



Dr. Mohammed Al-Bukhait

Senior Counsel — AlZouman Lawyers & Consultants

Dr. Al-Bukhait is a Senior Counsel at AlZouman Lawyers & Consultants, advising on a broad range of commercial, corporate, and contentious matters across the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He brings an unparalleled depth of legal insight drawn from over a decade of service as a Commercial Judge and Administrative Judge in the Saudi judicial system, giving him an acute understanding of how Saudi courts analyse, assess, and decide the matters he now handles in private practice on behalf of clients.

Dr. Al-Bukhait holds a Doctorate (Ph.D.) in Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence from the Islamic University of Madinah, awarded with First-Class Honors, and is the author of Principles and Precedents in Commercial Judiciary. He is a member of the Saudi Bar Association.

Matters

Arbitration

Acted as arbitrator in domestic and commercial arbitration proceedings governed by Saudi law, bringing to each appointment the analytical rigour and procedural command developed through over a decade on the bench of the Saudi commercial and administrative judiciary.

Appointed in arbitration proceedings seated in Saudi Arabia across a range of commercial disputes, including matters arising from corporate arrangements, shareholder agreements, construction and contracting disputes, and commercial contracts. Experienced in managing arbitral proceedings from constitution of the tribunal through to issuance of the award, in compliance with the Saudi Arbitration Law and its executive regulations.

Brings particular expertise to commercial arbitration matters that engage questions of Saudi corporate law, administrative law, and Sharia-compliant commercial arrangements — areas in which his academic credentials and judicial background provide a depth of analysis that is difficult to replicate in private practice. Regularly advises parties on arbitration strategy, the enforceability of awards before Saudi courts, and the interaction between arbitral proceedings and parallel court litigation.

Corporate & Mergers and Acquisitions

Acted on corporate and investment transactions across multiple sectors and jurisdictions, advising acquirers and vendors from structuring through to regulatory completion. Acted on cross-border share acquisitions involving European targets, including the concurrent establishment of Saudi subsidiaries, and prepared the associated investment agreements, shareholders agreements, and cross-border legal opinions.

Acted for financial institutions and payment solutions companies in regulated acquisitions requiring SAMA no-objection certificates, advising on due diligence, acquisition documentation, and amendments to constitutional documents. Acted on the acquisition of SAMA-licensed fintech companies in the lending and refinancing sectors. Advised on cross-border ownership restructuring for major international companies, coordinating completion before the relevant Saudi governmental and regulatory bodies.

Corporate Governance & Listed Companies

Regularly retained by companies listed on the Saudi Exchange to advise boards and senior management on governance matters, including board powers and authorities, shareholders rights, committee appointments, voting procedures, conflicts of interest, and compliance with the Companies Law and Capital Market Authority regulations.

International Corporate Establishment

Advised and led the incorporation of a substantial number of international companies into Saudi Arabia from jurisdictions across Europe, the Gulf, and Asia — among them several publicly listed companies. Clients span





manufacturing, construction, engineering, media, information technology, urban development, energy, and artificial intelligence. Advises on legal form, regulatory approvals, MISA registration, and ongoing compliance.

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Appeared before all levels of the Saudi judicial system, including the commercial courts, the Board of Grievances in its administrative and commercial panels, labour courts, and specialised regulatory committees and tribunals. Represented international entities before the Board of Grievances in significant administrative disputes against state bodies. Handles an active litigation portfolio encompassing shareholders disputes, real estate and construction matters, contract enforcement, and acquisition-related claims. Represented corporate clients in sports law financial settlement negotiations, securing material reductions in outstanding contractual liabilities.

Banking, Finance & Investment

Advised clients on cross-border banking facilitations between Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom, completing loan facilities, letters of credit, and trade finance arrangements with financial institutions in both jurisdictions. Represented investors in proceedings arising from failed investment projects, securing full recovery of invested capital.

Education

Ph.D. in Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence (Usul al-Fiqh)

Islamic University of Madinah — Grade: Excellent with First-Class Honors (5.5/5.5)

Master's in Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence (Usul al-Fiqh)

Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University — Grade: Excellent

Bachelor's in Sharia (Islamic Law)

Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University — Grade: Excellent

Diploma in Administrative Judiciary

Higher Institute of the Judiciary, Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University

Publications

Author, Principles and Precedents in Commercial Judiciary

Association

Member of the Saudi Bar Association

