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Brenda Hill advises on a wide range of corporate and commercial matters, including local establishment by way of joint venture, regulatory advice in relation to the establishment of businesses in the Qatar Financial Centre, corporate restructuring, employment and intellectual property.

Having been based in Qatar for eight years, Brenda incorporates her good knowledge of local law when advising both local and international clients. Brenda has practiced in Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Afrikaans English

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EXPERIENCE

- Qatar Central Bank - advising in relation to the establishment of Qatar's Central Securities Depository. Principally involved in advising on the current legal and regulatory framework. Conducting legal framework analysis in Qatar. Advising on the specification of the Central Security Depository entity, drafting incorporation and operational documentation and assisting with the incorporation and establishment of the Central Securities Depository entity. Dealing with the business transfer of the existing Central Securities Registry of the Qatar Exchange to the established Central Security Depository and the transfer of the assets (including the employees) and 25% of the Shares in the Central Securities Depository to the Qatar Exchange
- Akzonobel BV - advising in relation to its joint venture with Qatari entity Al Mehwar Company to provide their paint coating business to the Qatari market
- Culligan FSHCO - advising in relation to its joint venture with Qatari entity Intergroup LLC to provide desalination, water treatment and bottling services in Qatar
- Al Futtaim - acted in relation to the acquisition of a 50% share in Barwabat Al Shamal Real Estate Company LLC, the developer responsible for the establishment and operation of the new Doha Festival City
- United Airlines - acted in relation to their establishment and licensing with the Qatar Aviation Authority to commence its

services to Qatar

- Bureau Veritas - assisted legal team in advising multi-national French based purchaser in relation to the Qatari law aspects of a US\$ 110 million acquisition of a group of non-destruction testing oil and gas services companies in seven jurisdictions including the GCC, Singapore and India; principally involved in advising on the Qatari targets interests
- Qatar Petroleum - assisted legal team in acting for the sponsors (Qatar Petroleum and Qatar Electricity & Water Company) and dealing with the Qatari law aspects in connection with the implementation of a joint venture for the purposes of designing, financing, engineering, procuring and constructing a water and electrical power facility at Ras Laffan Industrial City in the State of Qatar
- Partners Healthcare International - advising this US based healthcare provider on Qatar related general employment issues, contractual queries, employee benefits, and termination of employment for expatriate employees working on contracts with the Qatar Hamad Medical Corporation
- Agatha Christie - developing strategies for the protection and brand extension for the trade mark POIROT worldwide, dealing with all aspects of registration and maintenance, licensing, assignment, co-existence, third party conflicts, advising on potential and actual passing off and infringement
- Microsoft - developing strategies for the protection and brand extension for numerous Microsoft trade marks throughout Asia, dealing with all aspects of registration and maintenance, licensing, assignment, co-existence, third party conflicts, advising on potential and actual passing off and infringement;

CREDENTIALS

Memberships

- Member of the Law Society (England and Wales)
- Member of Qatar Lady Lawyers Group
- Member of Qatar British Businessman's Forum

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Co-authored the book 'Business Laws of Kuwait and Qatar', published by Westlaw and now in its second edition
- Co-author of various articles in regional publications including *The Edge*, Qatar business publication