twin of the DHRC. Participants can host their mediation and interact via video imaging through a desktop device without additional hardware, making it a sustainable and innovative approach to the future of dispute resolution.</p>
How do I contact the ADGM Dispute Resolution Hearing Centre?	You can email the ADGM DRHC on drhc@adgm.com
Where can I read more about the ADGM Dispute Resolution Hearing Centre?	You can read more about the ADGM Courts Notary Public on their website https://disputeresolution.adgm.com/
How does ADGM Dispute Resolution Hearing Centre contribute to ADGM's overall framework?	<p>The ADGM DRHC plays a pivotal role in providing a modern and efficient platform for resolving disputes for the global dispute resolution community. This is achieved through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arbitration and Mediation: The DRHC supports both arbitration and mediation, offering a neutral and independent venue that adheres to international best practices. State-of-the-Art Facilities: The DRHC is purpose built for arbitrations and mediations with advanced technology, including fully digitised services and the ability to connect to any virtual platform, ensuring efficient and cost-effective dispute resolution.

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Accessibility and Comfort: The DRHC offers secure rooms and comfortable breakout areas, accommodating all types and sizes of hearings and mediations, including hybrid and virtual options.4. Panels: The DRHC has established panels of accredited and experienced arbitrators and mediators as a resource for the international dispute resolution community. |
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