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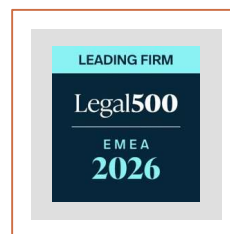
About Us

Al Yaqout and Al Fouzan Legal Group is a leading full-service corporate law firm based in Kuwait. We have built our legacy to become an internationally-recognized legal team with an excellent track-record in the complex and innovative transactions and projects in Kuwait.

Our team has been featured and ranked by international legal directories such as the Legal500, Chambers and Partners and IFLR1000. Our clients range from Kuwaiti startups, to multinational corporations including Fortune 500 listed companies and government entities which operate across a number of industries: technology, banking and finance, insurance, retail, telecommunications and real estate to name a few.

With a strong international network of prominent law firms, our clients have access to the exceptional legal services to support their global operations.

Our team is composed of bilingual lawyers fluent in both Arabic and English, with diverse qualifications and professional experience. Our Kuwaiti lawyers are licensed with full rights of audience before all Kuwaiti courts. We place strong emphasis on attracting and retaining top legal talent to ensure our clients receive high-quality legal support aligned with their corporate objectives and long-term growth.



Al Yaqout and Al Fouzan Legal Group History

Al Yaqout Legal Group was established by the late Hamed Al Yaqout in 2003. He was a prominent attorney who worked to build a leading reputable corporate law firm. He believed the two most important aspects of corporate legal advisory support were accuracy and promptness.

Legacy

Building on to his father's legacy, in 2015 Khalifah Al Yaqout took over the firm as managing partner, with the aim of leading Al Yaqout Legal Group to become a key market player in the legal industry, that applies international standards in business and law.

The aim of Al Yaqout Legal Group was to bridge across the gap between Kuwaiti and foreign entities in doing business in Kuwait and abroad.

In 2019, Khalifah Al Yaqout and Jarrah Al Fouzan entered into a partnership under a main target of synergy: to combine the best talent and resources, to lead in the legal services industry in Kuwait.



Partnerships



With our unmatched global network of lawyers and consultants, we support our clients wherever they do business. Our global insights, local depth and creative thinking assist us to get deals done and find solutions in complex cases.

We are always determined to assist our clients in confidently expand into new markets, participate seamlessly in cross-border transactions and projects, and remain up-to-date with the continuously changing legal frameworks. We do this by synergizing our global strength and local knowledge.

Al Yaqout and Al Fouzan has a sophisticated network of partnerships with some of the most prestigious law firms globally:

United States and United Kingdom: Pillsbury LLP

Italy: Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Capelli and Partners

Spain: Cuatrecasas

Qatar: Al Sulaiti Law Firm

United Arab Emirates: Mahmoud Hussain Advocates

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Al Suwaiket and Al Busaies Attorneys at Law

