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Ramsey's practice focuses on international dispute resolution, trade and regulatory matters.

Ramsey has considerable experience advising U.S. and international companies on compliance with respect to economic sanctions and U.S. export controls, defending white-collar criminal inquiries and conducting special investigations. He has been involved in a variety of matters relating to economic sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and has designed compliance programs for companies in the pharmaceutical, petrochemical, and general manufacturing industries.

Ramsey also has strong dispute resolution experience, regularly appearing as counsel in arbitration proceedings and advising on disputes throughout the Middle East.

Ramsey is the four-term elected President of the *American Business Council of Dubai & the Northern Emirates*, a chapter of the US Chamber of Commerce, and is a champion for US - UAE trade and investment.

RELATED SERVICES

- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Arabic English

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- Arabic
- English

EXPERIENCE

- Advised numerous U.S. and European companies on economic sanctions on Iran, Russia, and Sudan, with a particular expertise in OFAC general licenses for food, medicine, personal consumer electronics, and non-U.S. subsidiaries of U.S. companies (General License H)
- Trial counsel or arbitrator in approximately 15 arbitrations under the rules of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
- Advising a Saudi Arabian construction conglomerate on contracts and claims for three high-profile projects, valued at US\$ 5 billion, in Saudi Arabia
- Developed export control policies and procedures for several multinational companies, including a global electronics

manufacturer, a pharmaceutical manufacture, and a petrochemical company

- Represented two contractors and three employees in a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into illegal payments in Afghanistan, with a favourable resolution
- Conducted a special investigation on behalf of a major US insurance company relating to a multi-million dollar claim based on allegations of employee fraud

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York

Professional Qualifications

- Attorney-at-law admitted with the Supreme Court of New York
- Attorney-at-law admitted with the District of Columbia Bar

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, Juris Doctor, with Honors, 2005
- American University of Beirut, Bachelor of Arts, with Honors, 2001

Memberships

- Arbitrator, Dubai International Arbitration Centre
- Registered Practitioner (Part II), Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts
- President, American Business Council of Dubai & the Northern Emirates, 2012-2017

INSIGHTS

Publications

US imposes another round of sanctions on Russia

9 August 2019

Following the US determination in August 2018 that Russia has utilized chemical weapons in the “Skripal attack” in violation of the US Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act, the Executive Branch imposed the second round of sanctions on August 1, 2019.

First Round of US Sanctions Reintroduced and EU Blocking Statute Updated

7 AUG 2018

US President Donald Trump announced on 8 May 2018 his decision to withdraw from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the "Iran Nuclear Deal", reached in Vienna on 14 July 2015. The US provided 90- and 180-day wind-down periods before the US nuclear-related secondary sanctions would be reintroduced.

US to re-impose sanctions on Iran as it withdraws from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

9 MAY 2018

President Trump has signed a presidential memorandum directing his Administration to immediately begin the process of re-imposing sanctions related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, targeting critical parts of Iran's economy, among them its energy, petrochemical and financial sectors.
