

Dispute Resolution

We have one of the most comprehensive dispute resolution offerings in the region, with one of the largest teams in the UAE and with full rights of audience before all UAE courts, the DIFC, free zone authorities and tribunals. We advise on all aspects of litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution.

We focus on providing clients with practical and commercial solutions that are both cost effective and time efficient. Our litigation team is comprised of Arabic as well as internationally qualified lawyers. We are also experienced in foreign jurisdictions and cross border litigation.

We advise on a variety of industry specific disputes including banking and finance, civil, commercial, criminal, insurance, employment, real estate, construction, maritime, intellectual property, DIFC and disputes with a cross-border or foreign element.

We also advise on local and international arbitration and have a team of specialists qualified in various jurisdictions including England, France, Lebanon and elsewhere in the Middle East. We work closely with all of the main arbitration centres in the UAE and internationally. Our arbitration experience extends to ad-hoc arbitration proceedings, cross-border arbitration and arbitrations with a foreign element.

Our most senior arbitration lawyers act in a variety of capacities, including advising counsel, arbitrators and/or experts in both domestic and foreign proceedings. We carry out our own advocacy in arbitration proceedings and have a dedicated team of specialist litigation counsel experienced in the enforcement and nullification of arbitration awards before the UAE courts.

In the UAE it is important that disputes are handled by lawyers with a deep understanding of local laws, practices and procedures; with over 30 years experience in dispute resolution in the UAE we are well placed to represent you.

What others say about us:

"Baker & McKenzie Habib Al Mulla is known for Disputes team comprising dedicated arbitration specialists and court advocates fully bilingual in Arabic and English. The team possesses full rights of audience before both the UAE courts and those of the DIFC. Experienced in handling a wide range of cases, from construction to financial services."

Chambers Global, 2016

- Tier 1 - Middle East-wide
Legal 500, 2015
- Tier 1 - Dispute Resolution, Egypt
Legal 500, 2016
- Tier 1 - Dispute Resolution, UAE
Legal 500, 2016



Representative Deals

Multinational Corporation in the defence sector

- Represented a multinational corporation in the defence sector in Abu Dhabi on a commercial dispute arising from contractual obligations with an amount in dispute of USD24 million.

Prominent Real Estate Developer

- Represented a prominent real estate developer in a delayed payment dispute against a prominent investment company before the Dubai courts. Claim amount approximately AED371 million. In addition we are defending the plaintiff in a case brought against them by the defendant. Claim amount approximately AED15 million.

One of the main UAE steel suppliers

- Represented one of the main UAE steel suppliers based in Dubai, in a case against a contractor with respect to a claim for recovery of monies owed for goods supplied to the value of AED9 million. Case won with the defendant ordered to pay AED12 million including interest.

Tanmiyat Group

- Represented Tanmiyat Group (defendant) (a member of the World Economic Forum's Community of Global Growth Companies) in a property dispute relating to a property development before the Dubai Courts. Claim amount approximately AED22 million.

A defendant

- Represented a company (defendant) in a case brought against them before the Dubai courts for the termination of a commercial agreement worth AED500 million with compensation amounting to AED20 million.

A UAE transportation group

- Represented a UAE transportation group (plaintiff) in a delayed payment dispute against Zabeel Investments before the Dubai courts. Claim amount approximately AED371 million.

Leading US multinational company

- Represented a leading US multinational company in the health sector in a commercial dispute relating to adverse party contractual breach with a dispute amount of USD77 million.

A prominent Kuwaiti company

- Represented a prominent Kuwaiti company in a highly complex construction dispute valued at AED1.6 billion before the Abu Dhabi Civil Court. The case was referred to arbitration as per the above and we represented the client in lodging a civil case in parallel to the arbitration seeking the appointment of an expert to inspect the site and to assess the works done. The importance of this is that the Abu Dhabi Civil Court accepted the case regardless of the arbitration agreement and referral of the dispute to ADCCAC. This has not happened before and sets a precedent for court resolution parallel to Arbitration.

A respondent in an ADCCAC arbitration

- Counsel to the respondent in an ADCCAC arbitration concerning a dispute relating to payment obligations arising in the context of a completed IP project worth AED500 million.

Honeywell

- Acted in an arbitration against Thales in relation to the installation of an access security and surveillance system as part of the expansion of Dubai International Airport under French and UAE law under ICC Rules with seat in Paris.

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