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Areas of Practice

- Commercial & Civil Litigation
- Construction & Real Estate Disputes
- Investor and Shareholder Disputes
- Bankruptcy & Liquidation
- Enforcement & Annulment of Foreign Awards.
- Intellectual property and Copyrights.
- Criminal Litigation.

Education

- Candidate Master of Laws – LLM - International Dispute Resolution - University of Aberdeen – January 2025 to February 2027
- Postgraduate Diploma in Criminal Law, Mansoura University, Egypt – July 2017
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB, English Section), Mansoura University, Egypt – July 2015

Summary Profile

Ahmed is a Senior Legal Counsel in the Dispute Resolution Department at M&CO Legal, with nearly a decade of experience in handling complex commercial, real estate, construction, and financial disputes across Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. Since joining the firm in 2018, he has advised clients at all levels of the UAE judiciary, including the Court of First Instance, Court of Appeal, and Court of Cassation.

Ahmed plays a key role in the firm's litigation practice, providing strategic counsel in civil and commercial disputes, investor and shareholder conflicts, insolvency proceedings, and the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards. He has advised a broad spectrum of clients, including sovereign entities, real estate developers, and financial institutions, and has contributed expert legal opinions in international arbitration proceedings under ICC and DIFC-LCIA rules.

Known for his structured legal reasoning, meticulous case preparation, and bilingual drafting capabilities in both Arabic and English, Ahmed brings clarity and precision to complex legal matters. He is currently pursuing his Master of Laws (LLM) in International Dispute Resolution from the University of Aberdeen, further strengthening his cross-border legal acumen.

Certifications

- Certificate in Contract Law, Harvard Law School (Online) – 30 September 2022

- Ethical Hacking: Introduction to Ethical Hacking, LinkedIn

- Developing Credibility as a Leader, LinkedIn

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Languages

- Arabic (Native)
- English (Fluent)

Admissions

- Advocate, Egyptian Bar Association.

Focus Area and some Cases

Ahmed has experience in a wide range of civil and commercial disputes under UAE law, with a particular focus on litigation relating to real estate, construction, financial claims, and estate settlement. The key cases wherein Ahmed provided his legal services are as follows:

- Representing a sub-developer in a multi-party real estate dispute involving 97 luxury villas in Dubai, handling litigation before UAE courts and negotiating/concluding settlements with the stakeholders affiliated with this project for almost six years.
- Representing a creditor in an estate dispute involving a debt claim of AED 70 million, and successfully securing a favourable judgment despite complex legal objections raised by the heirs seeking to dismiss the claim.
- Representing a GCC investor in a securities dispute valued at AED 127 million and obtaining a favourable judgment before the Dubai Court of First Instance.
- Successfully overturning an AED 50 million commercial loan judgment before the Dubai Court of Appeal.
- Successfully persuading the Dubai Court of Cassation to overturn lower court judgments in an AED 6.2 million jurisdictional dispute, resulting in legislative amendment of the underlying legal provision.
- Assisting in the preparation of an expert opinion in an AED 104 million ICC arbitration concerning a construction dispute, contributing to an award rendered in favour of the client.
- Advising a UAE government financial body in relation to an AED 75 million investment dispute and providing strategic legal analysis through a detailed written memorandum.
- Advising clients on several criminal matters.

Publications

- “Can an Arbitral Tribunal Award Relief That a Party Never Expressly Requested - Without Exceeding Its Jurisdiction?” - 7 April 2025 - Can an Arbitral Tribunal Award Relief That a Party Never Expressly Requested - Without Exceeding Its Jurisdiction? - M&CO Legal.

- “UAE Arbitration Law and Public Policy in Relation To The Perspective of Arbitrability” -Lexology, Legal 500

- “Analysis of Federal Law No. 14 of 2014 on Communicable Diseases and UAE's Covid-19 Measures” – Legal 500

- “The Protection of Trademarks and Preventive Measures” – Legal 500

- “Enforceability of Assigned Arbitration Clauses – Dubai Court of Cassation 1603/2022” – Lexology

- “Limitation Period in Tortious Liability Under UAE Law” – Lexology, Chambers & Partners, Legal 500