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*A*l Kabban & Associates is a leading and highly respected law firm that was established in 1993. The early presence within the Dubai legal system has provided the firm with an exceptional understanding of the legal framework and the awareness to deal with every case in a culturally sensitive manner.

The practice is burgeoning in both staff strength and infrastructure thanks to the increased recognition in our highly recommended professional services. With ongoing and frequent expansion plans, the firm has always been able to cater to the growing demand while achieving the firm's goals with a high level of customer satisfaction.





About Dubai

Dubai has undergone a dramatic change over the last three decades. Its strategic location, dynamic economy, pro-business attitude and liberal government policies have earned it the reputation of a thriving business hub. Dubai has its own judicial system, independent of other Emirates.

The Dubai Courts operates through three stages of litigation: Court of First Instance, Court of Appeal and Court of Cassation.

The DIFC Courts are an independent, common law judicial system having exclusive jurisdiction over all civil and commercial disputes within the jurisdiction of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). Its association with LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration) has provided for a comprehensive Dispute Resolution Body. The Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC) offers arbitration as a cost effective and fast track alternative to endless litigation. The DIAC was set up as an autonomous, permanent and non profit institution providing efficient and impartial resolution of disputes.

Our firm offers services and representation in the above-mentioned jurisdictions as well as in all the Federal Courts of the U.A.E. and Arbitration Centers across the U.A.E.



Mission

Our mission at Al Kabban & Associates is to provide unparalleled, high quality and culturally sensitive legal services by keeping pace with and anticipating the needs of the existing and potential businesses and individual clients we serve in the U.A.E. We are dedicated to offering legal services in a timely manner that adheres to the highest standards of integrity and excellence, at fees that are competitive and reasonable for both the clients and the firm.

Vision

To establish ourselves as one of the leading and trusted customer focused law firms in the U.A.E by 2020.

Statement

“As a leading law firm, we are constantly looking at ways of enhancing and improving on our valuable services, which in effect has transformed us into a preferred and sought after team of legal representatives. Since 1993 we have developed a strong presence within the Dubai legal framework and will continue to do so well into the future”

Dr. Reyadh Al-Kabban – Managing Director

Practice Areas

With our long-standing history of advising major banking and financial institutes on all aspects relating to Banking and Financial Laws, the legal team at Al Kabban & Associates have the experience and capability to cater to any matter that may arise. Based on this extensive experience, we have been regular advisors to several banks including Bank Melli Iran, Emirates NBD along with many private high net worth individuals that have seen us represent clients in both conventional and Islamic bank transactions. This exposure has provided us with the ability to cater better to the regional requirements of the sector.

Locally and internationally the firm's involvement includes advising financial institutions, directing on aspects that include all areas of finance operations, IPO's, implementing complex transactions, structuring, derivatives, securitization and licensing of financial institutions.





In recent times, it has become more apparent that companies and employees in particular are being mistreated even with the presence of contractual agreements. Companies and employees alike are not aware of the extent of legal protection provided by the Dubai Legal System.

Al Kabban & Associates fields a highly qualified and select team who are experts at successfully retrieving corporate or personal compensation packages. Our firm also handles compensation claims relating to medical malpractice suits, accident cases and workplace compensation. Whether it is a breach of contractual agreements by a second party or the unjust treatment of an employee, Al Kabban & Associates have had great success at representing our clients and will continue to do so.

The Real Estate boom has established construction as one of the key components of the Dubai economy. With this comes the legal responsibility of contractors and developers to abide by the legal framework setup as the focus on construction related laws has become increasingly prevalent.

Al Kabban & Associates have created an international appreciation for their outstanding work by successfully representing several developers, contractors and private investors including the likes of Wade Adam Contracting LLC, Ranya Contracting LLC, and many more.

The firm is highly experienced in developing risk management strategies for clients, and providing in-depth knowledge of the various contracts required to protect companies from the increasing number of claims on construction projects. The team is dedicated to acting efficiently and effectively on providing clients with an unparalleled level of service that will exceed expectations.





Dubai's emergence as a renowned international business hub has attracted worldwide investors and as such, Al Kabban & Associates have had an increasing role in advising several local and international corporations on the following:

- Changes to ownership and management
- Corporate compliance
- Corporate governance
- Corporate structuring and restructuring
- Establishment of companies or branches onshore, offshore & in freezones
- Mergers & Acquisitions