Kingdom of Bahrain: Zu'bi and Partners

Turkey: Kılınç Law & Consulting

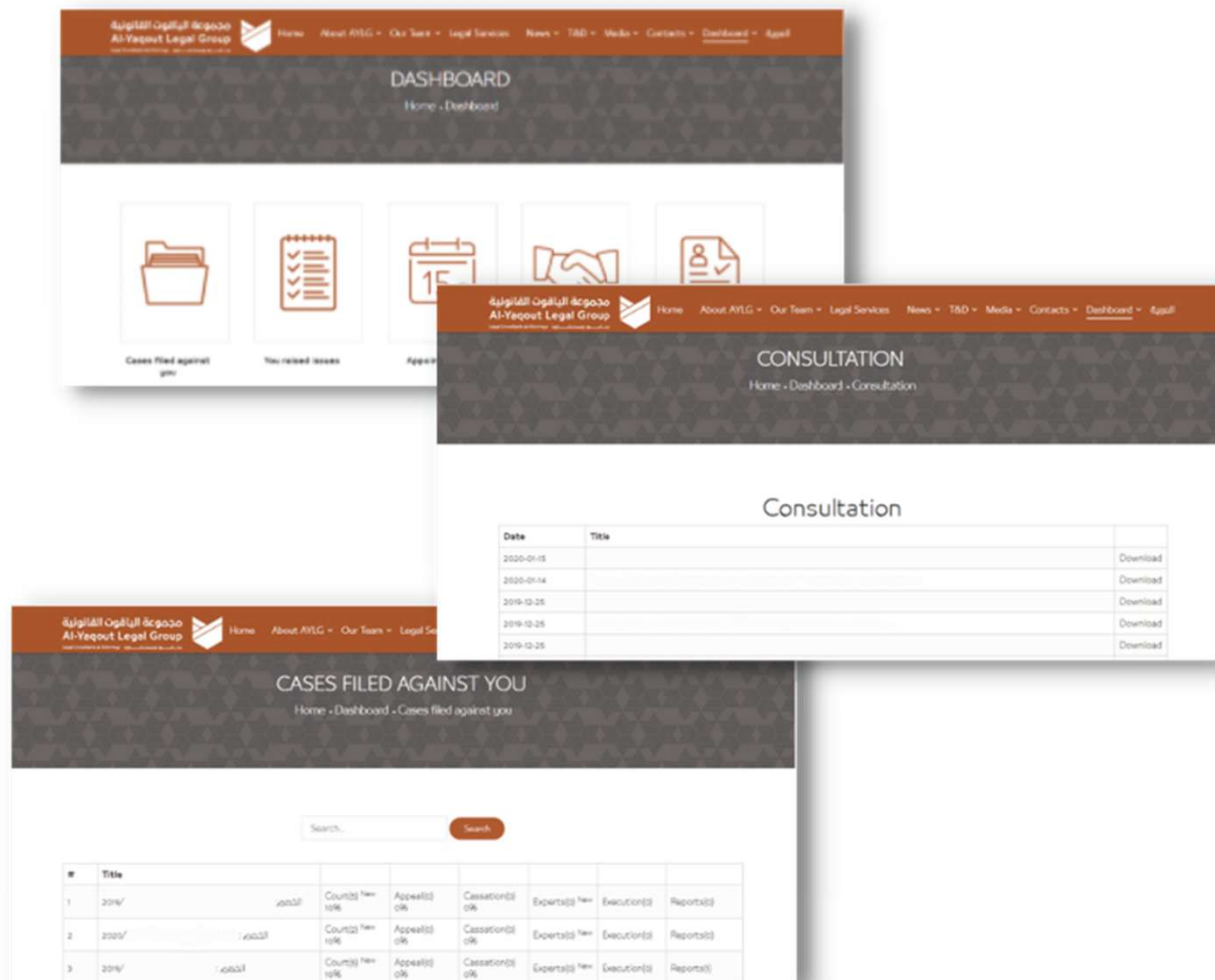
Lebanon: Hage-Chahine Law Firm

Tunis: Ouerfelli Attorneys and Counsels

Client e-services

Al Yaqout and Al Fouzan is transforming the way it delivers legal services and support to its clients in a smart and innovative way. We have created a secure online portal which streamlines communication and gives clients **24/7** access to its reports on the progress of their legal matters, consultancies and contracts.

We have designed this system to ensure that it is user-friendly, secure and grants our clients the transparency and oversight needed to manage their legal matters. In addition, this ensures efficient communication between the client and the legal consultants, which is key to any successful partnership.



Practice Areas

Corporate Advisory

Our Corporate Advisory division is distinguished by its depth and breadth of expertise, encompassing a wide range of practices from general commercial law to specialized guidance on capital market regulations. This department is staffed by seasoned experts who are recognized leaders in their respective fields, each bringing a wealth of experience and a proven track record of success. Their collective knowledge and strategic acumen are invaluable assets to our firm and to the clients we serve.

We provide comprehensive advisory services that meet the complex needs of our clients in today's dynamic business environment. Our team excels in navigating the intricacies of mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, and governance, ensuring compliance with the latest regulatory frameworks. By integrating innovative strategies with practical solutions, we help our clients achieve their business objectives while mitigating risks.

Commercial

Our team provides industry-wide commercial law support, including real estate, technology, pharmaceuticals, supply and logistics and academia. We believe that a solid understanding of business operations and how certain industries work is essential to the success of any business venture or deal. Our approach entails partnering with our clients to deeply understand their business objectives and goals, and help them achieve it by providing practical legal solutions. Our experts are able to guide our clients through the lifecycle of the business. We are equipped to provide legal support a whole remit of commercial matters, from day-to-day matters to major strategic decisions and regulatory inquiries. Our team advises clients on the whole remit of commercial work including without limitations:

- Agencies, distributorships, and franchises.
- Manufacturing and supply agreements..
- Data protection.
- Sales, marketing, advertising and promotion agreements.
- Co-operation and collaboration agreement, and strategic partnerships.

Franchising

Given that franchises are a very commonly used way of doing business in Kuwait, Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group has a dedicated team of specialists with a thorough understanding of the core elements of franchise models and the means of maximizing the potential of a franchise arrangement. We act for multinational franchisors, investors, licensors, and brand owners. We assist our clients in navigating the challenges and complexities under a franchise system by developing effective strategies to managing legal risks associated with various commercial decisions. Our team also assists in:

- Drafting and negotiating franchise agreements and documentation.
- Intellectual property protection.
- Franchise acquisitions and licensing.
- Dispute resolution.
- Advising on agency law.
- Advising on legal and regulatory compliance.
- Employment matters.

Competition and Anti-Trust

Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group are leaders in the field of competition law. We are proud of our competition law track record, involving setting a precedent and litigating on behalf of private entities against the competition authority. Our clients benefit from our deep understanding of today's complex competition issues, such as restrictive practices, merger controls, abuse of dominance and government-imposed sanctions. In addition, our dispute resolution team draws on their litigation and trial expertise with industry knowledge and proficiency to allow clients to pursue or defend claims successfully before regulators and courts.

Intellectual Property

Our intellectual property team works closely with global businesses, government entities and entrepreneurs to ensure their intellectual property portfolio are well protected. From the inception of an idea, to its development, commercialization and licensing, our lawyers are involved every step of the way to ensure the best legal protection is in place.

We provide a full range of legal services that aim to protect and maximizes the potential of ideas, brands, technology, as well as commercially-sound legal support to help our clients achieve their commercial objectives. Our network of strategic partnerships around the world assists in providing global intellectual property protection.

We offer legal services across a wide spectrum of industries – from life sciences, pharmaceuticals and technologies, to consumer goods and retail, which include the following areas:

- Trademarks.
- Copyrights.
- Patents.
- Trade secrets.
- Consumer protection.
- IP disputes.

