

# Dr. Rashid Bin Shabib

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**Bin Shabib & Associates (BSA) LLP**  
**Lawyers & Legal Consultants**

**Dr. Rashid Bin Shabib (BSA) LLP**  
**Founding Partner**

## **General Overview**

Dr Rashid Bin Shabib is a well known and a respected participant in legal, business and social circles within the UAE. His unique set of skills combining international legal expertise with successful business acumen brings to the table much sought after capabilities.

Dr. Rashid has applied his global experience of both working and studying abroad to setting up one of the region's most respected local law firms, **Bin Shabib and Associates (BSA) LLP**. Through this firm he has assisted and continues to assist many international and local companies to both set up and operate in the often unique business environment of the Middle East. Dr Rashid also consults and uses his management skills and personal experience to assist individual business's in their day to day operations and business decisions across a wide variety of industries such as finance, trading, real estate, construction and publishing.

Dr. Rashid's philosophy is one based on increased knowledge and education. As such he is a committed educator in the field of law and a recognised contributor to formation of the legislative and social growth of the UAE. He is a member of a number of governmental and educational institutions. His articles and opinions are part of the daily media publications in Arabic and English languages, covering the UAE and the Gulf countries.

## **Law Firm**

Dr. Rashid founded, Bin Shabib & Associates (BSA), in his home city of Dubai in 2001 after many years practising in the UAE office of Clifford Chance, recognised as one of the world's top tier global Law Firms. In 2006 Bin Shabib and Associates (BSA) LLP became the first Law firm to be registered within the Dubai International Finance Centre (DIFC). Bin Shabib and Associates (BSA) is currently expanding at a remarkably fast speed to meet the increasing demand caused by ever changing developments at a global level and at the moment is actively investigating opening branches in some regional countries, notably Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan. It is also expected that BSA in time will have branches in some of the European countries as well as North America, as such rendering its law services at a greatly expanded regional and worldwide level.

Relatively young, the firm's enthusiastic commercial approach to the law reflects the meteoric growth of the firm. The firm is recognised within the law industry and by business in the region as a highly professional and reliable practitioner and as such its services are actively sought by companies and individuals requiring legal support. Currently the team comprises of 35 lawyers in its offices throughout the Emirates.

Dr. Rashid and Bin Shabib and Associates (BSA) LLP advise multinational clients, governments and local businesses on different aspects of UAE and international commercial laws. Dr Rashid in particular has been heavily involved in advising on international arbitrations under the Rules of the International Chamber of Commerce as well as the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Just some of the varied corporate transactions handled by the team of Dr. Rashid include:

- legal structuring of a multi-million dollar real estate projects in the UAE
- assisting and advising investors on setting up businesses in the UAE and formation of several projects at Dubailand, a major regional real estate development combining entertainment, business and community facilities
- successful private placements for several private joint stock companies in the UAE
- legal advice for the number of IPO projects for listing on various stock exchanges
- advising the Gulf Governments on corporatization and privatization within several industries including hospitality, air charter and telecom

In addition to its Commercial and Construction Practices, BSA is highly regarded and well recognized for its Litigation practice; the firm's lawyers have exceptional trial experience and are prepared to proceed to trial when it is both the best course of action and in the client's interest. The Litigation Practice is one of the key platforms that make Bin Shabib and Associates (BSA) LLP unique in being able to provide the full spectrum of legal services to its International Clients.

### **Official and Governmental Institutions' Involvement**

Dr. Rashid is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dubai's Government Department of Health and Medical Services (DOHMS). It plays an important role in operating hospitals and health centers, as well as licensing and supervising the emirate's health sector.

Other official organisations like the Federal Ministry of Economy and Trade and the Dubai Chamber of Commerce often consult with Dr. Rashid on legal matters.

### **Educational & Non-Commercial Activities**

Dr. Rashid is an active and prominent player within in the UAE and the greater GCC, in the field of education and for his involvement in encouraging and educating the next generation of Emirati's.

Currently, Dr. Rashid is a lecturer at the College of Law- Sharjah University. He is the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Dubai Medical College for Girls, a recognised medical institution. He is an honoured lecturer on aspects of civil law at

the Dubai Police Academy.

Highly regarded for his scientific approach to business, Dr Rashid is well versed in the implementation of theoretical experiences and putting the same into practice. As an educator and a mentor, he also encourages his students to put their theoretical expertise into practice.

He is also known for sharing his opinion in public on issues to do with both regional multicultural society, and global issues and offers insightful and thought provoking contributions at the national level on cultural, legal and economic matters. Several leading national and GCC publications are constantly seeking Dr. Rashid's opinion and legal advice. Regular articles appear in Arabic and English daily publications including *Al Bayan*, *Al Khaleej* and *Gulf News*, in addition to the variety of magazines.

## Education

University of London (Year 2005) UK

### **Doctor of Laws(LL.D.)**

Washington College of Law (1997) USA

### **LL.M in International Business Law**

UAE University (1993) UAE

### **LL.B in Sharia'a and Law**

## Career

**Clifford Chance Dubai (1998 – 2000)** UAE

- Acting for and on behalf of Clifford Chance before all UAE Courts.
- Advising on UAE Laws.
- Counsel for Clifford Chance under Consultancy Agreement to act on their behalf before all UAE Courts, Judicial and Government Authorities.
- Underwent training on anti money laundering policies, procedures and systems and gradually started advising various clients regarding appropriate anti money laundering programmes and strategies.

## Relevant experience

**Bin Shabib & Associates (Since 2000)** UAE  
*Founding Partner*

- One of the largest law firms in Dubai Licensed before all UAE Courts

## Commercial

- Involved in drafting, reviewing and negotiating a wide range of commercial contracts,

corporate matters, setting up legal entities / companies in the GCC.

- Advising on pension / employee benefit schemes.
- Advising on liquidation litigation in the UAE.
- Trademark infringement litigation.
- Advising on international construction arbitrations under both Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry and International Chamber of Commerce Rules.
- Advising major local construction companies in arbitration proceedings under Dubai Municipality Rules.

### **Corporate**

- Advising on a variety of corporate issues within GCC. Preparing, reviewing and negotiating a wide range of legal agreements such as joint venture management, technical services, technology transfer, shareholder and asset acquisition / disposal agreements.
- Advising on corporate structure and negotiating local representative agreements for multinational clients within GCC.

### **Maritime**

- Acting for Dubai Dry Docks on negotiating complex specialized contracts for LPSO conversation and advising on amendments to General Terms and Conditions.
- Acting for major UAE national sea – carrier on negotiations of new building contract, vessel acquisition, and ship financing in addition to advising on environmental issues.
- Acting on wide ranging P & I matters on behalf of ship-owners/clubs before various GCC jurisdictions.
- Acting for major LNG product carrier on negotiating long-term LNG lifting contracts, ship management agreements and charter party negotiations and disputes.

### **Areas of Practice**

Primarily in area of corporate matters relating to:

- Acquisition, takeover and merges,
- Acquisitions of brand and other intellectual and immovable properties,
- Court procedures for amalgamation and reduction of capital,
- Foreign collaborations, joint ventures and technology transfers,
- Intellectual property rights related matters such as registration, assignments, licenses, franchising, Technology transfer and confidentiality contracts, distribution and marketing contracts, toll manufacturing,
- Project finance for Ports and Terminals, acquisition of Ships,
- Contested matters relating to intellectual properties, commercial litigations and arbitrations.

### **Role as an AMLO**

Undergone extensive training during my tenure to carry out the firm's Anti Money Laundering Policy.

### **Languages Spoken**

Dr. Rashid is perfect in four spoken and written languages, including:

English, French and Hindi  
Arabic (Mother Tongue)