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Professional EXPERIENCE:

SENIOR ASSOCIATE – Aviation Expert, July 2017 – Present

AL JALLAF ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS, Dubai, UAE

Provide clients with high quality legal services and representation in various fields of law, including; litigation & dispute resolution, Commercial, Financial, Corporate, Aviation, Employment, Energy, Real Estate, Blockchain & Smart Contracts, Arbitration, Criminal and Civil matters, as well as international law.

LEGAL COUNSEL, November 2020 – June 2021

EMIRATES GROUP, Dubai, UAE

- Reviewing and negotiating contractual documentation and providing legal advice on the same (including the provision of advice with regards to contractual obligations and potential liabilities/exposures, warranties, indemnities, and other terms and conditions of contract
- Raising awareness of potential legal issues arising throughout the Company and ensuring that best practices are adhered to with a view to reducing any legal exposure for the Company
- Ensuring that a good system of corporate governance is in place and that it is adhered to (i.e. with regards to contract approvals procedure, authority matrix and internal policies and procedures)
- Drafting legal and corporate documentation (e.g. contracts, resolutions, legal letters, and notices), as and when required
- Conducting legal research and provide ad-hoc legal advice, as and when required by the Company
- Making recommendations with regards to seeking external legal advice and liaising with external counsel, as and when required
- Supporting the CEO with projects and transactions, as and when required
- Providing a legal administrative function to the Company (either directly or via oversight of the PROs, contract administrator and Investigations Officer) (i.e. maintaining Company trade licenses, Company registers, contracts register etc.)
- Assisting and educating the business units with ad-hoc legal issues, as and when they arise
- Preparing and conducting training to the business units on laws and legal principles and consequences of non-compliance
- Assisting in the corporate set-up of international entities of the Company
- Assisting with implementation of Company's compliance policies: drafting policy and setting up processes and procedures to ensure compliance
- Keeping up to date with, and understanding, relevant laws and regulations relevant to the Company's operation
- Supporting and managing others within the legal function.

LEGAL RESEARCHER, January 2016 – July 2017

International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), Rome, Italy

- Conducting research on legal aspects of Security Interests and Remedies under the Cape Town Convention & its Aircraft Protocol and their impact on the related legislations in the Civil-law countries.
- Conducting other legal research on a variety of International substantive and procedural issues with an emphasis on commercial matters.

EDUCATION:

- **PhD in Private Autonomy Business, Work And Protection Of Rights in European And International Perspective, ongoing**
L'Università degli Studi di Roma "La SAPIENZA", Rome, Italy

BAR ADMISSION:

- Registered Legal Consultant, Dubai Legal Affairs Department, UAE, 2017.

Language SKILLS: English, Arabic & Italian

Computer SKILLS: Windows, MacOS and Microsoft Office 365

