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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: United Arab Emirates

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

M.A., (Law), Clare College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1995;
B.A., (Law-honors), Clare College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1988-91.

Special Mention:

Awarded the "Professional Achievement Award" in the Women's Middle East Achievement Awards 2003 and The "Emirates Business Women Award 2005".

LANGUAGES

English
Arabic: spoken and oral comprehension

PRESENT POSITION

Legal Consultant, Dubai, UAE specializing in Intellectual Property. Has considerable experience in all aspects of IP & IT Law including filing and prosecution of local and foreign patents and designs, advice on patent litigation, liaising with the Industrial Property Directorate regarding international treaties and further extending legal support and technical assistance to them. Attained international recognition as a leading IP lawyer in the Middle East and received various awards and accolades by international legal ranking firms such as Chambers Global, Legal 500, Pacific Business Press, The PLC, etc. Experience includes all aspects of IP from Registration to Enforcement & Litigation. Has managed the litigation of landmark/precedent cases in the UAE and managed enforcement campaigns throughout the region.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Trade Mark Attorney, Haseltine Lake Trademarks, London, UK, October 1991 – February 1995;
Managing Partner and Head of the IP/IT Department, Al Tamimi & Co, Dubai, UAE, October 1995-
December 2009.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property – copyrights and trademarks generally;
Information Technology, Media and Telecommunications.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

International Bar Association (IBA);
Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA);
International Trade Mark Association (INTA).

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

19 years' experience;
Attorney;
All matters related to trademarks and copyrights.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Domain name registration;
Legal actions against domain name infringers;
Strategy;
Single Panelist in one domain name dispute;
Consultant in eBay case in the UAE.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Has published a number of articles on various aspects of Intellectual Property:

- Intellectual Property in the U.A.E.;
- An overview of Intellectual Property Rights in the U.A.E.;
- IP Enforcement and Litigation in the U.A.E. published by Globe White Page – Building and Enforcing Intellectual Property Value in 2003 (An international guide for the boardroom 2003);
- Internet & Intellectual Property: Domain Names – Trademark & Copyright Infringements - G.C.C. Legal Developments;
- Gulf countries have strengthened protection of Intellectual Property Rights;
- E-commerce and the U.A.E. Law;
- Copyrights in the G.C.C. States;
- Overview of Litigation in the U.A.E.

Conferences:

Speaker, two International Bar Association Conferences (Lebanon, Prague & U.A.E.);
Speaker, numerous World Intellectual Property Organization (W.I.P.O.) conferences throughout the region;
Speaker, several Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry Trade Mark and Copyright Conferences;
Speaker, Pharmaceutical Trade Mark Group conference in London in March 2004;
Speaker, International Anti-Counterfeit Coalition (IACC) annual conference in the US in May 2004;
Speaker, Federal Customs Roundtable Meeting Dubai in October 2005;
Speaker, Women in Management International Forum in London in December 2005;

Speaker, International Business Women Group (I.B.W.G.) in Abu Dhabi in December 2005;
Panel member, Emirates Businesswomen Award for 2006;
Speaker, 4th Middle East Food Marketing Forum 2006 in Dubai in May 2006;
Speaker, IT Seminar organised by the Dubai Internet City in June 2006;
Speaker, Global Forum on Intellectual Property 2006 organised by IP Academy in Singapore in August 2006;
Speaker, W.I.P.O. Regional Workshop about Enforcement in Dubai November 2006;
Speaker, Jordan Intellectual Property Week Conference in December in Jordan;
Speaker, meeting organised by the French Business Council in December 2006;
Speaker, Brand Finance Forum on Understanding the Value of Nation and Location Branding organized by the Brand Finance Institute in September 2007 in London;
Speaker, Brand Finance Forum on an Expert Approach to Brand Valuation and Brand Management in October 2007 in Dubai;
Speaker, Telecommunications Law and Regulations in the Middle East 2007 Conference organized by Informa in September 2007 in Dubai;
Speaker, Global Business Women and Leaders Summit in March 2008 in Dubai.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Acted as Legal Consultant in over 100 court cases in all levels of the court in the UAE since 1995.
Primary subject matters were copyright and trademark infringement.
Worked in advisory role for many clients on strategy for litigation.
Settlement of claims.
Trade name disputes.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

Participant, WIPO Mediation Workshop, New York, May 1999.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

WIPO Seminar on Arbitration in Domain Name Disputes.