Corporate Structuring

Corporate structuring is a core specialty at Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group. Our team is highly experienced in advising Kuwaiti and foreign entities and investors on the optimal corporate structures that best protects their interests and achieves their business goals. Our advice is tailored to the selection of the appropriate corporate vehicle that will help minimize unnecessary legal and commercial risk in the long run, in addition to meeting any regulatory requirements. Our areas of practice include:

- Advising on company and branch incorporation in Kuwait.
- Advising on foreign direct investment laws and company incorporation in accordance with the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) regulations.
- Joint venture and consortium arrangements.
- Using offshore companies to achieve certain commercial objectives.

Employment Contracts

At Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group, we understand that the key to the success of any business is attracting and retaining the right talent. We work with human resources departments and specialists to navigate employment legal issues. Our employment advise includes:

- Recruitment and hiring within Kuwait, from abroad and employment across a multijurisdictional arrangement.
- Remuneration, compensation and end of service indemnity.
- Drafting and negotiating employment contracts.
- Contractor arrangements and secondments.
- Employment aspects of mergers and acquisitions.
- Corporate governance, management and executive-related matters in regulated and non- regulated companies (including Capital Markets Authority requirements).
- Business immigration advice.
- Investigations and disciplinary matters.
- Cash and share-based incentive schemes.
- Employment litigation, disputes and settlements.

Real Estate

Our real estate entails the provision of legal support throughout the full lifecycle of a real estate asset: from design, planning, feasibility structures, financing, construction and development through asset management and acquisition and sale.

We act for key stakeholders in real estate transactions, including developers, lenders, contractors and investors, who depend on us to provide commercial, practical and legally sound advice and assist them in navigating the complexities of the real estate market and maximize the potential of their dealing. Our services include:

- Real estate acquisition.
- Commercial and industrial leasing.
- Real estate finance.
- Construction and engineering.
- Islamic financing.
- Real estate litigation.
- Property management.
- Real estate projects.

TMT, Data Privacy and Cybersecurity

The fast-paced, continuous advancement of technology makes it crucial for companies to keep up-to-date with the latest developments that come hand-in-hand. Disruptions are taking place across all industries from life sciences, fintech, data storage and management, healthcare and complex platforms, which gives rise to both opportunities and challenges. Our business is to help our clients seize these opportunities, and manage the ensuing challenges and risks.

Our clients range from global blue-chip technology, telecommunications and media corporations, suppliers of IT systems and services, and technology developers, to start-ups who benefit from our deep understanding of the intricacies of technology-based transactions. We offer a complete range of legal services tailored to the technology, media and telecommunications industry including:

- Licensing arrangements.
- Outsourcing agreements.
- Hardware, software and services procurement.
- Intellectual property advisory.
- Competition and antitrust.
- Privacy and data protection.
- Regulatory advisory.
- Mergers and acquisitions.
- Cybersecurity and cybercrimes.
- Data governance and storage.
- Strategic alliances.
- Technology investment and funding.

Our team includes specialists in data protection, cybersecurity and privacy laws in Kuwait, who frequently advises clients on complex issues associated with both personal, medical and sensitive business data. We apply a preventative approach, which helps our clients navigate legal and regulatory pitfalls, and protect potential stakeholders (consumers, employees, companies or otherwise). Our advice is tailored to suit the respective industry including telecommunications, technology, healthcare, retail, insurance and life sciences.

Insurance

Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan has one of the largest insurance practices in Kuwait. We work with leading insurance, re-insurance, health and life insurance companies, with regards to their complex transactions, disputes, claims, and regulatory matters. Our team combines their legal expertise with industry experience to provide innovative, practical and cost effective solutions to our clients.

M&A and Capital Markets

Our corporate team advise a range of clients, from some of the world's largest corporations to growing and start-up businesses. The team's expertise includes advising on mergers and acquisitions (M&A), company and fund formation, corporate governance, corporate reorganizations, venture capital, initial public offerings (IPOs), private equity, as well as other debt and equity transactions. Our experience ranges from advising on large-scale multi-jurisdictional projects to providing day-to-day legal support that assists clients meet their corporate objectives, and fuels their growth.

Projects

We provide our clients with integrated services in all legal and regulatory aspects related to projects. Capitalizing on the skills of our team in all relevant areas of law, we combine our technical capabilities with our commercial approach, to provide comprehensive legal support for complex projects, including advising on the different forms PPP projects (Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT), Build-Operate-Own-Transfer (BOOT), Build-Own-Operate (BOO), Design-Build-Finance-Operate (DBFO), etc.).

Our services include drafting, reviewing and advising on project agreements, financing arrangements and related packages. Our team's extensive experience and diverse capabilities enable it to provide comprehensive legal services that cover all stages of projects, starting from the preparation stage, feasibility studies, consortium agreements and memoranda of understanding, project documentation through the project tendering stage, preparing, reviewing and advising on project documentation, as well as bid submission stage. Our services also involve preparing, evaluating and negotiating proposals up to the stage of project implementation, follow-up, completion and transfer.

Litigation and ADR

The Al Yaqout and Al Fouzan legal team has led our clients through some of the most complex disputes and challenging regulatory investigations around the world. Our team has a combined experience of over **20** years in litigation, local and international arbitration, and dispute management. We work with clients to identify the appropriate commercial solution for every dispute. Our team of attorneys includes experienced trial lawyers, arbitration specialists, mediators and former prosecutors/regulators with extensive experience across multiple sectors.

