



## Amjad Hussain

### Partner

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### OVERVIEW

Amjad Hussain is a partner in the firm's Doha office. He focuses his practice on finance, corporate and commercial matters with particular emphasis on banking and Islamic finance.

Since 2002, Amjad has worked for clients in the Arabian Gulf across a range of sectors including financial services, TMT and infrastructure. He advises government and private sector clients based within and outside the Middle East on matters of English, Qatar and Qatar Financial Centre laws.

In 2021, Chambers Global directory of lawyers in Qatar rated Amjad as Band 1 and states:

Amjad Hussain is widely considered a leader in Qatari finance matters. He is acclaimed by clients for his strengths in Islamic and asset finance, and offers further expertise in M&A transactions and commercial contract work. Sources describe him as a lawyer who is "*very pragmatic, practical and offers a good level of service,*" further noting: "*He's a really pleasant guy to work with.*"

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Amjad practiced in the UK for a number of years before joining the Dubai office of an international law firm in 2002, where he worked for three years before returning to the UK for two years.

From 2007 until 2012, he practiced as a partner with an international law firm in its Doha office, which he managed. He assisted that firm with entering the Saudi market and supervised that firm's Saudi cooperation arrangement.

Amjad joined the firm's Doha office in 2012. He is rated by a number of independent legal sector directories as a leading lawyer in Qatar.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Sir Basil Blackwell Prize, 1995
- The David Howarth Memorial Prize, 1996

- The Sweet and Maxwell Prize, 1997

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Chair, Annual Banking and Islamic Finance Forums, Doha, 2007 - 2011
- Panelist, The International Islamic Finance Conference, United Arab Emirates, 2013
- Chair, In-house Counsel Forum, Doha, 2011

## EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Sheffield, 1997 (*Hons*)
- Legal Practice Course, University of Sheffield, 1997

## ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Solicitor, Ireland

## LANGUAGES

- Arabic
- English
- Punjabi
- Urdu (Pakistan)

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 20 September 2021, Amendments to the Qatar Commercial Companies Law (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 30 June 2021, Transitioning from LIBOR to Risk-Free Rates (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 16 June 2021, Ultimate Beneficial Ownership Rules in Qatar (2020) (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 1 June 2021, Construction and Projects in Qatar: Overview (*BlogPost*)
- 26 April 2021, Qatar Data Protection Guidelines – Update (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 26 April 2021, Qatar Free Zones and Progress So Far (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 29 July 2020, COVID-19: Navigating the New Norm: A Legal Perspective (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 April 2020, COVID-19: Force Majeure in the State of Qatar (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 1 April 2019, Overview and Q&A: Construction and Projects in Qatar (*BlogPost*)
- 30 November 2016, A First of its Kind—QFC Judgement Successfully Enforced by the Qatar Central Bank (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 11 July 2016, Brexit and Islamic Finance (*Alerts/Updates*)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Amjad is a Qatar correspondent for *Islamic Finance News* since 2010. He wrote for *Global Finance Magazine* in 2011. He has also had media commentaries in Financial Times, Daily Telegraph, Law Society Gazette, Arabian Business, Arab News, MEED, Reuters, BBC World, Gulf Times, Islamic Finance News, and Lexis Nexis.

- "Qatar: A busy September," *Islamic Finance news*, 13 October 2021
- "Amendments to the Qatar Commercial Companies Law", *LexisNexis*, 20 September 2021
- "New initiatives and Qatar National Vision 2030," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 August 2021
- "Qatar: A Focus on fintech," *Islamic Finance news*, 11 August 2021
- "Partnerships and growth in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 June 2021
- "Legal and regulatory developments - beneficial ownership," *Islamic Finance news*, 1 June 2021
- "Qatar: A resilient banking sector," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 April 2021
- "Steady progress in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 24 March 2021
- "Qatar: Back in the fold, for better or worse?," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 January 2021
- "Unity Returns to the GCC," *Islamic Finance news*, 20 January 2021
- "Qatar: An optimistic end to the year," *Islamic Finance news*, 6 January 2021
- "A focus on aviation in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 November 2020
- "Qatar Innovation and reform," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 October 2020
- "A focus on partnerships," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 August 2020
- "Focusing on fintech," *Islamic Finance news*, 1 July 2020
- "2019 results signal optimistic outlook for 2020," *Islamic Finance news*, 19 February 2020
- "Qatar: A New Decade, A New Drive," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 January 2020
- "Focusing on next year," *Islamic Finance news*, 18 December 2019
- "Qatar's emerging economy," *Islamic Finance news*, December 2019
- "Innovation is the Future," *Islamic Finance news*, 20 November 2019

