

**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS / EDUCATION****INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATION**International Advanced Certificate in Compliance (*Merit*)

Abu Dhabi, UAE

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**SOLICITOR OF THE SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND & WALES**

SRA ID: 409186

London, UK

*Admitted September 2008***COLLEGE OF LAW**Legal Practice Course (*Commendation*)

London, UK

2005-2006

**UNIVERSITÉ DE PARIS X – NANTERRE**Masters 2 in International Business Law (*Mention Assez Bien*)

Paris, France

2003-2004

Masters 1 in International and European Law (*Mention Assez Bien*)

2002-2003

Licence in French Law (*Erasmus Year Abroad*)

2000-2001

**UNIVERSITY OF KENT**LLB Joint Honours English Law and French Law (*Upper Second Class*)

Canterbury, UK

1998-2002

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY****NATIONAL BANK OF ABU DHABI PJSC****Managing Director – Legal & Compliance – Global Wealth Division**

Abu Dhabi, UAE

*November 2013 – present***Managing Director – Legal & Compliance – Enablement***January 2016 - present*

- Advising on and coordinating legal matters in relation to the merger with First Gulf Bank PJSC.
- Providing legal and regulatory advice to senior executives and business teams of the group's:
  - Global Wealth Division (Private Banking, Investment Products and Solutions, Asset Management, Custody, Key Ultra High Net Worth Clients, Brokerage); and
  - Group Operations, Technology and Corporate Support Division (Operations, Human Resources, Procurement, IT).
- Advising on the sourcing, development and approval of new products and services.
- Reviewing, drafting and negotiating various banking documents (both conventional and Islamic) such as term sheets, loan agreements (LMA and non-LMA), security interest documentation, bank guarantees, risk participation agreements, facility letters, banking terms, structured products, custody agreements, brokerage agreements, discretionary portfolio management agreements, investment management agreements, ISDA Master Agreements and CSAs as well as commercial contracts and HR-related documentation.
- Advising on the launch of group subsidiaries and the development of their activities together with secretarial duties.
- Managing and advising on regulatory projects (e.g. FATCA).
- Providing training to bankers on legal documentation, regulatory matters and policies and procedures.
- Advising Group Compliance as well as business teams with the scoping, reviewing and drafting of policies and procedures.
- Managing two teams of lawyers and two teams of compliance officers (total headcount of 24 staff).

**Legal Counsel – Financial Services – Legal Department***June 2010 – October 2013*

- Providing legal advice to the business teams of the Wholesale Banking Division (Global Transaction Banking and Global Markets).
- Advising on the sourcing, development and approval of new products and services.
- Reviewing, drafting and negotiating various banking documents (both conventional and Islamic) such as term sheets, loan agreements (LMA and non-LMA), security interest documentation, bank guarantees, risk participation agreements, facility letters, banking terms, ISDA Master Agreements and CSAs.

**SIMMONS & SIMMONS MIDDLE EAST LLP**

Dubai, UAE

**Associate – Financial Markets Department***September 2008 – May 2010*

- Reviewing, drafting and negotiating various banking documentation (both conventional and Islamic).
- Providing regulatory advice on DFSA-related matters and corporate advice to DIFC-based companies.
- Drafting ISDA Master Agreements and CSAs.
- Secondment to Barclays Bank PLC, Dubai (5 months): undertaking due diligence exercises on counterparties, reviewing and perfecting legal documentation and drafting transactional documents.

**SIMMONS & SIMMONS LLP**

London, UK / Dubai, UAE

**Trainee solicitor***September 2006 – September 2008*

A six-month seat was undertaken in each of the following departments:

- Corporate – assisting with the review, drafting and negotiation of corporate documentation.
- Derivatives – assisting with the review, drafting and negotiation of ISDA documentation.
- Islamic Finance – assisting with the review, drafting and negotiation of Sharia compliant finance documentation.
- Litigation – managing a team of trainees, paralegals and service providers in relation to a trade investigation into a client.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Languages: English (fluent); French (fluent); Spanish (basic).
- Interests: travelling, running (6 marathons), scuba diving.