We represent clients in disputes across a range of sectors including oil and gas, investment and finance, insurance, technology, and construction. We handle cases in the civil and criminal courts at all appellate levels. Our arbitration practice covers all the leading global arbitration centers and tribunals (such as New York, London, Paris, Singapore), as well as those in the region (Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and DIFC).

Litigation

Our litigation team brings a wealth of expertise with over **20** years of combined experience in legal disputes. Our lawyers hold the right of audience before all local courts, ensuring that we can represent our clients' interests at every level of the judicial system. Our diverse clientele includes individuals, local businesses, and multinational corporations, underscoring our ability to manage and successfully navigate a variety of complex legal matters.

We pride ourselves on our comprehensive approach to litigation across multiple sectors. Whether dealing with contract disputes, intellectual property rights, regulatory compliance, or corporate governance, our firm provides robust representation tailored to the unique needs of each client. This versatility and dedication to client service underscore our commitment to achieving favorable outcomes while upholding the highest standards of legal excellence

Arbitration

Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan's arbitration team is recognized for being leaders in arbitration in Kuwait. The team is composed of experienced legal consultants and arbitrators, which equips up in a unique position to guide our clients through all stages of arbitration. Our experience in both arbitration proceedings, post-arbitration enforcement and recognition of arbitral awards by local courts allows us to effectively represent our client's best legal and commercial interests.

Our arbitration team has represented our Clients in international arbitrations in Hong Kong, London, Paris and Kuwait seated arbitrations under the rules of ICSID, ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL and Hong Kong Law. In recent years, our arbitration practice has developed to become at the forefront of Kuwaiti law firms. Additionally, our team has negotiated several settlements in favor of our Clients. The Firm regularly represents numerous international Clients in complex commercial litigations before Kuwaiti courts.

International Dispute Resolution

Our international dispute resolution team consists of bilingual lawyers with experience working across continents in assisting our clients with resolving their disputes. The team has extensive experience representing foreign entities with disputes in Kuwait, including:

- Amicable settlements between foreign and Kuwaiti parties.
- Litigation in Kuwaiti courts.
- Arbitration in the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In addition, our team assists Kuwaiti entities and investors with their global disputes in collaboration with our network of strategic partners.

Our Team



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Khalifah is a distinguished legal professional renowned for his multifaceted expertise and leadership as the managing partner at Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group. With a robust background in litigation and a recognized right of audience before the Court of Cassation, Khalifah is celebrated for his adeptness in handling intricate legal matters across various domains. His extensive experience encompasses a spectrum of legal facets, including commercial, civil, and administrative cases.

A notable facet of Khalifah's career is his role as an arbitrator within the Kuwaiti International Chamber of Arbitration, demonstrating his proficiency in alternate dispute resolution. Additionally, his advisory positions with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Electricity and Water, and Ministry of Commerce and Industry have significantly augmented his expertise in administrative law.

Recognized as a recommended lawyer by Legal500 in Kuwait and ranked in Chambers and Partners, Khalifah has earned a stellar reputation for his exceptional trial advocacy skills. His track record speaks volumes about his ability to handle high-profile investigations and prosecutions with finesse, achieving favorable outcomes for his clients.

Specializing in commercial litigation, arbitration in Kuwait and other jurisdictions, and adeptly navigating out-of-court settlements, Khalifah continues to be a guiding force in the legal landscape, providing unparalleled counsel and advocacy to his clients. His dedication, coupled with his unwavering commitment to excellence, solidifies his standing as a prominent legal figure in Kuwait's legal arena.



Jarrah Al Fouzan
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Jarrah, a distinguished legal professional, serves as a partner at Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group, where his role encompasses a diverse range of specialized legal domains.

His primary focus areas revolve around investment law, real estate law, governmental procedures, and Islamic finance. Jarrah's comprehensive understanding and adeptness in these sectors underline his invaluable contribution to the firm's expertise and service offerings.

One of Jarrah's standout proficiencies lies in his deep knowledge of investment law, particularly in handling matters related to foreign investments. His expertise in navigating the complexities of foreign investment regulations adds substantial value to the firm's capabilities, allowing the team to provide comprehensive and strategic counsel to clients engaged in cross-border transactions.

Jarrah's role as a partner reflects his commitment to delivering exceptional legal services while upholding the highest standards of professionalism and integrity. His proactive approach and dedication to staying abreast of legal developments in his focus areas make him an invaluable asset to Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group and a trusted advisor to clients seeking expert counsel in investment, real estate, governmental procedures, and Islamic finance matters.

Jarrah was an elected member of the Kuwaiti Parliament in 2023.



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Bader Hamed Al-Yaqout is a distinguished lawyer licensed to plead before all levels of Kuwaiti courts. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in the Fundamentals of Jurisprudence from the Faculty of Sharia at Kuwait University. Since 2011, he has been a registered member of the Kuwaiti Bar Association.

In his professional capacity, Bader plays a significant role within Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group, where he is responsible for numerous administrative tasks. These include case management, client relations, team leadership, and strategic planning. His expertise is not confined to legal practice alone; he is also actively involved in training companies that seek to establish and enhance their legal frameworks and activities. This combination of legal practice and educational involvement highlights his comprehensive understanding of both the theoretical and practical aspects of law.



