



## Middle East Local Litigation

DLA Piper is one of the few international firms in the region with the ability to represent clients in local courts in the Middle East, enabling our Arabic and English speaking lawyers to offer a seamless service to our clients.

Navigating the local litigation system across the plethora of courts in the UAE can be a complex process, and to effectively manage the process requires local advocates who understand international best practice. Our firm combines international best practice, with in-depth understanding of the workings of the court system on a local level.

We offer a service to regional and international clients involved in regional litigation which is unique to international firms in the region, namely a regional Arabic court litigation team. We have upwards of 30 lawyers who specialize in local litigation throughout our offices in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, Jeddah, Cairo and Kuwait (through our joint venture partner). We have rights of audience in a number of these jurisdictions.

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### RELATED SERVICES

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## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **COVID-19: a practical guide to 19 questions from the GCC construction industry**

4 May 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences continue to have a profound impact on the GCC construction industry. This FAQ guide summarises some of the high-level guidance we've provided to the region's leading developers and contractors in relation to the consequences of COVID-19 on their construction projects.

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#### **UAE Court Judgments automatically enforceable in the Courts of India**

21 January 2020

On 17 January 2020, the Indian Ministry of Law and Justice published a notification in the official gazette, which means that judgments rendered by both the onshore and offshore Courts of the UAE will be enforceable in the Courts of India without a re-examination of the merits.

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## **The UAE 'hate law': Application and abuse**

17 FEB 2019

Federal Decree Law No. 2 of 2015 on Combating Discrimination and Hatred ("the Law") was introduced in 2015 with the objective of embracing tolerance and encouraging the many different nationalities and faiths in the UAE to co-exist peacefully. While primarily a criminal law, we are starting to see it being implemented in the workplace.

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## **Bahrain issues new health insurance law**

17 DEC 2018

On 30 May 2018 the Kingdom of Bahrain ("Bahrain") passed Law No. 23 of 2018 promulgating the Health Insurance Law (the "Law"). The Law came into force on 1 December 2018. Prior to the Law, there was no standalone health insurance law as health insurance was governed by a number of different laws overseen by the Ministry of Health.

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## **NEWS**

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### **DLA Piper arbitration practice recognized as world leading by Global Arbitration Review**

14 July 2020

DLA Piper has been recognized once again as having one of the world's leading international arbitration practices.

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### **Law firms collaborate on industry first to accelerate tech adoption in international arbitration**

2 July 2020

DLA Piper is amongst six international law firms which have developed a Protocol to help deliver a globally consistent approach to the use of online case management platforms in international arbitration.

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020**

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

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### **DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars**

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

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### **DLA Piper appoints Head of Global Government Affairs team**

6 March 2020

DLA Piper announces the strengthening of its Global Government Affairs team with the appointment of Richard Sterneberg who will head up the team in its Brussels office. Richard brings with him over 20 years of experience working in Brussels as a global government affairs expert.

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### **DLA Piper launches its Global Litigation Guide**

3 December 2019

DLA Piper has launched its 'Global Litigation Guide', which covers aspects of civil litigation in 30 jurisdictions worldwide.

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### **DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice**

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

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### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019**

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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### **DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice**

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

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### **Kate Brown de Vejar joins DLA Piper as global co-chair of International Arbitration**

22 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Kate Brown de Vejar has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in Mexico City and New York.

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## **DLA Piper and IKM Advocates secure victory for the Republic of Kenya defeating a US\$2 billion ICSID claim**

24 OCT 2018

In a decisive victory for the Republic of Kenya, DLA Piper and DLA Piper Africa member firm, IKM Advocates, have successfully defeated the claim estimated to be worth US\$2 billion in arbitration proceedings brought by a mining investor, Cortec Mining Kenya Limited. The claim was brought under the bilateral investment treaty (BIT) between the UK and Kenya dated 13 September 1999. The arbitration took place under the auspices of the World Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), with the hearing taking place in Dubai in January 2018. The Tribunal issued its award on 22 October 2018.

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## **DLA Piper launches guide to navigating dispute resolution in the Middle East**

22 OCT 2018

DLA Piper has today launched Dispute Resolution in the Middle East, an interactive online guide designed to assist clients in navigating the disputes process in the Middle East region.

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## **DLA Piper hosts inaugural Afghanistan-UK Business Conference**

18 SEP 2018

DLA Piper's London office yesterday hosted the first Afghanistan-UK Business Conference, organised by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in London and the International Chamber of Commerce in Afghanistan. The event, aimed at further enhancing Afghanistan-UK bilateral business, trade and investment relations, was attended by over 100 participants including public and private sector leaders, potential investors, NGOs and consultants, amongst others.

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