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Practice Description

Ramsey Jurdi's practice focuses on international dispute resolution, commercial litigation, and compliance matters. Mr. Jurdi regularly appears in arbitration proceedings conducted by the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) and counsels companies on commercial disputes and construction contracts throughout the Middle East.

Mr. Jurdi also maintains an active practice counseling U.S. and international companies on compliance with U.S. laws, particularly export control laws, defending white-collar criminal inquiries, and conducting special investigations. In this role, Mr. Jurdi has been involved in a variety of matters relating to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), U.S. Military contracting, and economic sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

Having lived in the Middle East for many years, Mr. Jurdi draws on his experience and his fluency in Arabic to assist the Firm's clients with understanding local laws and by acting as a liaison to local counsel throughout the region.

Representative Matters

- Represented a Saudi real estate developer in a DIAC arbitration arising from a land purchase and development contract, involving more than \$100 million in potential damages, with a favorable resolution.
- Sitting as co-arbitrator in a DIAC arbitration related to a real estate development dispute in Dubai.
- Advising a construction conglomerate on contracts and claims for three high-profile projects, valued at US\$ 5 billion, in Saudi Arabia.
- Advising a Turkish conglomerate on the application and enforcement of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions Accountability and Divestment Act (CISADA).
- Developed a global export control policy and manual for an electronics manufacturer with operations in over 50 countries.
- Advised a multinational manufacturer on U.S. and E.U. sanctions on Syria.
- Assisted in the defense of a multinational manufacturer against allegations of exports to Iran and Sudan in violation of U.S. export controls.
- Represented two contractors and three employees in a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into illegal payments in Afghanistan, with a favorable resolution.

- Conducted a special investigation on behalf of a major U.S. insurance company relating to a multi-million dollar claim based on allegations of employee fraud.
- Represented a Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) company in a regulatory investigation by Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA).

Activities and Affiliations

Mr. Jurdi is the President of the *American Business Council of Dubai & the Northern Emirates*, a chapter of the *U.S. Chamber of Commerce*. Mr. Jurdi previously served as Vice President - Legal Affairs & Secretary of the *Council* for 2011 and 2012.

Publications

- "Iran Sanctions Update: Limited Relief from US and EU Sanctions Now in Effect," *Client Alert*, January 27, 2014
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- "U.S. Prohibits Foreign Subsidiaries from Conducting Iran Transactions, Enhances SEC Reporting Requirements Relating to Iran and Expands Coverage for Non-U.S. Companies," *Client Alert*, September 6, 2012
- "Oil and Fuel Companies Under Increasing Pressure to Stop Iran Business," *Project Finance NewsWire*, November 2011
- "Effect of UK Bribery Act on Project Finance Market; tough new anti-bribery statute that takes effect on July 1, 2011," *Project Finance Newswire*, June, 2011
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