



Abdulwahid Alulama

Biography

Nationality: United Arab Emirates
Date of Birth: November 1977
Place of Birth: Dubai

Academic Qualifications: Abdulwahid graduated with a distinction (first in his batch) in his L.L.B. from the UAE University in 1999. In 2000, he was admitted to practise before the UAE courts and was additionally awarded a Chevening scholarship in the same year. He has a L.L.M. degree in Maritime Law and International Trade from University College London (University of London) in 2001.

Current Roles

White & Case LLP – Partner (Nov 2012 to date)

Abdulwahid is a Partner at White & Case LLP in their Global Corporate and Merger & Acquisitions practice and is the Office Executive Partner of their UAE offices based in Dubai.

He specialises in cross border transactions, initial public offerings, corporate governance and commercial transactions generally, while his wider experience in other areas such as financial regulation, debt capital markets, banking and finance, projects, real estate, litigation and arbitration provides support to all of the firm's core practice areas. He has also acted as counsel to parties engaged in commercial arbitration disputes before International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and other arbitration centers.

Over the past few years, Abdulwahid has been involved in a number of senior strategic commercial roles, in the retail, natural resources and finance sectors. Against such a strong background in both industry and law, Abdulwahid is also recognised for his business understanding and commercial integrity as a trusted advisor in the UAE business community.

Other Directorships and Offices Held

He is a non-executive member of the Board of Directors of the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) and was appointed to this position in December 2008 by a decree of the then President of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) and current Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum. His appointment was renewed for a further period of three years by the current President of the DIFC Highness Sheikh Maktoum Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Abdul Wahid chairs the Emirati committee and also serves on the Legislative and Risk committees.

He is the Chair of the Emirati Working Group, Chair of the Remuneration Committee, Member of the Legislative Committee and Member of the Risk Committee.

He is an independent executive Board Member of the Emirates Post Group since September 2016 and is currently the Vice Chairman. He is also a member of its Remuneration committee.

He is the Chairman of Wall Street Exchange Centre LLC, a Member of Emirates Post Group.

He is a member of the Advisory Committee of Dubai Multi Commodities Center (DMCC).

He is a certified arbitrator registered with the Dubai International Arbitration Center (DIAC) and with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Abdul Wahid has issued arbitration awards as sole arbitrator in DIAC arbitrations 216 of 2009, 276 of 2009, 387 of 2010 and 46 of 2011. He has acted as a sole arbitrator in DIAC arbitration 27 of 2011, and joint arbitrator in DIAC arbitrations 198 of 2011 and 226 of 2010. He is also an ICC appointed joint arbitrator in ICC arbitration 17710 CYK.

He has been appointed as member on the Panel of Conciliators for ICSID in March 2017.

He is a Director and Partner, EC Property Transfers now named Al Manara Real Estate Trustee.

Previous roles

Before joining White & Case, he was a partner of the largest local UAE law firm in Dubai, and a former managing partner of their associated Qatar office.

He was also the Group Chief Legal Officer and member of the board of directors of Dubai World, a prominent and active Dubai-based sovereign wealth fund.

He was a Senior Advisor (Originations) at Mubadala GE Capital PJSC (MGEC) based in Abu Dhabi. MGEC is a finance company regulated by the UAE Central Bank and is a joint venture set up by Mubadala and GE Capital.

During the period of 2012 - 2015, he was a Board member of the Commercial Bank of Dubai PJSC (CBD) and a member of its remuneration committee.

He was an independent non-executive Director of the Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange.