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About Us

For more than twenty years, CLF has proudly served the business market in the Middle-East and the GCC before starting to expand by providing distinguished legal services to businessmen and bodies in several western countries around the world.

Our integrated professional legal staff and through our offices around the world, is keen to provide the clients different sort of legal and related services enabling them to grow up their businesses benefiting from our international legal experience and wide perspective.

We develop innovative solutions, ethical and business standards as well as sustainable high quality legal services.

In 2005 we developed a strategic alliance with GREENFIELDS LLP® developing more our Oil & Gas, Sustainable Development, Environmental and Energy law practices.

*We adhere to the
highest standards of legal excellence*

Long-standing client relationships are one of the surest barometers of a law firm's success in meeting its clients' needs for legal services. Our lawyers pride themselves on developing continuing client relationships that are productive & professional.

We adhere to the highest standards of legal excellence, and the highest standards of service. Our attorneys are widely respected for the depth of their industry knowledge, and for being responsive, efficient, and easy to work with.

Our goal at CLF International is to provide a level of performance and satisfaction that demonstrates to both clients and peers nothing less than the best legal service available.





Our Vision

We aim to provide the highest caliber of comprehensive, high quality, state of the art expected legal services driven by the following core values:

- To serve our clients needs and ensure legal protection of their interests worldwide.
- Committed to the highest principles of ethics, honesty and integrity.
- Continuous enhancement of the challenging and rewarding working environment
- To remain a high quality firm which delivers exceptional legal services.

Highest Caliber Of Comprehensive Legal Services





CLF International Practice Areas

Our local and International practice areas include:

Administrative Law and Regulation

- CLF has a reputed highly effective administrative law and regulation practice. We assist our clients in all aspects of the administrative process before administrative courts at all levels.

Antitrust and Trade Regulation

- We provide antitrust audits and preparing corporate compliance manuals
- Enforcement of intellectual property rights
- Structuring mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures
- Trade Secrets and Non-Competition issues, including drafting of agreements, formulation of corporate strategies to protect trade secrets
- Franchise issues, including drafting of disclosure documentation and litigation involving franchise termination/ breach.

Bank Regulatory

Our banking and financial institutions regulatory experience includes the following:

- Drafting and Reviewing banking and financial agreements (e.g. Credit Facilities, ...)
- Advising financial institutions and underwriters regarding capital raising and corporate restructuring matters, including initial public offerings (IPOs), trust preferred securities, and asset securitizations
- Counseling financial institutions in supervisory and enforcement matters





CLF International Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

- Our lawyers are keen to provide you with the best of their wide knowledge in bankruptcy and debtor-creditor laws and have vast experience in all aspects of law surrounding financially troubled companies. Our services range from negotiating out-of-court work-outs to litigating or resolving an array of issues prior to or during bankruptcy proceedings.

Canada

We can help International investors and people, who are seeking to invest/migrate to Canada and before engaging their companies and themselves in a business venture; by providing them with substantial experience in the following areas:

- Immigration Issues
- Setting up companies
- Regulatory Filings
- Intellectual Property Registration and Litigation
- Tax Planning and Foreign Exchange Issues
- Auditing
- Accounting
- Real Estate Investments
- Rental
- University Registration
- Translation Services
- Legal Consultancies

Commercial Litigation

-Our attorneys explore the risks and benefits of cost-effective strategies, such as alternative dispute resolution, mediation and arbitration. Nevertheless, we have the necessary experience to meet clients' business and commercial needs where litigation may result.





CLF International Practice Areas

Construction Law

- Drafting and negotiating agreements with contractors, construction managers, subcontractors, suppliers, developers, architects, engineers, lenders and labor unions
- Compliance with local regulations
- Real Estate registration
- Finishing all necessary papers

Corporate Finance/ Corporate Governance

- We can help companies create a new compliance and ethics program or improve their existing one, Our services include:
 - Designing risk assessment processes tailored to each client's specific circumstances.
 - Training boards of directors and audit committees about their duties in overseeing their company's compliance and ethics program.
 - Designing employee training programs, including delivery of substantive training in the areas of law that are most significant to a company's business.
 - Reviewing compliance performance
 - Conducting internal legal investigations (Audits).
 - We assess and audit the status of our clients' existing policies and procedures in relation to best practices as well as applicable requirements.
 - We provide local and international expertise in negotiating business agreements.