Dr Anwar Al Fuzaie
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Dr. Anwar is a distinguished professional with an illustrious career spanning over two decades, marked by profound knowledge and expertise in the intricate realms of banking and finance. His expertise traverses a wide spectrum, encompassing advisory roles in both conventional and Islamic banking matters. Dr. Anwar's comprehensive grasp extends to areas such as general corporate lending, real estate finance, fund finance, trade and commodity finance, and acquisition finance.

Dr. Anwar's academic journey reflects his commitment to excellence in the field. He holds a distinguished LL.B. from Kuwait University, further advancing his legal education with an LL.M. and PhD from Montpellier University in Private Law. Additionally, he earned an LL.M. in International Business Law from Sophia Antipolis University. His academic pursuits are complemented by numerous published studies in the realm of Private Law, reflecting his scholarly contributions to the legal community.

Beyond banking and finance, Dr. Anwar boasts extensive experience across various legal domains, showcasing his versatility and depth of expertise. His proficiency extends to arbitration, real estate law, labor law, and intellectual property, demonstrating a multifaceted understanding of the legal landscape.

Prior to joining Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group Dr. Anwar has occupied a number of esteemed positions, including but not limiting to:

- General Counsel of Kuwait Finance House.
- Vice Chairman, KFH Capital.
- Legal Advisor for the State Audit Bureau.
- Legal Advisor for National Focal Point (UNCC).
- Member of the Consultative Counsel for Islamic Investment Companies (Capital Markets Authority).
- General reporter and Member of Committee of Experts for the application of Conventions and Recommendations in International Labor Organization (1998 - 2012).



Abdullah Al Obaidly
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Abdullah Al Obaidly is an accomplished lawyer with extensive experience in both the public and private sectors. A member of the Kuwaiti Lawyers Association since **2006**, he has pleaded before the Constitutional Court and the Court of Cassation. From **2009** to **2018**, Abdullah served as Partner and Director at the Law Business Advisors office, and has since held several high-level advisory roles, including legal advisor to the Ministers of Commerce and Industry, Economic Affairs, and Housing and Urban Development.

In addition, Abdullah has been involved in various government committees, including chairing investigation committees for the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Electricity and Water, and serving on the Advisory Committee of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development. He also held the position of Vice Chairman of the Human Rights Committee at the Kuwaiti Lawyers Association in **2012**.

With a Bachelor of Laws from Kuwait University, Abdullah brings expert legal and leadership skills to every role.



Dr. Ahmad Alshorbagy
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Dr. Alshorbagy leads the Projects team at YFLG and boasts over 15 years of extensive expertise across corporate law, project management, and international dispute resolution. Dr. Alshorbagy garnered substantial expertise through his advisory role with the Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects. Over the recent years, his counsel has been instrumental in guiding more than 15 projects across diverse sectors, showcasing his adeptness in navigating complex legal landscapes and providing strategic legal insights and solutions tailored to various industries. Dr. Alshorbagy's expertise extends to the realm of International Commercial Arbitration, where he has adeptly represented clients under esteemed international arbitration bodies such as the ICC, HKIAC, UNICTRAL, and LCIA.

In addition to this wealth of experience, Dr. Alshorbagy is a recognized author, having penned several legal books and articles published by reputable publishers and prestigious international law journals in Egypt, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Germany.

His commitment to excellence and exceptional contributions have been acknowledged by the legal community, as evidenced by his recognition as a Notable Practitioner in Project Development in the esteemed IFLR1000 rankings, a testament to his remarkable expertise and significant contributions in the legal field.



Waleed Al Darawi
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Waleed stands as a seasoned legal expert specializing in corporate law and mergers and acquisitions (M&A), offering strategic counsel to a diverse clientele comprising both local and international public and private enterprises. With an extensive portfolio in advising on mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and diverse corporate transactions, Waleed has earned recognition for his astute guidance in navigating complex legal landscapes.

His proficiency extends beyond conventional legal realms, encompassing a wide spectrum of corporate affairs. Waleed is adept at steering clients through various phases of the corporate life cycle. From the initial stages of formation and capitalization to intricate restructurings, he provides invaluable insights and legal expertise at every step.

One of Waleed's key strengths lies in his representation of companies in significant capital markets transactions. His adeptness in this arena showcases his ability to facilitate deals while ensuring compliance with the ever-evolving regulations set forth by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) and the Capital Markets Authority (CMA).

Waleed's proficiency in navigating the intricate web of corporate and M&A law is backed by a solid foundation of experience and a deep understanding of the intricacies involved. His proactive and client-centric approach sets him apart, as he remains dedicated to delivering tailored solutions that align with each client's unique objectives and needs.



Mutlaq Al Mutairi
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Mutlaq is an experienced attorney licensed to practice before the Court of Cassation and the Constitutional Court in Kuwait with over 30 years of experience in the legal sphere. His extensive expertise encompasses advising clients on a diverse spectrum of commercial and civil litigation relating to corporate, commercial, real estate, and financial services matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Mutlaq held various prominent government positions, including Head of Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. Additionally, he was a member of the audit committee of the State Audit Bureau.

Mutlaq's extensive experience in both the public and private sectors stands as a valuable resource, contributing significantly to our capacity to handle diverse legal matters and providing a wealth of insight that benefits our clients.



