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Next generation lawyers

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Al Markaz Law Firm represents clients in banking litigation and M&A-related disputes, and also has experience with claims arising from the operation and construction of energy and infrastructure projects. The litigation department is led by Fawwaz Abd-Allah Al Saeed and Qutaiba Al Saeed, both of whom represented Oqyana Real Estate in a dispute with the Kuwaiti Ministry of Finance regarding certain charitable payments; the case was decided in favour of the client. Additionally, the firm acted for Al Waseelah Real Estate Project Development in insolvency-related litigation concerning an unenforceable \$3.3m claim by Gulf Engineering, and is also representing construction joint venture JSGK in an ongoing \$46m arbitral proceeding against a domestic bank.

Al Oula Law Firm (Adel Abdulhadi & Partners) handles civil and commercial, criminal and administrative disputes. In a particularly significant matter, practice head Adel Abdulhadi successfully challenged legislation which imposed the mandatory collection of DNA samples from all Kuwaiti residents. Abdulhadi is also representing Yiac Medical Company in an \$18m recovery claim following the termination of a contract by the opposing side. Also recommended is Fayez Al Dosari, who is acting for a real estate company in litigation against a construction company arising from delays in the construction of a resort project.

ASAR - Al Ruwayeh & Partners is active in litigation and arbitration involving tax, insurance, construction, energy, banking, maritime and restructuring disputes. Managing partner Ahmed Barakat represented a corporate client in a KWD500m tax dispute, and Ahmed Zakaria acted on behalf of a sukuk holder in a \$25.5m claim against a debtor.

Al Tamimi & Company handles disputes in the fields of transportation, banking, employment and IP. The Kuwait-based practice is jointly headed by [Philip Kotsis](#) and [Alex Saleh](#), and includes Yaqoub Yousef Al-Munayee, who has experience advocating before the Court of Cassation and is regularly engaged in arbitration.

DLA Piper Kuwait in Association With (NEN) Al-Wagayan, Al Awadhi and Al-Saif handles litigation and arbitration involving construction, employment and banking disputes, and also has experience with white-collar investigations. Nader Al Awadhi jointly leads the practice with [Henry Quinlan](#), who represented a logistics company in a compensation claim arising from an over-land transportation contract. Terry O'Regan and senior legal consultant [Zara Merali](#) are additional contacts.

International Counsel Bureau has extensive experience in litigation and arbitration, as well as expertise in mediation and other out-of-court negotiations for the resolution of commercial and corporate disputes. Highly regarded senior legal counsel Fathi Aly Abdurabou heads the disputes practice.

Abdullah Kh. Al-Ayoub & Associates handles securities, commercial contract, IP, tax and M&A-related litigation. Practice head [Waleed Abdullah Kh. Al-Ayoub](#), who also has experience in arbitration, is involved in litigation for clients in the construction, food, engineering and aviation sectors.

Al-Twajiri & Partners Law Firm (TLF) is active in litigation and arbitration, where it represents clients in criminal, administrative and commercial disputes, including maritime litigation. Managing partner [Mohammed Al-Twajiri](#) heads the practice.

Menwer & Associates handles commercial litigation spanning trade, construction, IP and banking disputes. Senior partner Mohammad Menwer Al-Mutairi is among the key figures in the practice group.

The 'very capable' team at **Taher Group Law Firm (TAG)** is 'well versed in commercial disputes' and has developed a reputation for successfully 'resolving those disputes by presenting the best and most adaptable options'. The practice is jointly headed by Khalid Alkhateeb and Abdulaziz Alkhateeb, the latter of whom is known for his 'integrity, knowledge, experience and advisory skills', which he leverages in banking and real estate sector disputes. Fawaz Alkhateeb is also noted; he was instructed in multiple disputes in the real estate and medical services industries.