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AL OULA LAW FIRM (ADEL ABDULHADI & PARTNERS) > THE LEGAL 500 RANKINGS

KUWAIT > DISPUTE RESOLUTION **TIER 1**

Founding partner **Adel Abdulhadi** is the lead figure in the dispute resolution team at **Al Oula Law Firm (Adel Abdulhadi & Partners)**, specialising in civil, commercial, criminal, constitutional and real estate cases. The firm continues to grow its white-collar crime defence practice, often representing high-profile political and entertainment figures. Human rights cases and matters of national security are also its key areas of strength. Counsel **Mohammad Shaaban** assists Abdulhadi in criminal cases.

Leading individuals

Adel Abdulhadi - Al Oula Law Firm (Adel Abdulhadi & Partners)

Practice head(s):

Adel Abdulhadi

Other key lawyers:

Mohammad Shaaban

Work highlights

- Defending a public figure in a high-profile case relating to allegations of misuse of public funds.
- Filing a direct challenge to the constitutionality of article 148 of Civil and Commercial Procedure Law.
- Defending a client in the automotive industry against several claims brought by customers to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for



TOP TIER FIRM RANKINGS

- Dispute resolution
- Intellectual property

FIRM RANKINGS

- Banking and finance
- Commercial, corporate and M&A

commercial fraud, and criminal claims before the Public Prosecution, including money-laundering allegations.

KUWAIT > INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY **TIER 1**

KUWAIT > BANKING AND FINANCE **TIER 2**

Clients praise **Al Oula Law Firm (Adel Abdulhadi & Partners)** as 'exceptional' and highly recommend the firm for its capabilities in investment banking transactions, project finance and the management of investment portfolios, specifically across the real estate and construction, energy and pharmaceutical sectors. **Fayez Al Dosari** represents lenders and borrowers in project finance and capital markets transactions. **Sanabil Jafar** heads the international banking law offering.

Next Generation Partners

Sanabil Jafar – **Al Oula Law Firm (Adel Abdulhadi & Partners)**

Practice head(s):

Fayez Al Dosari; Sanabil Jafar

Testimonials

'Wonderful lawyers and an exceptional firm.'

Work highlights

- Advised a client in negotiations with Doha Bank Kuwait to restructure the loan facility given to the client for its business operations.
 - Assisted a client with obtaining a loan facility from Commercial Bank of Kuwait amounting to \$97m.
 - Advised a leading international company in the energy industry, which has a branch in Kuwait, on the Kuwaiti legal and regulatory framework for the distribution of intercompany receivables among its group of companies, including the Kuwaiti branch.
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KUWAIT > COMMERCIAL, CORPORATE AND M&A **TIER 2**

At **Al Oula Law Firm (Adel Abdulhadi & Partners)**, practice co-head **Sanabil Jafar** focuses on cross-border commercial and M&A transactions, while fellow co-head **Fayez Al Dosari** primarily handles domestic commercial and corporate work. Senior associate **Dolly Sleem** is also a figure of note for corporate and commercial matters, particularly in the oil and gas space, both within Kuwait and across the region.



Next Generation Partners

Sanabil Jafar - Al Oula Law Firm (Adel Abdulhadi & Partners)

Practice head(s):

Sanabil Jafar; Fayez Al Dosari

Other key lawyers:

Dolly Sleem

Testimonials

'Very good at understanding the clients' needs and have expertise in multiple disciplines.'

'Valued for their professional and systematic approach, and discipline in achieving deadlines.'

Work highlights

- Advised a client on the sale of its shares in one of its Kuwaiti subsidiaries to a British Virgin Islands company.
- Advised a client on the Kuwaiti legal framework to enter into a partnership with a regional company and establish a company in Kuwait to carry out upstream oil and gas services, including drilling and workover projects.
- Advised a client on the Kuwaiti legal and regulatory framework related to the process of selling shareholders' shares in the company to cover the shareholders' debts, and on the shareholders' rights to use their loans in the company to cover a future increase in the company's capital.

AL OULA LAW FIRM (ADEL ABDULHADI & PARTNERS) > FIRM PROFILE

Al Oula Law Firm was founded in 2002 by Adel Abdulhadi and was initially involved in litigation practice. Gradually AOLF developed and expanded to become a full service law firm offering an extensive range of legal services in all aspects of the law whether civil, commercial, corporate, criminal, financial or administrative.

The international law department of AOLF was established in 2008 and handles all the firm's transactions and legal matters bearing a foreign element. The firm represents domestic and international clients assisting with their legal needs in Kuwait and other jurisdictions. AOLF's team is comprised of committed, deeply knowledgeable and well informed attorneys and legal consultants with extensive hands-on experience in the legal field. The firm works in close cooperation with reputable international law firms in order to provide first class advice for clients seeking to do business or resolve their legal affairs in other jurisdictions.

The firm is active in the field of constitutional law. The local department, headed by Adel Abdulhadi, has submitted many challenges before the Kuwait constitutional court seeking to revoke various laws deemed unconstitutional, being in contradiction with the principles of Kuwait

constitution, rules of international law and terms of treaties signed by Kuwait. To name a few of these: Law of Public Meetings and Gatherings (No. 65/1979), Legislative Decree on the establishment of the Public Anti-Corruption Authority and the provisions on financial disclosure (No. 24/2012), DNA law (No. 78/2015) and lately the Law on Conflict of Interest (No. 13/2018).

AOLF worked on one of the largest human rights cases of the century, 'the detainees in Guantanamo Bay'. The firm represented one of the detainees, a Kuwaiti citizen, who was held in Guantanamo Bay since 2002. In January 2016 the firm's client was released and returned to Kuwait after 14 years of imprisonment in Guantanamo.

AOLF's aim is to provide timely, effective, excellent and affordable legal services to clients, putting their interests first at all times. The firm's commitment to its clients is based on integrity, excellence and a deep understanding of the law which continues to guide AOLF's practice.

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	Mr Sameh Al Serwi	Chief Legal Advisor	View Profile

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	Mr Mohammad Shaaban	Senior Legal Advisor – Criminal Law	View Profile
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Arabic
English
French

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