Nawaf Al Salem
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Nawaf Al-Salem heads the enforcement department at Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group. He has extensive experience spanning years in the field of judgment enforcement. His academic foundation is rooted in a Bachelor of Laws degree obtained from Kuwait University in 2003, indicating his commitment to legal education and knowledge acquisition. Beyond his academic achievements, Nawaf has translated his legal expertise into practical experience by working in various law firms in the province of Ontario, Canada. This international exposure has likely enriched his understanding of legal systems and practices, contributing to his well-rounded approach to judgment enforcement.

In his role as the head of the enforcement department, Nawaf Al-Salem is responsible for overseeing and managing the execution of legal judgments.



Dr. Yousef Al Yaqout
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Dr. Yousef Hamed Al-Yaqout is an esteemed assistant professor specializing in pleading and arbitration law at the Faculty of Law within Kuwait University. He holds a doctorate from the University of Lorraine in Nancy, France and a master's degree in Advanced private law from the University of Strasbourg, France. Additionally, he obtained another master's in private law from the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Kuwait University.

Certified as both an arbitrator and legal advisor, Dr. Yousef actively contributes to the academic and professional legal spheres. He participates in various local and international workshops and conferences. He is a distinguished trainer in programs for arbitrator qualification and preparation at esteemed institutions such as the Commercial Arbitration Center for the Gulf Cooperation Council States and the Kuwait Center for Commercial Arbitration.

Dr. Yousef's contributions to legal education extend beyond training programs. He has conducted numerous legal courses covering dispute resolution, corporate law, electronic transactions and others vital legal aspects. His scholarly devotion shines through the extensive array of articles and scientific research he has authored, featured in legal journals across both local and global platforms.

Furthermore, Dr. Yousef has supervised numerous master's theses for postgraduate students, and participated in various governmental and private committees where his insights contribute to the development of regulations, procedural laws, and other critical aspects within the legal framework.

Dr. Yousef's accomplishments highlight his ability to bring profound scholarly insights and a wealth of knowledge to the firm, enhancing its legal expertise.



Ahmed Salem
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Ahmed is a seasoned professional with a robust expertise spanning over 25 years in the realm of dispute resolution. His wealth of knowledge encompasses a diverse spectrum of resolution techniques, including amicable settlements and adept handling of both local and international litigation matters.

Ahmed served as counsel for Kuwait Aviation Services (KASCO) and representing Qaf Investment Co in multiple disputes, showcasing his prowess in navigating complex legal challenges for esteemed clientele. Additionally, Ahmed has demonstrated his proficiency by successfully managing financial disputes, securing favorable outcomes against recognized institutions such as Gulf Bank and Burgan Bank.

His track record speaks volumes about his skillful approach and commitment to delivering favorable resolutions for his clients in the realm of dispute resolution.



Ashraf Rashwan
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Ashraf Rashwan is a lawyer at the Cassation Court and the Supreme Constitutional Court (Egypt), has experience in the work of law and legal consultations for approximately thirty-five years, almost half of which in the State of Kuwait. He has a long experience in writing memorandums, case papers, and appeals, and editing and preparing legal consultations, studies, and research in various branches of law (Civil, commercial, administrative, penal, corporate, labor, compensation, insurance, personal status, and endowments), and owner and editor of the “Legal Blog – by Ashraf Rashwan” on the Internet (egyptian-awkafe.blogspot.com).

Ashraf Rashwan holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Cairo University with a good general grade (class of 1987).



Linda Al Hmoud
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Linda possesses extensive expertise in contract administration and government compliance. Her proficiency as a Projects lawyer encompasses a vast expanse of experience in pivotal domains, including Public Private Partnerships, Public Tenders, and State Contracts.

Throughout her career, Linda has been instrumental in advising on all facets of project execution. From the initial conceptualization to the structuring and development phases, and further through bidding, financing, and construction, she provides invaluable guidance. Her comprehensive approach includes transaction structuring, meticulous planning, negotiation, and drafting of project documents. Additionally, Linda adeptly handles operations, management, and proficiently navigates dispute resolution processes.

Linda earned her BA in Law from the University of Applied Sciences in Amman, Jordan, in **2002**. Since then, she has been a registered member of the Jordanian Bar Association, bringing forth over two decades of legal acumen and a demonstrated commitment to the legal profession. Her adeptness in contract administration, coupled with her in-depth understanding of government compliance, makes Linda an integral part of our firm. Her expertise and extensive experience in managing complex projects from inception to resolution are invaluable assets that enhance our firm's ability to serve our clients effectively. Linda's dedication to excellence and her strategic approach to legal matters consistently deliver optimal results for our clients.



Dr. Osama El-Saeed
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Dr. Osama El-Saeed is a legal consultant with a Bachelor of Laws and a PhD in Criminal Law from Cairo University. With extensive experience in Egypt and Kuwait, he blends practical expertise with academic research.

Since his registration with the Egyptian Bar Association in 2006, he has built a distinguished career in litigation, legal consultancy, and contract drafting. In 2025, he joined YFLG's Litigation Department, specializing in criminal law, commercial law, and dispute resolution. He is known for handling complex cases, providing strategic legal advice, and drafting legal memoranda efficiently.

Dr. Osama remains committed to legal research, authoring studies that contribute to the field's development. His expertise seamlessly integrates practice and scholarship, making him a valuable asset in the legal profession.



Mennat-Allah Zaky
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Mennat-Allah is a seasoned Senior Associate at YFLG, bringing over 14 years of extensive expertise in business and corporate law with a strong focus on international and regional legal matters. She has a proven track record in delivering strategic legal counsel tailored to meet the complex needs of clients, advising on investment transactions, corporate governance, and compliance across multiple jurisdictions.

