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Mizan Abdulrouf

Year of call: 2007 | Year of silk:

About

Mizan enjoys a broad practice at the Bar which includes Family, Sharia (Islamic Law), Crime and Commercial litigation. He is a CEDR Accredited Mediator. Mizan has expertise in all areas of family law including Islamic Law (Sharia Law); matrimonial finance and related proceedings; public law children work; private law, contested contact and residence disputes; and non-molestation injunction proceedings involving domestic violence. Mizan has experience of obtaining mirror orders in the Middle East, and has knowledge of family rights within Islamic law, as well as rights conferred via Islamic Nikkah (marriage) contracts. Between 2011 and 2014, Mizan was Legal Assistant to [then] commercial barrister Robin Knowles CBE QC, as of October 2014 the Hon Mr Justice Knowles CBE. This role has allowed Mizan to gain a wealth of experience within the environment of contract law, bankruptcy and corporate insolvency and reconstruction, mediation, arbitration, commercial litigation and company law. Mizan assisted with legal research on various aspects of counsels practice and with the encouragement and development of Pro Bono work nationally and internationally. Mizan gained commercial trial experience, equivalent to that of a second junior in major cases. Examples include: (a) He assisted counsel in the case of New Cap RE v AE Grant, which went to the Supreme Court of England and Wales. A landmark case of 2012, the question for the Supreme Court was when enforcement of a foreign judgment may be effected at common law, or under the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933 or through the Insolvency Act 1986, s 426. (b) Mizan also assisted on a contract and partnership trial in the Chancery Division of the High Court; and (c) He assisted with a Commercial Court trial (with experts) concerning the validity of a multinational restructuring. Mizan also assisted with two Civil Justice Council initiatives: A Response on behalf of the Civil Justice Council to the Draft Defamation Bill Consultation; and the Civil Justice Council Report (and following work) on Access to Justice for Litigants in Person. Pro Bono Mizan has a strong commitment to pro bono and has been involved in the development of projects at local and international level. Jan 2006- date: Pro Bono in the LMC (PBLMC). (Founder and Director) London Muslim Centre (LMC), Whitechapel Road, London E1 1JX At PBLMC, Mizan had led the arrangement of a number of seminal speeches and seminars: Organised the trip to London and keynote speech of the Chief Justice of Rwanda entitled Rwanda, Past Present and Future (2013) A conference co-organised with Oxfam on the United World (2012) Evolving World: international law speech by ICJ President H.E Hisashi Owada (2012) Forced Marriage, Law, Religion and Practice with Sir Mark Potter, then President of the Family Division of the High Court) and Sir James Munby, current President of the Family Division (2010) Lord Chief Justice (Lord Phillips) unique keynote speech on Equality in Justice (2008) 2013 to date, Advisor to the Pro Bono Project in the British Virgin Islands International Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre, (DOHA) Mizan has a detailed understanding of the QICDRC and is able to both represent clients in the QICDRC and advise on the procedure applicable.

Practice Areas

- Family Law
- Regulatory And Disciplinary Law
- International Law
- Public Law
- Immigration Law
- Civil Law
- Criminal Law

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Languages

- English
- Bengali
- Hindi
- Urdu

Publications and Lectures

Qatar Law Forum, Junior Lawyers session, (Joint Chair) 2012

Australian Biennial Access to Justice Conference 2009

Risk Advisory Council 2009

Bar Conference (England & Wales) 2008

The Pro Bono Conference 2008

Awards

2013 CEDR Scholarship for CEDR Mediation Course

2006 Middle Temple Scholarship (Major award), Diplock Scholarship

Appointments

2012 to date, Vice Chair, UK Board of Sharia Councils

2012, Qatar Law Forum, Member of the International Organising Committee

2011 to date, Trustee of Richard House Childrens Hospice

2010 to date, Trustee, East London Mosque and London Muslim Centre (LMC)

Education

2013 CEDR Accredited Mediator

2007 Called to the Bar of England & Wales by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

2007 Bar Vocational Course, The College of Law, London.

2006 LLB (Hons) Law, The School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London.

In addition to the black letter subjects Mizan studied Islamic Law. He also undertook an independent study project on the Recognition of Muslim Family Law within the Scope of the English Divorce Law.

The project required an interview with Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss GBE the former President of the Family Division.

1994 Financial Services and their Regulations parts 1/2/ and 3. SFA Securities Representative.

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COURSES

2013 Advanced International Advocacy Course at Keble College (August 2013), 1994 Government Debt

Languages

Bengali (Sylheti)

Hindi (spoken)

Urdu (basic)

Arabic (basic)

Quotes

Mizan was an invaluable asset to my case. He discussed with me very difficult matters in a friendly and approachable way with great explanation to ensure I fully understood the situation. Above all else his manner is natural and likeable and he has integrity, so whilst it is never a great day in court he carries you through it smoothly and keeps your spirits high. On the day Mizan delivered a better result than I could have expected.
Client