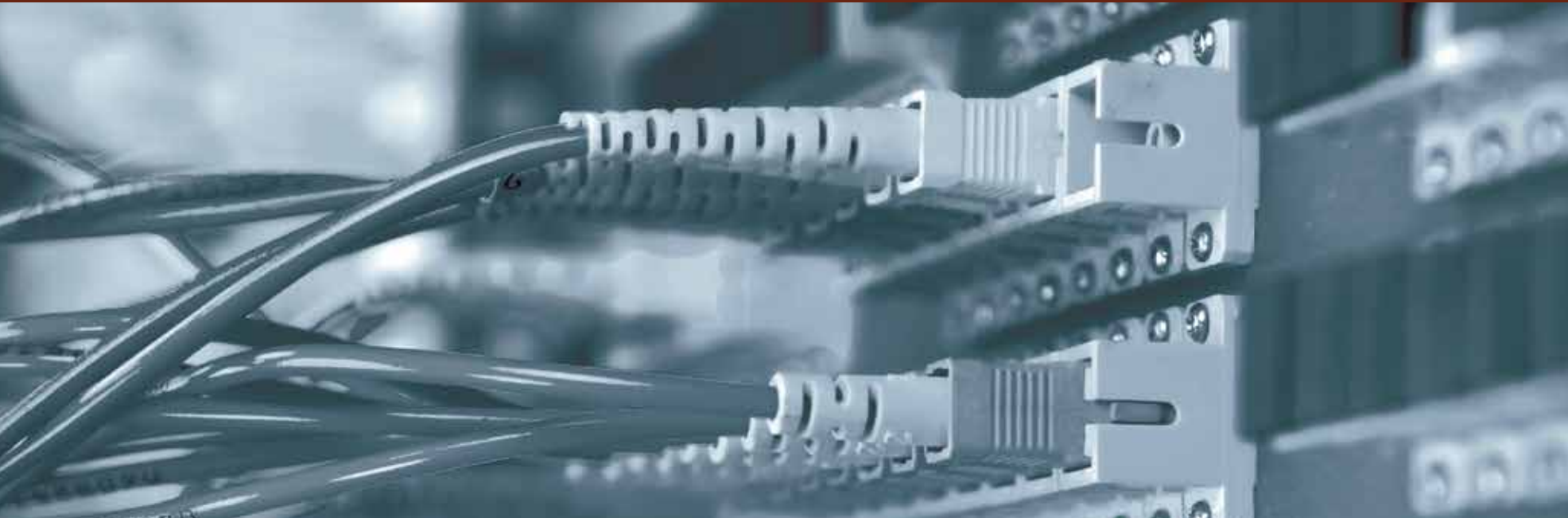
Commercial Advice & Agreements

Al Kabban & Associates have extensive experience in advising major corporations on all legal issues relating to their business. Our team of lawyers specialize in reviewing and producing contracts for corporate purposes including distribution agreements, partnership agreements, franchise agreements, consultancy agreements, incorporation agreements, agency agreements, joint ventures, Copyright and Trademark agreements, Terms & Conditions of sale and Memorandums of Association.

The reputation and respectability earned over the last two decades by Al Kabban & Associates creates a demanding influence over a judge's final decision. The practice has a team of lawyers who are highly qualified at investigating every aspect of a charge against the convicted. Our team has earned a reputation for dismissing accusations and reducing existing sentences. Al Kabban & Associates are dedicated to providing the client and their families with the best possible outcome. We deal in all sections of criminal law which include but are not limited to the following:

- Child abuse
- Crimes against women
- Crimes involving drugs and illicit substances
- Defamation
- Dishonored cheques
- Embezzlement
- Fraud
- Murder
- Robbery





One of the fastest growing areas of crime is Cyber Crime. Cyber Crime involves any criminal act dealing with computers and networks, but extends to include traditional crimes conducted through the Internet. This can include credit card fraud, electronic defamation, or other actions which contradict the U.A.E laws on public decency and morality.

Criminals and fraud artists are exploiting the convenience, speed and anonymity that technologies of today offer to commit serious offences. Attacks against computer systems and data, identity theft, Internet auction fraud, online financial services, deployment of viruses, botnets, and various email scams such as phishing are ways in which individuals and businesses are being targeted. Al Kabban & Associates have experience in these issues, helping many companies and individuals alike win cases in all areas of cyber crime on a personal and corporate scale.

Litigation, Mediation, Arbitration and Conciliation

Over the years, the lawyers at Al Kabban & Associates have honed their skills to excel in this versatile area of practice and have earned the reputation of being among the most aggressive litigators in the United Arab Emirates. With lawyers registered and authorized to practice in all courts of the UAE, the legal team is well versed and skilled in all aspects of litigation at every level of the Dubai judicial system.

Al Kabban & Associates are an authorized and experienced firm in conducting Arbitrations in Dubai through the Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC), at Arbitration Centers throughout the U.A.E. and internationally through the Paris International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Our local knowledge backed by affiliations with foreign law firms is a key component to the practice at Al Kabban & Associates as it contributes to our successful handling of large scale disputes in a culturally sensitive manner.





Al Kabban & Associates are a recognized firm when it comes to Family Law. Renowned as experts in this field, the lawyers are some of the best at representing their clients before all courts, tribunals and arbitration panels across the UAE.

The firm fields some of the most aggressive litigators and mediators who consistently and strategically provide positive outcomes while avoiding any difficulties throughout the process. Handling the disputes with a heightened level of cultural sensitivity is key to the success achieved over the years and to providing an unrivalled level of service.

Al Kabban & Associates cover all aspects of Family Law including:

- Adoptions
- Asset protection plans
- Child support and visitation matters
- Custody issues related to international conventions
- Divorce suits & child custody matters
- Marital Estate
- Paternity suits
- Wills & Estates

The legal team at Al Kabban & Associates represent insurance companies and the insured throughout the Middle East. The firm is actively engaged in all areas of insurance defence laws including motor vehicle accidents, product liability, property damage claims, and declaratory judgment actions.

