

Ziad Salloum, KSS, MCI Arb

Partner

Ziad Salloum is a partner with Salloum & Partners LLC. Since joining his father's firm in 2006, Ziad has advised hundreds of businesses in every sector, providing specialist support in: commercial contracts; employment law, secured/unsecured lending and other modes of finance; strategic and structural planning; restructuring; mergers and acquisitions; dispute resolution; family business succession planning; and the setup of family offices.

He also works extensively with: government entities and embassies, both inside and outside the UAE; leading multinationals and local companies; educational institutions; banks and other financial entities; entrepreneurs and family-owned businesses, in fields as diverse as oil & gas, construction, real estate, design, and manufacturing. He has also provided counsel to the Paris-Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi, and was part of the team that advised the Tourism and Development Investment Company (TDIC) on the Louvre Abu Dhabi and Guggenheim Abu Dhabi projects.

A member of the Board of Directors of the International Lawyers Network (ILN) where he is currently serving a second consecutive term, and of two groups of schools in the UAE, Ziad is also a Door Tenant and Associate with Outer Temple Chambers in London. He served two terms on the Board of the French Business Group, and four consecutive terms on the Board of the Union of French Expatriates' (UFE) Abu Dhabi chapter, where he also held the post of Vice-President. Other roles he has performed have included working as a member of the Advisory Board of the Emirati-Swiss Friendship Forum, a joint initiative of the governments of the UAE and Switzerland.

He is also a recognised arbitration practitioner. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and is on the roster of arbitrators of the Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation & Arbitration Center (ADCCAC).

Ziad holds a University of London LLM from the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), a PgDL from the University of East Anglia, an LLB from the Lebanese University and a BBA from the American University of Beirut. He is admitted to the Beirut Bar.

Before pursuing a career in law, Ziad was a banker for four years at Bank Saradar (prior to its merger with Banque Audi), then one of the leading banks in Lebanon, operating firstly in Treasury and Capital Markets, and subsequently in Private Banking. This experience has provided him with astute commercial focus and an invaluable knowledge of the complex financial markets and environment in which a lot of his clients operate.

Away from the office, he is a loving husband and father, and an avid hiker. He is also a keen photographer. He has been invited to exhibit his art at a number of high-profile venues in the Middle East. His photography has also been featured and auctioned at a number of charity fundraisers and environmental awareness initiatives.

In recognition of his community work and services to the Catholic Church, in 2017 The Vatican awarded him a knighthood with the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Sylvester.