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Alan Sarhan is a business lawyer with broad experience in corporate and commercial law, mergers & acquisitions, engineering and construction law, international risk management, global compliance and corporate crime.

Alan Sarhan developed extensive experience as a corporate commercial lawyer at a national law firm having worked on a wide range of transactions in the areas of mergers & acquisitions, engineering/construction, infrastructure, public private partnerships, and media/entertainment.

Alan further refined his skills as an in-house lawyer at one of the largest multinational engineering & construction firms in the world where he was on the M&A and infrastructure team before becoming the Legal Director of its Ethics & Compliance Department. In that role he acquired a significant amount of experience in compliance program development, crisis management, anti-corruption law, government enforcement, internal investigations and corporate monitorships.

In 2015, Alan co-founded the Canadian office of a boutique business integrity law firm where he specialized in international risk management and global compliance having worked on files in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America. He has particular expertise with integrity rules of various international financial institutions, including the World Bank Group, the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the European Investment Bank.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Arabic
- English
- French

- Corporate
- Commercial Contracts
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- International Risk Management
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- Construction and Engineering
- Global Governance and Compliance
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Real Estate
- Media, Sport, Gaming and Entertainment

Arabic English French

Admissions

- Quebec, 2006

Recognitions

- *Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Corporate/Commercial), Lawyers to Watch, 2020
- In-House Counsel of the Year Finalist, Young Bar Association of Montreal, 2013

Education

- M.B.A. Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2019 - Kellogg-Schulich Executive MBA (joint program)
- LL.B., Université de Montréal, 2005
- B.A., Concordia University, 2001 (with distinction)

Memberships

- Barreau du Québec
- Canadian Bar Association
- Executive Committee Member of the Governance, Compliance and Ethics Section of the Canadian Bar Association (Quebec Branch)
- Transparency International (Canada)

INSIGHTS

Publications

Enough is enough — Governing the ungovernable

12 February 2021

Online harassment weighs heavily on affected people, feeling like an unstoppable intrusion. One's personal domicile offers no haven. Some people succumb, taking desperate action under this weighty burden. Courts have taken notice, evidenced through awards of punitive and exemplary damages in an effort to express disapprobation. But increased damages are irrelevant against an indigent defendant with no means to pay. When the perpetrator is unrestrained by basic tenets of decency, the court is left with a conundrum: how to govern the ungovernable?

The COVID-19 crisis and commercial leases in Quebec

14 APR 2020

For the many enterprises which are party to commercial lease agreements, the COVID-19 crisis has brought a great degree of uncertainty for landlords and tenants alike. The following update explores some of the implications of the COVID-19 crisis on commercial leases in the province of Quebec and provides some practical recommendations for businesses in this unusual situation.

- Co-Author, "World Bank Group v. Wallace: what happens when the cooperation between international organisations and local law enforcement goes wrong"

Events

Previous

White Collar Crime, Investigations and Compliance Symposium

5 October 2021
Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in the 2020 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

24 APR 2020

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that we have significantly increased the number of lawyers ranked as leading practitioners in the 2020 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.