- "Fintech leads the way," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 October 2019
- "Qatar Central Bank Centralizes Islamic Banking Supervision," *Islamic Finance news*, 13 August 2019
- "Summer Heat in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 17 July 2019
- "Blessed Ramadan," *Islamic Finance news*, 19 June 2019
- "Qatar: A slow start to Ramadan," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 May 2019
- "Qatar's energetic drive toward Islamic finance," *Islamic Finance news*, 24 April 2019
- "Qatar: The positive outlook continues," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 February 2019
- "2019 comes with high hopes and expectations of a prosperous, diversified economy in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 January 2019
- "Qatar smoothly navigating turbulent waters," *Islamic Finance news*, December 2018
- "A Calm November," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 November 2018
- "Back to school, back to the markets," *Islamic Finance news*, 24 October 2018
- "Steady summer in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 September 2018
- "Quiet summer in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 August 2018
- "To merge or not to merge?" *Islamic Finance news*, 25 July 2018
- "A Blessed and Busy Month," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 June 2018
- "Pre-Ramadan flurry," *Islamic Finance news*, 23 May 2018
- "Another world's first for Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 25 April 2018
- "Profitable start in Doha," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 March 2018
- "Qatar Gets Busy," *Islamic Finance news*, 14 February 2018
- "An Optimistic Start," *Islamic Finance news*, 27 January 2018
- "Qatar - A busy year-end," *Islamic Finance news*, 3 January 2018
- "Qatar – an unexpectedly tough year," *Islamic Finance news*, December 2017
- "Steady steps forward for Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 20 September 2017
- "Qatar's Quiet Summer Months," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 July 2017
- "Summer in Qatar," *Islamic Finance news*, 21 June 2017
- "Qatar: A Promising Start," *Islamic Finance news*, 22 February 2017
- "Qatar: Happy new start," *Islamic Finance news*, 18 January 2017

- "Government Support, Financial Results and the Cuban Market," *Islamic Finance news*, 26 October 2016
- "Qatar: Quiet Qatari summer," *Islamic Finance news*, 28 September 2016
- "Turbulent Times in the Gulf," *IFN Country Correspondent*, July 2016
- "Qatar's Strong Start to a Testing Year," *Islamic Finance news*, 16 March 2016
- "A Year of Mixed Fortunes," *Islamic Finance news*, December 2015
- "A Qatari Summer," *Islamic Finance news*, 19 August 2015
- Chapter in *Sukuk – Islamic Capital Markets Series*, Sweet & Maxwell, 2009

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 24 February 2021, K&L Gates Recognized in 2021 Chambers Global Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 13 January 2021, K&L Gates Advises Masraf Al Rayan on US\$2.2 Billion Merger with Al Khaliji Commercial Bank (*Noteworthy Work, Practice & Regional News*)
- 6 October 2020, K&L Gates Advises Barwa Real Estate Group on Qatari School Development Public-Private Partnership (*Noteworthy Work*)
- 4 December 2019, K&L Gates Captures "Best Law Firm of the Year" at Qatar Business Awards (*Press Release*)
- 19 November 2019, K&L Gates Honored with Multiple Qatar Business Law Forum Awards (*Press Release*)
- 25 January 2019, K&L Gates Honored by Islamic Finance News with Qatari Deal of the Year Award (*Press Release*)
- 20 March 2018, K&L Gates Advises Al Rayan Investment on Largest Single-Country Islamic Exchange Traded Fund (*Press Release*)
- 5 March 2018, K&L Gates Advises Amwal on Landmark Fund Launch (*Press Release*)
- 12 July 2016, K&L Gates Advises IL&FS on Dubai's First Project Under New PPP Law (*Press Release*)
- 26 May 2016, K&L Gates, Lawyers Earn Honors in Chambers Global, Regional Guides (*Press Release*)
- 6 May 2015, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in Chambers Global Guides (*Press Release*)
- 28 April 2015, K&L Gates Represents Bahraini Banks in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Question of 'Personal Jurisdiction' (*Press Release*)

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "K&L Gates deepens its presence in Qatar," *The Peninsula*, 4 August 2021

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Islamic Finance
- Major Infrastructure: Projects and Public-Private Partnerships
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Public Policy and Law
- Real Estate Finance
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Securitization and Structured Finance

## 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.