Mennat-Allah has demonstrated proficiency in providing comprehensive legal support across diverse industries and managing a variety of complex legal and corporate matters. She holds an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Her wealth of experience and dedication make her an invaluable asset to our team at YFLG.



Sami Banna
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Sami is a corporate and dispute resolution lawyer with a strong cross-jurisdictional background, bringing a strategic and commercially focused approach to complex legal matters across project, transactional, and corporate domains.

He is a member of the Corporate Department at YFLG, where he advises on a wide range of corporate and commercial matters. He began his career at full-service law firms in Jordan, advising local and international clients on corporate transactions, commercial disputes & arrangements, and regulatory issues.

Since relocating to Kuwait, Sami has been engaged in diverse corporate, commercial, and construction advisory work, including the structuring, drafting, and negotiation of investment frameworks, commercial arrangements, and high-value contractual relationships.

Sami holds UK SQE1 credentials, with SQE2 currently in progress toward qualification as a solicitor in England and Wales.



Mahmoud Ramadan
Associate

Mahmoud is a highly skilled senior associate within our esteemed firm's litigation department. With an impressive career spanning over 15 years, Mahmoud has been an invaluable advisor in various legal disputes encompassing financial, commercial, corporate, and civil matters within civil law jurisdictions. His expertise extends to providing strategic counsel in regulatory investigations, further solidifying his comprehensive understanding of legal intricacies across multiple domains.

Possessing an LLB law degree from the University of Helwan, Egypt, Mahmoud has consistently showcased an unwavering commitment to delivering meticulous legal guidance and solutions to our clients.



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Ahmad Al Jafar is a highly experienced lawyer with extensive expertise in both the public and private sectors. He has been a member of the Kuwait Bar Association and has a strong track record in litigation, having represented clients before the Constitutional Court and the Court of Cassation in complex legal matters. He began his legal career at Al-Harbi Law Firm, where he gained valuable experience in litigation and legal consulting. He then continued to expand his expertise at Al-Adwani Law Firm, handling a diverse range of legal cases.

Currently, Ahmad Al Jafar is part of the litigation team at Yaqout & Al-Fawzan Legal Group (YFLG), where he continues to provide strategic legal solutions and represent clients before various courts, ensuring the best possible legal outcomes.



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Nasser Al-Shamali is an experienced lawyer and member of the Kuwait Bar Association, with extensive expertise in both the public and private sectors. He has a strong litigation background, representing clients before the Constitutional Court and the Court of Cassation.

He began his career as a legal researcher before serving as an investigator at the General Department of Investigations, gaining substantial experience in legal investigations and litigation. Later, as a partner at Al-Shammari Legal Group, he provided specialized legal counsel across various sectors.

Beyond legal practice, he served as president and later vice president of the Arab Union for Gold and Jewelry and as a legal advisor to the Public Funds Protection Committee at the Kuwaiti National Assembly.

Currently, Nasser is a key member of YFLG's litigation team, developing strategic legal solutions and representing clients across various courts.



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Rashed is a licensed attorney before the Constitutional and Court of Cassation, specializing in public-private partnership (PPP) contracts, legislative drafting, and legal consultancy. He has extensive experience in contract drafting, legal memoranda, and complex legal cases, offering innovative solutions aligned with best regulatory practices.

From **2014** to **2022**, he served at the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, contributing to legal advisory and regulatory drafting. He then joined the Public-Private Partnership Authority (**2022–2025**), focusing on contract structuring, legal risk assessment, and negotiations for strategic projects.

In **2025**, Rashed joined YFLG, where he continues to apply his expertise in commercial and administrative law, handling complex legal matters, and ensuring legal compliance in business operations.



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Ahmed is a law graduate with an LLB from Northumbria University in Newcastle, UK, where he focused on international and corporate law. Before joining YFLG, he spent two years at the award-winning Northumbria Law Clinic as a Legal Trainee, advising on civil and commercial matters.

His expertise includes Corporate and Commercial law, Franchise and Agency law, and complex legal areas such as Intellectual Property, M&A, PPPs, and government projects. As an intern at Al Hamad Legal Group, he contributed to a major DIFC case worth **18** million KWD and supported international contract negotiations, including the Dhaman healthcare agreement. He also assisted with franchise and distribution contracts in the medical sector, working on agreements for companies like Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca.



Mishari Salah Tifoni
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Mishari is a skilled attorney with experience in all types of law. With a strong understanding of the law and a commitment to protecting clients' rights, Mishari provides clear guidance and strong legal representation. Whether handling civil, commercial, or criminal cases, Mishari approaches each matter with dedication, attention to detail, and a results-driven mindset.

Known for a practical and strategic approach, Mishari works closely with clients to understand their needs and develop effective legal solutions. Mishari ensures that every case is handled with professionalism and care, delivering high-quality legal support helping clients navigate complex legal challenges with confidence.



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Dana is an accomplished law graduate with an LLB with Honours from Queen Mary University of London and a Master's in Corporate Law from BPP University. Her legal education in the UK has provided her with a strong foundation in both domestic and international legal frameworks, enabling her to navigate complex corporate and commercial matters effectively.

