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OVERVIEW

Zaid Abu-Shattal is an associate in the firm's Dubai office. Zaid is a member of the corporate team with a focus on M&A, corporate restructuring and general corporate and commercial advice.

Zaid has experience in corporate restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, asset management and investment funds, financial services, and general corporate and commercial advice. He regularly advises new and existing clients in respect of their operations in the UAE and changes to their corporate structures.

Zaid was also part of the team that represented two different clients on their proposed public listing in the UAE. He is the main day-to-day point of contact for a number of multinational clients of the firm. Clients appreciate his responsiveness, approachability and will-do attitude.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Zaid was a trainee lawyer for an international law firm in Amman, Jordan. He drafted and reviewed a number of English and Arabic documents in cross-border commercial and corporate M&A transactions, prepared legal memos and advice, as well as advised on local regulatory practices. Zaid has also spent some time in Abu Dhabi and Doha on both office and client secondments.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by the *Islamic Finance News* (IFN) Law Awards as the Fintech Law Firm of the Year 2023

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Co-Presenter, "A Brief Walk Through a VC Term Sheet," DIFC FinTech Hive Accelerator Program, Dubai, 14 June 2021

EDUCATION

- LL.M., University of Law, 2014

- LL.B., University of Kent, 2013 (*Honors*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Jordan

LANGUAGES

- Arabic
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 23 January 2024, Update - UAE Consumer Protection and E-Commerce Laws
- 19 January 2023, United Arab Emirates: SCA Overhauls Regulations Governing Foreign Fund Offerings
- 10 February 2022, New UAE Federal Data Protection Law
- 9 February 2022, Executive Regulations of the New UAE Labour Law
- 4 February 2022, Update – UAE Introduces Corporate Tax
- 29 November 2021, New UAE Labour Law
- 23 August 2021, Update – DIFC Intellectual Property Legislation
- 23 August 2021, Board of Directors of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Authority Issues IP Legislation Update
- 26 January 2021, Amendments to UAE Companies Law – Update on Foreign Direct Ownership and Investment in the UAE
- 26 January 2021, Time to Rethink Strategy: The New Foreign Investment Rules in the UAE
- 5 January 2021, The New UAE Economic Substance Regulations
- 25 November 2020, Update on Foreign Direct Ownership and Investment in the UAE
- 19 October 2020, Brief on the New UAE Cabinet Decision No. 58 of 2020 on Regulating the Beneficial Owner Procedures
- 15 November 2018, Enactment of New Companies Legal Regime in the DIFC
- 2 August 2018, Regulation of Crypto Asset Activities on the Abu Dhabi Global Market
- 5 September 2017, New UAE VAT and Tax Procedures Laws

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 February 2024, K&L Gates Advises on Launch of Invest AD Global Asset Manager and Invest AD Blackstone Private Debt Fund
- 12 September 2023, K&L Gates Assists Focus Financial Partners on US\$7B Acquisition
- 13 June 2022, A Brief Walk Through a VC Term Sheet, Hosted by DIFC FinTech Hive
- 24 January 2022, K&L Gates Honored By *Islamic Finance News* with Two Deal of the Year Awards
- 13 January 2021, K&L Gates Advises Masraf Al Rayan on US\$2.2 Billion Merger with Al Khaliji Commercial Bank

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions