

Mr. Samir Salloum
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Mr. Samir Salloum is the managing partner of a law firm with offices in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah and which he first established in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in 1983. His firm has since been recognised as a leading player in the UAE with both local and cross-jurisdictional expertise.

Mr. Salloum holds the office of Foreign Trade Counselor to the French Government, a position he has held for many years. In January 2013, Adv. Salloum was elected to the office of the President of the French Business Group (FBG) of Abu Dhabi.

He is one among the arbitrators on the panels of both the Abu Dhabi Commercial Conciliation and Arbitration Centre (ADCCAC) and of the Ras Al Khaimah Commercial Arbitration Centre. He is a longstanding member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). He is also a Door Tenant and Associate with Outer Temple Chambers, based in London.

Mr. Salloum has been a member of various National Committees entrusted with legislative responsibilities for both the Federation of the UAE and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. He has acted as the internal legal advisor for the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCI) for over 15 years, and remains the chamber's external legal counsel. As the expert appointed by the United Nations Development Project (UNDP) he was tasked with reorganizing the commercial section of the Municipality of Dubai. He is also a well acclaimed lecturer on the corporate, commercial and banking laws in the UAE.

First called to the Beirut Bar, Lebanon in 1969, Mr. Salloum was subsequently admitted to the French Bar, and was for many years an advocate pleading at the Federal Courts in the UAE and Courts of Abu Dhabi. His academic achievements include Master's Degrees in French Law, Lebanese Law and Political Science. He handles English, Arabic and French with equal ease.

Mr. Salloum has been honored with numerous international governmental and other awards for his distinguished services and civil achievements, notably:

- a. French National Order of Merit, rank of *Chevalier* (Knight); and
- b. Italian National Order of Merit, rank of *Cavaliere* (Knight);
- c. Italian National Order of Merit, rank of *Commendatore* (Commodore);
- d. Spanish National Order of Civil Merit, rank of *Caballero* (Knight);
- e. Belgian National Order of Leopold II, rank of *Chevalier* (Knight).