As an associate at YFLG Group, Dana combines academic excellence with a meticulous approach to deliver strategic legal solutions. Proficient in English, Arabic, and French, she ensures seamless communication with diverse clients and business partners.



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Nourah Al-Fajji is an attorney at Al-Yaqout and Al-Fouzan Legal Group (YFLG) with a strong interest in litigation and dispute resolution. A graduate of Kuwait International Law School, she is registered with the Kuwait Bar Association, further solidifying her commitment to developing her career in the legal field.

During her academic journey, she gained valuable practical experience through an internship at the National Assembly of Kuwait and field training at the Public Authority of Kuwait, providing her with firsthand exposure to legislative and regulatory processes. She has also completed a one-month training course on Islamic financial transactions, deepening her understanding of the intersection between law and finance.

Committed to continuous learning and professional growth, Nourah is passionate about the legal profession and strives to make meaningful contributions in the field.



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Badriya is an attorney in the Litigation Department at Al-Yaqout & Al-Fouzan Legal Group (YFLG). She has demonstrated strong analytical skills and a deep understanding of the nature of legal disputes, and is recognized for her commitment to putting clients' interests first and for her ability to approach cases with precision, clarity, and strategic insight.

She earned her Bachelor of Law degree from Kuwait International Law School in 2021 and is a registered member of the Kuwait Bar Association, reflecting her dedication to continuous professional growth and staying current with legal developments. Her professionalism, integrity, and commitment to excellence have made her a trusted member of the litigation team, supporting clients with confidence and diligence.



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Ritaj is an attorney in the Litigation Department at YFLG – Al-Yaqout & Al-Fouzan Legal Group, where she contributes to the follow-up of legal matters and supports various cases. She is known for her accuracy, organization, and consistent commitment to ensuring the smooth progress of cases in a manner that serves clients' interests in accordance with clear and structured legal principles.

She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) with honors from Kuwait University, graduating in **2022**, and is a registered attorney with the Kuwait Bar Association. In recognition of her academic excellence and capabilities, she was selected to join the firm's team and continues to pursue the ongoing development of her legal and professional expertise.



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Farah Boushahri is a Trainee Attorney in the Litigation Department at Al-Yaqout & Al-Fouzan Legal Group, joining the firm after graduating from Kuwait University (2021–2025).

She supports litigation and dispute resolution work through legal research, case preparation, drafting memoranda, and assisting with procedural and court-related tasks, while also gaining exposure to corporate and commercial law, including contract review.

During her studies, she participated as defense counsel in a simulated criminal trial involving a drug-related charge, demonstrating strong analytical and advocacy skills. She also maintains an academic interest in fashion law through ongoing independent research.



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Joud AlMudahka is a Trainee Attorney at Al-Yaqout & Al-Fouzan Legal Group (YFLG). She joined the firm following the completion of her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) at Kuwait International Law School (2025).

She previously completed multiple internships within the Projects & International Dispute Resolution Department at YFLG, where she assisted on matters involving litigation, arbitration, and complex commercial disputes.

Her experience includes work on franchising, insurance, competition law, inheritance, judicial deportation, pharmaceutical contracts, anti-money laundering compliance, and public-private partnership matters.

She supported case preparation for both court proceedings and arbitration, including document review, evidence organization, and case file management, as well as client coordination and case tracking.

Joud participated in the 31st Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot in Vienna, where she prepared written and oral submissions on jurisdiction, arbitral procedure, and substantive contract law, and appeared in mock arbitration hearings. She also trained at the 14th Annual MENA Vis Pre-Moot in Abu Dhabi.

Her practice areas of interest include dispute resolution, arbitration and litigation, public-private partnerships and infrastructure, corporate governance, compliance, and commercial and regulatory frameworks. She also has a keen interest in the evolving field of fintech.

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Our oil and gas client portfolio including major oil companies, independents and new entrants service sector companies and contractors in every segment of oilfield services and banks and private equity investors.



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Recognizing that real estate and construction issues often require local resources and expertise in many other areas of the law, we ensure that a cross-disciplinary teams is assigned to each case according to clients' needs. The team works effectively and efficiently across borders, jurisdictions, and practice areas drawing upon expertise in specialty areas such as real estate, tax, and public procurement laws.

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At YFLG, we take pride in our ability to grasp the crucial issues that matter to our clients in every transaction, delivering straightforward, commercially-grounded solutions promptly.

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Strategic Partners

In pursuit of excellence, we've forged strategic partnerships, including one with LexisNexis Middle East, a leading provider of the most comprehensive and up-to-date legal database for the region. The platform covers legislation, regulations, practical guidance, clauses, and cases in both English and Arabic, offering extensive coverage in key practice areas such as Corporate, Commercial, Banking Finance, Construction, Industries, Dispute Resolution and Public Law among others.

This collaboration ensures our clients have access to top-quality legal resources, including legal documentation, up-to-date laws in the GCC, and research tools curated by legal experts globally.

Clients

Our dedication to providing comprehensive legal solutions has led us to collaborate with esteemed government entities. We offer a range of services, from databases on laws and regulations in the Middle East to consultancies and tailor-made training programs, upon request. Our esteemed clients include:

- **Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority.**
- **Kuwait Oil Company.**
- **Department of Legal Advice and Legislation (FATWA).**
- **Kuwait Integrated Petroleum Industries Company (KIPIC).**
- **Kuwait Gulf Oil Company.**
- **Kuwait International Law School (KILAW)**
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