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OVERVIEW

Reine Haidar is an associate in the firm's Doha office. Reine is a member of the firm's Corporate and Policy and Regulatory practice groups. Reine also has experience advising investment funds and fund managers on Qatari (including Qatar Financial Centre) governance, operations, regulatory, and compliance matters. She has experience in legal matters relating to English, Qatar, and Qatar Financial Centre laws. Reine is bilingual in English and Arabic.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Reine worked at a multiservice law firm based in the United Kingdom where she gained experience in commercial disputes and international law. Reine also worked at a law firm based in Qatar where she was involved in advising local and international clients on the laws of Qatar and the Qatar Financial Centre. During such employment, she was involved in drafting due diligence reports and legal opinions for governmental bodies and private corporations.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized a Rising Star in 2023 IFLR1000 guide

EDUCATION

- LL.B., Kingston University, 2015
- LL.M., Queen Mary University of London, School of Law, 2016
- Legal Practice Course, University of Law, London Bloomsbury, 2018

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

LANGUAGES

- Arabic
- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 1 February 2024, January 2024 Accolades
- 20 September 2021, Amendments to the Qatar Commercial Companies Law

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Amendments to the Qatar Commercial Companies Law", *LexisNexis*, 20 September 2021
- "The Guide to Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards," Qatar chapter, *Global Arbitration Review*, 2020 (co-author)
- "Case Focus," *The Lexis Middle East Law Alert*, 2020 (co-author)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 29 January 2024, K&L Gates Earns *Islamic Finance News*' Qatar Deal of the Year Award For Third Consecutive Year
- 21 February 2023, K&L Gates Advises Dukhan Bank on Landmark QAR 22.8bn Qatar Stock Exchange Debut
- 14 October 2022, K&L Gates Recognized as Banking & Finance, Corporate Teams of the Year at Qatar Business Law Forum Awards
- 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
- International Arbitration

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising Masraf Al Rayan, a listed commercial Islamic bank in Qatar with a subsidiary in the United Kingdom, on its merger with Al Khalij Commercial Bank (al khaliji), a Qatar listed bank with subsidiaries in France and

the United Arab Emirates, to create the largest Islamic bank in Qatar and with combined assets of more than US\$47billion.

- Advising a Shari'a bank on its conversion to a public shareholding company and the direct listing of its shares on the Qatar Stock Exchange.
- Advising a prominent family office in Qatar on pre-IPO corporate reorganisation exercises.
- Advising numerous banks and financial institutions on compliance with the Qatar Financial Markets Authority and Qatar Central Bank governance requirements.
- Advising a government entity in Qatar on reforms in the competition and consumer protection laws and regulations.
- Advising a regional economic zone authority and preparing a legal benchmarking report on various laws and regulations, and drafting amendments to such laws and regulations.
- Advising a high-tech campus in relation to benchmark analyses and drafting legal and regulatory framework to establish a free trade zone in Qatar that is aimed at attracting global media companies.
- Advising a free zone authority on the drafting of a regulatory framework.
- Advising numerous US companies on the incorporation of branch offices in Qatar.
- Advising a government entity on the termination of service contracts under Qatar law.
- Advising, in cooperation with Saudi counsel, a large US company on the incorporation of a joint venture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Advising a large multinational company on a commercial dispute in Qatar and advising on settlement options.
- Advising on the establishment of an exchange-traded fund in Qatar and its listing on the Qatar Stock Exchange.
- Advising on the establishment of a real estate investment trust (REIT) and preparing, amongst other things, the prospectus and articles of association of the REIT.