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Throughout the going twelve years, Muhammad has acquired strong awareness of the investment and business culture, legal systems and practices in diverse MENA jurisdictions including GCC.

As a rational result of the compulsory application of the Roman/Civil law by local courts and Authorities in MENA countries and the increasing voluntary submission to the Common Law by contracting parties, Muhammad has adapted very well to the special demands that working in the practice area of both Corporate and Islamic Finance and Banking as a trilingual trained lawyer with both civil law and common law jurisdictions background.

As working for first tier international law firms, Muhammad has adapted very well to the western special legal demands that functioning in the private practice areas of Corporate and Islamic Finance & Banking. He enjoys terrific business relationships with various practice groups of international law firms, international auditing firms and Shariaa Scholars.

He has advised on the first time Issuance of Sukuk Ijara in Kuwait. He is the only lawyer in Kuwait who has the opportunity to advise two leading investment groups companies in Kuwait together with their subsidiaries banks with regard to the first time and the most major restructuring plans in Kuwait.

From the legal, judicial, regulatory and tax perspective, Muhammad has conducted the most sophisticated legal Due Diligence in Kuwait relating to (i) the major acquisition by DIFCI of the international franchisee, Villa Moda, with more than 40 franchises and licenses of the world's top luxury brands and; (ii) the major acquisition of the Aston Martin luxury Auto-mobile Co. by a Kuwaiti company.

Muhammad drafted contracts in English and French in execution of the Oil for Food U.N. Program. He also advises the World Bank regarding the doing business in the Middle East annual report.

Muhammad handled corporate, Islamic finance and securities litigations with cross border aspects with a winning percentage over (80%) before Shariaa Courts & Monetary Disputes Committee in KSA.

PRACTICE ARIAS:

- * Islamic Structured Finance and Co-financing.
- * Modern Shariaa-compliant Corporate Finance Structures.
- * Corporate Major Transaction Agreements.
- * Corporate Governance & Compliance.
- * Offshore services and Business Establishment.

ADMITTED: In 2006 Muhammad was admitted before Court of Appeals in Egypt and as a Certified Commercial Arbitrator in Egypt and KSA in 2007.

EDUCATION: University of Cambridge, expected Master's Degree LL.M, contract law, 2011.
Paris University II – Panthéon -Assas, Master's Degree LL.M, International Business Law, 2003.
Cairo University, Bachelor's of law, LL.B, 1999.

LANGUAGES: Arabic, English, French and Spanish