



Ian Edge

Year of Call: 1981

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Family

Ian regularly advises Middle East clients on all aspects of private international law, Islamic law and Middle East law as regards family, inheritance and property matters. He has advised members of the Royal Families of Bahrain, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Jordan as well as many of the wealthiest families in the Middle East on all manner of matrimonial and succession problems.

- He was the expert on Saudi law in the Supreme Court case of Re S
- He was the expert for the applicant on Saudi law in the case of Harb v King Fahd
- He was the only non-Saudi expert on Saudi inheritance and trust law in the case of Al-Hamrani which is the longest running case in Guernsey legal history
- He drafted a bilateral treaty on child abduction between Egypt and the UK (which was never used).

Recommendations

Ian Edge – 3PB 'He is guru on Sharia law, having taught it for many years and handled numerous cases. Stellar'

Legal 500 2025/Middle East: The English Bar/Commercial/Leading juniors – Tier 1

Ian Edge – 3PB 'His knowledge of the law of the Middle East is outstanding. He really has cornered the market.'

Legal 500 2024/Middle East: The English Bar/Commercial/Leading juniors – Tier 1

Ian Edge is ranked as a Tier 1 Leading junior in the Legal 500 Middle East: The English Bar for his commercial expertise.

Legal 500 2023/Middle East: The English Bar/Commercial/Leading juniors – Tier 1

'Ian is very knowledgeable about the UAE legal system and, more broadly, its relationship with the political system. To the extent that the law is not clear, Ian nonetheless gives pragmatic and usable advice.'

Legal 500 2022/Middle East: The English Bar/Commercial/Leading juniors

Academic qualifications

- MA (Cantab)
- LLB (Cantab)

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Law Lecturer, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- Chartered Arbitrator
- Accredited Mediator (Clerksroom)

Professional bodies

- Legislative Council of the Dubai International Finance Centre (DIFC)
- MCI Arb
- MEI
- President of Family Division's International Committee (as expert on Islamic and Middle East Law)
- Director of the Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law
- SOAS University of London (where he teaches all aspects of Islamic and Middle East law, at Masters level as well as Masters courses on international commercial arbitration, international fraud and private international law).