CLF International Practice Areas

Corporate / Commercial Law (Setting up companies)

- Establishing all kinds of companies worldwide, including limited partnership companies, limited liability companies, public shareholding companies, foreign companies, holdings, and offshore companies.
- We offer our clients the services required after establishing their companies, naming for instance amending the articles and memorandum of association, licenses registration, IP registration and protection, Trade Name protection, registering with the Income and Sales Tax Department, the chamber of commerce and industry, the Social Security Office , conducting due diligence and providing legal and financial auditing.

-We can provide companies with Auditing and Accounting services

Employment Law

- Representing employers and employees before Labor Courts
- Preparation of employee manuals, internal regulations, employment application forms, etc.
- Employment contracts
- Compliance

Energy Law

- Our lawyers are involved in energy matters and are highly skilled in energy agreements, litigation, transactions, regulatory matters and dispute resolution.
- Advising on foreign investment in the energy sector, cross-border trade in energy resources and participation in international energy projects.





CLF International Practice Areas

Telecommunications & Technology Law

- Assisting telephone carriers in obtaining licenses
- Defending VoIP companies before the Courts of law
- Compliance with MOT (Ministry of Telecom) regulations
- Telecom Agreements (Interconnection Agreements, Cooperation Agreements, Bilateral Peering Agreements, ...)

Environmental & Sustainable Development Law

- We provide legal consultancies and litigation services with respect to Sustainable Development Issues in fields of Health Law, Pharmaceutical Law, Biosafety, Biotechnology, ...
- Conducting researches on Environmental Issues through our “INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (ICSES)”

Family Law

Providing all sorts of legal services in this respect from birth up to enforcement of post mortem agreements and successions, naming for instance:

- Newborn registration
- Prenuptial agreements
- Marriage registration and Cancellation
- Dissolution and Divorce
- Adoption
- Child Psychology
- Legal Psychology Auditing
- Pre- and Post-Adoption Counsel





CLF International Practice Areas

Franchise Law

Drafting and Reviewing:

- Franchise agreements
- Franchise offering circulars
- Area development agreements
- Master franchise agreements
- Confidentiality and non-compete agreements

Immigration Law

Our lawyers are specialized in all types of immigration services to Canada , including:

- Applications for permanent residence such as skilled workers, entrepreneurs, investors, and family sponsorship
- Applications for temporary residence including Canada work permits, student visas, and visitor visas
- Other visa applications and citizenship applications.
- We also provide a full range of immigration litigation services

Litigation and International Arbitration (ADR)

We cover all areas of litigation services as well as ADR which typically includes arbitration, mediation, early neutral evaluation, and conciliation. Our practice crosses all borders joining between common and civil law systems including Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP).

We are admitted to arbitrate before several International bodies, knowing:

- The GCC Commercial Arbitration Center
- The Lebanese section of the ICC
- The American Arbitration Association





CLF International Practice Areas

Intellectual Property

-Our experienced team handles all issues related to copyright, trademarks, patents, industrial designs and trade secrets legal actions. Our range of services includes:

- Trademarks, Patents, Designs, Trade Secrets and Copyrights Registration

We provide our customers with different services starting from International registration, to prosecution, providing maintenance, licensing and counseling with regards to trademarks, patents, copyrights and industrial designs and models.

Our lawyers are capable to negotiating, preparing, and drafting IP agreements; Deeds of Assignment; Distribution of copyrights through licensing; Enforcing author's rights and agreements and other related rights; Distribution of copyrights through licensing; Enforcing author's rights and agreements and other related rights; Anti-Counterfeiting and continuous market search; IP Auditing; Patents drafting; IP renewals; Domain Name protection; IP Translation.

- International IP Enforcement and Litigation services

Our IP litigation team is perfectly dedicated to the enforcement of the client's intellectual property rights before the Courts of law and administrative bodies.

- Drafting and Reviewing IP Legislations

Our team has already played a key role in the implementation of the TRIPs system into IP laws in Lebanon.

- Providing oral and written legal Consultancy Services including studies and researches

