



Education

In today's educational landscape, schools at all levels face stiff competition, ever-changing standards and budgetary challenges. With vast experience in tax planning, labor law, dispute resolution, real estate and intellectual property, our lawyers help manage the administrative details so educators can focus on the big picture: providing students with the best learning environment possible.

We have a unique and in-depth understanding of the education sector in the UAE having advised numerous universities, schools and other educational institutions on various matters, including their creation and operations. As a prominent member of the UAE community, the Chairman of our UAE practice, Dr. Habib Al Mulla, has a keen interest in the development of better education for Emirati youth. He is actively involved in the education sector and holds numerous posts on the boards of educational institutions.

We advise on all areas of law relating to the education sector including procurement, financing, projects and infrastructure, construction contracts, related corporate and commercial law, regulation and compliance, operations, licensing and disputes.

What others say about us:

- Tier 1 - Middle East-wide, *Legal 500, 2015*
- Tier 1 - Corporate/M&A, KSA *Legal 500, 2016*
- Tier 1 - Corporate/M&A, Egypt *Legal 500, 2016*
- Tier 1 - Corporate/M&A, Turkey *Legal 500, 2016*
- Tier 1 - Dispute Resolution, UAE *Legal 500, 2016*
- Tier 1 - Corporate/M&A, Bahrain *Legal 500, 2016*

Representative Deals

✦ **Lenders to a large university PPP project**

- Local counsel for the lenders of one of the largest university PPP projects in the region. The university is being constructed in Abu Dhabi. In this role we have prepared a comprehensive due diligence report in respect of all project documents including the operating agreement, and are providing advice on all local law issues to the lenders and their foreign counsel.

✦ **New York University Abu Dhabi**

- Advised on several regulatory, compliance and research matters.

✦ **Zayed University**

- Advised on regulatory and governance issues.

✦ **St. Joseph University**

- Negotiated and established the private St. Joseph University in Dubai. We advised on all aspects of the university's creation in the UAE, including drafting and advising on their institutional policies.

🔗 American University in Dubai

- Provided legal services to American University in Dubai (AUD) for over a decade, including advising on its constitution, transactions with government entities, foreign educational institutions, local and foreign suppliers in corporate, commercial and employment law.

🔗 One of the region's largest public-private education providers

- Advised one of the region's largest public-private education providers in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, the Middle East and North Africa on an on-going basis, in regard to all of their legal matters. Past work has included advising on, and drafting, various policies and procedures in relation to the operation of a school in Dubai.

🔗 Kings Holdings

- Advised Kings Holdings, an owner and operator of educational institutions, on public private partnership agreements, institutional policies and procedures, employment law, corporate governance and compliance.

🔗 Ellesmere College International Limited

- Advised on the opening and operation of Ellesmere College International Limited in Dubai.

🔗 Dubai-based public-private education facilities provider

- Advising, on an on-going basis, one of the largest, most prestigious Dubai-based public-private education facilities offering UK curriculum primary school programs.

🔗 First Education Holdings BSC (Bahrain)/Addax Bank

- Advised on its operation of both Al Zuhour Private School (Sharjah) and Al Maaref Private School (Dubai) including corporate advisory, banking, regulatory and disputes advice.

🔗 Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC)

- Advised on a variety of corporate and commercial matters including, drafting, reviewing and advising on licensing agreements, consultancy agreements, supply contracts, corporate governance, service agreements, MOUs, etc., in addition to guidance on policies and regulations.

🔗 Eastgate Capital

- Advised on the acquisition (and leaseback) of three schools from GEMS education.

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