



SARAH GONEM

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PROFILE

Sarah's core practice is in government advisory and commercial litigation practice areas. Being fully bilingual, Sarah works closely with our team of Shariah researchers and Arabic language drafters in drafting new regulatory instruments to incorporate international best practice from comparative research findings; to scrutinize the structure, logic and justification of the new instrument; and to ensure that multiple workstreams and action items are properly and efficiently carried out. Within the litigation team, Sarah acts as an essential conduit between the local Sharia and judicial context and international best practices in the management of complex commercial issues and disputes. Sarah is currently ranked as a Leading Individual by the Legal500 2023 edition, which has ranked her since the 2020 edition, and reports that Sarah is "excellent" and "has a particular talent for facilitating progress in cross-border cases". She is also ranked in Chambers Global 2021, which states "Sarah Gonem has an increasingly substantial presence in the market and is noted by commentators for being "good at combining Western and Arabic legal expertise in a very effective manner." She is well placed to advise on significant claims for both multi-national companies and major Saudi players. Clients also comment that she provides "very strong and detailed advice."

EXPERIENCE

- Leading the team advising NEOM on the transfer of Dhiba Port operations and assets from Mawani to NEOM
- Leading the regulatory study for Sharqia Development Authority regarding new building codes
- Leading regulatory study for the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and Housing on beneficiary participation strategies for urban development (in consortium with BuroHappold)
- Advising the Amaala Project on its regulatory structure
- Leading the team drafting the Conflict of Interest regulations and the Code of Conduct regulations that were issued under the new Government Tenders and Procurement Law (GTPL) by the Ministry of Finance
- Leading the team drafting the template procurement contracts for all government entities to apply, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance
- Advising the Economic Cities and Special Zones Authority on a number of regulatory projects
- Leading the team drafting the Leasehold Law for the Royal Commission of Mecca City and the Holy Sites

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

LPC, College of Law, London, UK (2005)

LLB, University of Southampton, UK (2004)

LANGUAGES

Arabic | English

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