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Noran is an Associate based in Afridi & Angell's Dubai office and practices in the dispute resolution team. With over five years of experience in dispute resolution in Dubai, Noran specializes in DIFC litigation and arbitration disputes. She has particular experience in areas of commercial, employment, and construction disputes, and holds a strong track record of working in several complex high-profile cases in the DIFC Courts.

Prior to joining Afridi & Angell, Noran spent four years as an Associate in DIFC litigation and arbitration in the Dubai offices of UAE-based law firms.

DIFC litigation matters:

- *Sandra Holding v. Fawzi Al Saleh & others* (CFI-092/2021).  
Represented the Defendants to set aside a DIFC Court Freezing Order issued in respect of foreign proceedings. This case addresses the expansion of the DIFC Court's jurisdiction to issue freezing injunctions in respect of foreign proceedings.
- *Rafed Abdel Mohsen Al Khorafi & Ors v Bank Sarasin-Alpen (ME) Limited & Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd* (CFI-026-2009 & CFI-014-2016).  
*Al Khorafi* litigation is one of the biggest financial mis-selling claims in the Gulf region in the sum of \$200 million. Represented Al Khorafi family, working with Counsel on all related proceedings following the judgment, including the assessment of costs, and legal submissions on applications for post-judgment interest, up until settlement between the parties.
- *Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait v Rafed Abdel Mohsen Al Khorafi & Alia Mohamed Al Rifai* (ENF 085/2016).  
Managed the file and worked on the applications and legal submissions with Counsel.
- *Bassam Khalifa vs S.W.I.F.T (Dubai) Limited* (CFI-029-2018).  
Represented THE Claimant in damages claim against a former employer with respect to invoking the 'whistleblower' provisions under the DIFC Law of Obligations.

#### Areas of Practice

- DIFC Courts' Litigation
- Arbitration
- Construction
- Commercial Dispute Resolution

#### Education

- Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), BPP Law School in London, 2019
- Masters of Law in Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution (LL.M) University of Dubai, 2017
- Bachelor in Law (LL.B.) Dar Al Hekma University, 2015

#### Languages

- English
- Arabic

- *The Industrial Group Ltd v Abdelazim El Shikh El Fadil Hamid* (CFI-029-2018).  
Represented the Defendant/Counterclaimant in a contentious employment and damages dispute. Worked on legal strategy, drafting applications, witness statements and skeleton arguments up until trial. The case involved issues regarding the DIFC Courts' jurisdiction to hear tort claims with respect to abuse of process and malicious prosecution.
- *Salem Altamimi v. 16 Objecting Parties* (CFI-085/2021).  
Represented two objecting parties arguing against the recognition of Abu Dhabi bankruptcy proceedings as a 'foreign main proceeding' under the DIFC Insolvency Law. Assisted the Counsel instructed in drafting the skeleton arguments.
- *AS World Group v. Sajid Barkat* (CFI-087-2021).  
Represented the Defendant in damages claim in the sum of AED 5 million filed by the former employer. Worked on drafting all case documents including statement of defence, witness statements and skeleton arguments.
- *AS World Group v. Sajid Barkat* (CFI-086-2021).  
Represented the Respondent in an appeal of an Order of the Small Claims Tribunal (SCT) over employment entitlements against the employer. The case addressed key procedural issues related to the rules of appeal of STC judgments in the DIFC Courts of First Instance.
- *IEMS v. ESH FZ-LLC* (CFI-114-2020).  
Represented the Claimant in relation to a construction project and debt recovery in the sum of over AED 50 million. Worked on drafting legal submissions and witness evidence, and reply submissions in an interlocutory stay application.
- *AS World Group v. Sajid Barkat* (CFI-087-2021).  
Represented the Defendant in defending a damage claim in the sum of AED 5 million filed by his former employer. Worked on developing the defence strategy, compiling the evidence, and document production. Drafted all legal submissions filed in the proceedings until trial, including Defence, witness statements and skeleton argument for trial.
- *NMC Healthcare LTD v. Dubai Islamic Bank and others* (ADGM CFI-2021-042).  
Represented one of the joined parties to a major dispute in respect of insurance receivables.
- *Al Mheiri v. El Araj* (CFI-057-2021).  
Represented the Claimant to seek a debt claim in respect of indemnity agreements. This case involved procedural issues related to the transfer of a Part 8 claim to Part 7.
- *Vegie Bar LLC v ENBD LLC* (CFI-009-2016).  
Represented the Claimant in a dispute over the assignment and registration of a lease agreement under the DIFC Properties Law.