

Mohammed Zaman KC

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"Mohammed is a phenomenal advocate. His cross-examination skills, and preparation for cross-examination is exceptional. He is also a true team player - always available and integrates himself as one of the team. He is absolutely someone you want on your side."

Legal 500 2025 (Company & Insolvency)



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Expertise

Business & Property

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Notable Cases

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Acting for the claimant seeking the return of his deposit of AED 57 million GBP 10 million) in a transaction relating to the World Islands project in Dubai (Dalal v The World LLC).

Acting for the defendant in the first ever trial for an Enforcement Order under the Enterprise Act (Wolverhampton City Council v Northern Gas Heating Limited).

Appearing on a contractual claim by the former CEO of one of the world's largest property development companies, seeking his long term incentive payments (O'Donnell v Nakheel PJSC).

Banking, Finance & Financial Regulation

The primary focus of Mohammed's banking and finance work is twofold: claims involving civil fraud in lending facilities and securities (including fraudulent abuse of invoice discounting facilities); and the enforceability and construction of guarantees and indemnities.

Civil Fraud

Mohammed has substantial experience in complex cases and civil fraud (which includes bringing applications for, or seeking discharge of, freezing injunctions). Many of his cases arise in the context of claims against directors, partners and former senior employees; and in fraudulent borrowing and securities facilities. He has appeared in many 'heavy' injunction applications and trials involving allegations of fraud and conspiracy.

Company & Partnership

Mohammed's company law work primarily focuses on shareholder disputes (unfair prejudice petitions), just and equitable winding up and derivative claims) and claims against directors for breaches of duty and civil fraud. His experience in these aspects of company law means that he often appears for directors in disqualification proceedings brought by the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills. He also advises on the regulatory aspects arising out of investigations by Companies Investigation Branch of alleged serious corporate abuse; and enforcement actions by the Office of Fair Trading. There is an overlap between

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Mohammed's company law practice (unfair prejudice of minority shareholders) and his partnership law practice. He has acted on matters ranging from pre-emptive applications for injunctions to restrain expulsion; to trials involving disputes as to the existence of the partnership; to dissolution and the taking of accounts.

Commercial Litigation

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Insolvency

There is an overlap between Mohammed's company law and insolvency practice in areas such as directors' duties and directors' disqualification proceedings. He has on many occasions advised and appeared on strike-out applications of abusive winding up petitions; on applications to restrain the presentation of petitions; on issues of construction of the Insolvency Rules; in defending or asserting proprietary and trust claims; in retention of title claims, as well as appearing for and against directors and connected parties in the usual claims arising on insolvency.

Insurance Disputes

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Joint Venture & Shareholder Disputes

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Offshore & Cross Border

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Professional Negligence

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Technology & Construction

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Mediators and Arbitrators

Arbitration

Mohammed is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has frequently appeared as counsel, as well as being appointed arbitrator in high value commercial international arbitrations in the Middle East and South Asia.

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He is also a Registered Practitioner in the DIFC Court, Dubai.

Awards



Qualifications

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