The Insurance Law department at Al Kabban & Associates has a diverse base of insurance company clients who write multiline insurance coverage, including motor vehicle, homeowners, commercial, surety, and life insurance coverage. The Insurance Law department is often asked to interpret the provisions of existing insurance policies and coverage under existing policies. These requests give rise to complex issues, in which the Insurance Law department has experience.

At the other end of the scale, the insurance team vigorously defends claims made against insurers and the insured. These involve excessive and unnecessary medical treatment and/or fraudulent-appearing bodily injury and property damage claims. Much of the work done in these areas relates to pre-suit activities such as obtaining examinations under oath from claimants; working with medical, arson, and biomechanical experts; and a close coordination of efforts with the particular Claims Adjuster assigned to a claim.





Intellectual property refers to the rights given to persons over creations of the mind. Its owners are granted exclusive rights to a variety of intangible assets that provide them with a limited monopoly across the global market, therefore, safeguarding these rights become essential. Our intellectual property litigation experience extends from patents, copyrights, trademark infringement to those involving trade secrets, counterfeiting, advertising, e-commerce and more.

We advise clients on the various methods of safeguarding Intellectual Property and counsel them on their rights, privileges and obligations as owners of such property. Furthermore, we register copyrights, trademarks and patents with the relevant authorities in the U.A.E, investigate any infringement of such rights and provide ongoing support and representation regarding both online and offline matters for individual as well as corporate clients.

The recent successful efforts to stabilize and rebuild Iraq has resulted in an increased interest from investors to take advantage of this growth following post war reconstruction and the expansion of oil production. Al Kabban & Associates extensive experience in advising major corporations on all aspects of Iraqi business and its legal framework combined with Dr. Reyadh Al-Kabban's experience as an Advocate and Judge in Iraq has effectively enabled us to represent clients in the U.A.E who are involved in business deals and/or disputes linked to Iraq, including the retrieval of assets, contractual agreements with Iraqi firms, company setup in Iraq , oil and gas related issues.

Dr. Reyadh Al-Kabban's vast experience and knowledge in Dispute Resolution, in particular Arbitration, and his desire to set up an Arbitration Centre in his hometown (Basra- Iraq) has led to foundations being laid for a Basra International Arbitration Center (BIAC). His dedication to improving the legal landscape in his hometown will provide domestic and international companies and clients with a world-class arbitration center. The Basra International Arbitration Center (BIAC) rules and regulations will be based on the DIAC, ICC- LCIA, UNICITRAL guidelines and various other arbitration principles and rules that reflect the best practice in international arbitration.





With approximately eighty five percent of the population in Dubai being expats, we have come across situations where both the companies and employees have found themselves on unstable ground within an alien system. This has resulted in a need for strong presence of watertight contractual agreements protecting both the employer and the employee. Our highly qualified team are experts within this field who endeavor to provide both corporate and personal representation and to successfully retrieve compensation packages when required. Our detailed understanding of the U.A.E. Labor laws enable us to effectively represent employers and employees alike. Our services include drafting of employment contracts, human resource agreements, Layoff agreements as well as consultancy over wrongful suspension, termination of employees, employee monetary claims and representation in labor related civil and criminal disputes.

The Labor Department in Dubai provides companies and employees with an uncompromised level of legal protection, so whether it is a breach of contractual agreements by a second party or the unjust treatment of an employee, Al Kabban & Associates have the experience and knowledge to achieve results in our clients favor.

Working alongside international law firms, Al Kabban & Associates have developed a profound and unique service that caters to clients who demand a global perspective with a local appreciation for the rules and regulations. This is evident through the work conducted across Singapore and Saudi Arabia for companies such as Union International Bitumen LLC, and more.

With a PhD in Maritime Law, Dr. Al-Kabban has covered this area with a high rate of success and has become well known in the region for his knowledge and expertise in Marine Law. His thesis on "The Effect Of Deviation Occurring In The Course Of A Maritime Voyage On The Liability Of The Carrier" from the University of Glasgow which is constantly referenced and referred to by undergraduates and professors from all around the world.

As far as Aviation Law is concerned, we have vast experience advising on commercial and regulatory issues, fleet renewal, business jet acquisition and asset based financing, aviation contract work, crisis management, strategic safety and brand reputation issues including insurance and reinsurance liability.





With legislation constantly changing to cater to the changes occurring in the property and real estate market, Al Kabban & Associates have been at the forefront of ongoing disputes and have quickly established themselves as specialists and are amongst the most recognized litigators in this area of practice.

Our team of legal experts have comprehensive knowledge of the real estate market by representing developers and protecting them successfully at one end of the spectrum, to effectively retrieving investors input into the market at the other end.

Al Kabban & Associates are experienced in handling cases and disputes that involve all forms of real estate including:

- Commercial
- Freehold / Leasehold
- Hospitals & Medical Centres
- Hotels
- Plots
- Recreational Facilities
- Residential
- Restaurants
- Shopping malls