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OVERVIEW

Kristene Siena is a paralegal in the firm's Corporate practice. She focuses her practice on corporate and regulatory matters and assists with issues relating to mergers and acquisitions, establishment of entities, employment and immigration, and legislative drafting.

Kristene has assisted on a number of mergers and acquisitions matters, particularly in relation to conducting legal diligence, and has been involved in setting up data rooms, drafting due diligence reports, legal opinions and prospectuses, and organizing the executions of closing documents.

On the regulatory side, Kristene has been involved in a number of benchmarking exercises and reviews of laws and has provided support in drafting amendments to legislations.

Kristene has worked in the Middle East since 2007 and has assisted on some of the landmark transactions in Qatar. She has experience in legal matters relating to English, Qatar, and Qatar Financial Centre laws.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to progressing to the paralegal role, Kristene was a practice specialist with the firm and extensively involved in client onboarding and matter management, advising fee-earners on administrative systems, policies and procedures, and conducting various legal research.

Prior to joining the firm, Kristene was a legal PA in a Silver Circle firm where she supported fee-earners in the corporate and dispute resolution and litigation practices. Being primarily based in Doha, she was also assigned to the Dubai and Abu Dhabi offices of the firm.

From 2004 until 2009, Kristene worked in a top-tier local firm where she assisted the principal and his team on high-profile, complex capital markets, project finance, and regulatory transactions involving Qatari law aspects. Kristene was found to be "intelligent, hardworking and organised and well able to cope with the demands of legal transactional work as well as the normal administrative functions."

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Kristene is a litigation practitioner accredited by the Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre.

EDUCATION

- B.A., Ateneo de Manila University, 2004

LANGUAGES

- English
- Tagalog (Philippines)

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 29 September 2026, Legal Reforms Underpin US\$60 Billion Investment Pipeline Announced at QEF 2026

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 June 2026, K&L Gates Advises HMK Capital LLC on Launch of Qatar's First REIT

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Supported the team who advised a listed commercial Islamic bank in Qatar with a subsidiary in the United Kingdom on its merger with 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\$47 billion.
- Assisted the team who advised a Shari'a bank on its conversion to a public shareholding company and the landmark direct listing of its shares on the Qatar Stock Exchange.
- Assisted the team who advised Qatar Free Zones Authority on the drafting of the regulatory framework for the Qatar Free Zones, which included the drafting of the Licensing Regulations; Companies Regulations; Mandate and Powers Regulations; Employment Regulations; Immigration Regulations; Building Permits and Planning Regulations; Land Lease and Use Regulations; Fees, Fines and Disciplinary Regulations; Insolvency Regulations; Collateral and Security Regulations; Health, Safety and Environmental Regulations; Intellectual Property Regulations; Data Protection Regulations; Anti-Money Laundering Regulations; Anti-Bribery Regulations; Customs Regulations; Staff Accommodation Regulations; Dispute Resolution Regulations; Financial Services Regulations; and Legal Services Regulations.

- Assisted the team who advised Media City in relation to benchmark analyses and drafted the legal and regulatory framework to establish a free trade zone in Qatar aimed at attracting global media companies.