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Areas of Practice

- General Corporate and Commercial Advisory
- Dispute Resolution and International Commercial Arbitrations
- Shareholder and Partnership Disputes
- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Incorporation of Companies
- Regulatory Compliance

Education

- Bachelors of Law, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University (High Honors)

Languages

- Arabic
- English
- French

Summary Profile

Samar is a Paralegal in the Corporate and Commercial Department at M&CO Legal. She holds a Bachelors of Laws (LLB) from Paris-Panthéon-Assas University where she developed her legal knowledge in many jurisdictions such as French, UAE and Common Law jurisdictions. Samar has gained hands-on experience in the UAE across the fields of litigation, arbitration and corporate. She is recognized for her meticulous legal research, strategic insight, and solution-oriented mindset, supporting senior legal professionals in delivering high-quality outcomes across complex matters.

Her legal skill set includes in-depth legal research, case analysis, and drafting of complex legal documents. She is proficient in navigating multiple legal systems, including UAE onshore law, DIFC and ADGM frameworks, and international arbitration rules. Samar is particularly adept at analysing statutes, procedural rules, and enforcement mechanisms relevant to both civil and common law systems. Her practical experience includes drafting legal memoranda, witness statements, requests for arbitration, and legal opinions, all while collaborating closely with senior legal professionals. Samar's analytical abilities, attention to detail, and strategic thinking enable her to provide effective support in complex, high-value disputes across commercial, construction, and emerging legal sectors.

Focus Area – Corporate and Commercial Experience:

Samar has experience in a wide range of UAE corporate and commercial law matters, including but not limited to the following:

- Played a key role in the legal development of the Dubai Orchestra Foundation, undertaking legal research and advisory work on the optimal legal form, business model, commercialisation strategy, and associated intellectual property rights arising from the establishment and operation of the Foundation.

- Contributed to the privatisation strategy of within a local government, conducting a comprehensive analysis on sectors suitable for private sector participation and foreign direct investment.
- Conducted corporate governance structuring and restructuring, including incorporation of new entities and the drafting of constitutional documents such as Articles of Association, board and shareholder resolutions, and power of attorney authorisations.

Focus Areas – Arbitration and Litigation Experience:

Samar has experience in a wide range of arbitration matters and local litigation, including but not limited to the following:

- Drafting and submission of Requests for Arbitration, witness statements, legal notices, and legal opinions under major institutional rules (DIAC, ICC, DIFC-LCIA, UNCITRAL, ADGM).
- Contributed to multi-sectoral legal matters including disputes involving construction, media, contractual breaches, labour claims, tenancy, insolvency, and emerging areas such as cryptocurrency-related.
- Active participation in hearings, tribunal deliberations, and legal strategy sessions, supporting senior legal teams with procedural and substantive matters.

Publications

M&CO Legal (2025) *Why intellectual property assets should be held in a*

separate legal entity. <https://mandcolegal.com/why-your-ip-assets-deserve-their-own-legal-entity/>.