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**Areas of Practice**

- Construction disputes
- Employment law (contentious and non-contentious)
- Private client advice

**Education**

- Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Laws (Honours)  
**Symbiosis International University, India, 2020**

**Qualification**

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales, 2025
- Advocate with the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, India, 2023

**Languages**

- English
- Urdu
- Hindi

**Summary Profile**

Aleefa is a dual-qualified solicitor and advocate and a Senior Associate in the firm's Arbitration and International Litigation team, advising on complex, high-value disputes across multiple jurisdictions. She combines strong technical expertise with a commercially focused approach, enabling her to navigate intricate legal and procedural issues with precision.

Aleefa regularly represents clients in a broad spectrum of disputes, with particular experience in commercial, employment and high-value construction disputes. Her experience includes advising clients in proceedings before the onshore UAE courts, as well as the DIFC and ADGM courts, and arbitrations under leading institutional rules. She is adept at managing matters involving overlapping jurisdictions and parallel proceedings, and is known for her meticulous approach to legal analysis, drafting, and case strategy.

In addition to her disputes practice, Aleefa advises on estate planning matters, including the structuring, drafting, and execution of wills before the DIFC Wills Registry and the Abu Dhabi Judicial Department, providing clients with clear, practical guidance in a technically evolving area of law.

Prior to joining M&CO, Aleefa worked at a leading UAE law firm, where she developed a strong foundation in legal research, complex drafting, and advocacy. This regional experience combined with her qualification as a Solicitor of England and Wales, allows her to bridge common law principles with local legal frameworks. She brings a distinct advantage in cross-border matters, delivering advice that is both technically sound and tailored to the legal and commercial realities of the region.

### Focus Areas

Aleefa's practice focuses on complex, cross-border disputes across a range of sectors. She is particularly experienced in matters requiring strategic coordination across jurisdictions. Her dual perspective—UK-qualified with deep regional experience—enables her to provide clients with nuanced, pragmatic, and commercially sound legal solutions.

### Experience

- Successfully acted for the Claimant in *Carmon Reestrutura-engenharia E Serviços Técnicos Especiais, (Su) LDA v Antonio Joao Catete Lopes Cuenda [2024] DIFCCA 003*, securing a landmark decision of the DIFC Court of Appeal, which expanded the jurisdiction of the DIFC Courts to issue freezing injunctions in respect of foreign proceedings.
- Successfully delivered oral submissions in DIAC arbitration, securing favourable award for the client in a tenancy matter, resulting in one of the first arbitration awards enforced by the Rental Dispute Committee.
- Acted for an importer in a DIFC-LCIA arbitration proceeding against a German luxury-car manufacturer relating to the termination of an import agreement.
- Represented a Dubai government entity in complex cross-border construction dispute arising from the termination of a European EPC contractor, involving claims exceeding AED 1 billion. Proceedings spanned the Dubai Courts, the Courts of Spain and *ad hoc* arbitration proceedings before the DIAC.
- Advised a government entity-owned organization in connection with employee misconduct investigations and absconding incidents.
- Advised an investment fund on the suspension and termination of its Chief Financial Officer for misconduct, and managed subsequent litigation proceedings before the Dubai Courts.
- Reviewed and amended workplace policies and employment contracts to ensure compliance with applicable UAE labour laws and regulatory requirements.
- Advised, drafted and executed several bespoke and complex wills for clients, including several high-net worth individuals, before the DIFC Wills Registry.
- Successfully advised a major manufacturing and supply company in a complex commercial dispute before the Dubai Courts.

### Publications

- [Asymmetric jurisdiction agreements; DIFC Courts give guidance](#)
- [UAE Introduces New Humanitarian and Sector-Specific Visa Categories](#)
- [Arbitration \(UAE Chapter\), Lexology Panoramic](#)



- [Arbitration Procedures and Practice in the UAE: Overview, Practical Law Global Guide](#)