



YOUNG LAWYERS MENTORING PROGRAMME

About us



Abdulla Ziad Galadari

Galadari, Senior Partner
United Arab Emirates

Abdulla Ziad Galadari is a Senior Partner within Galadari Advocates & Legal Consultants, where he is the principal professional behind the growth strategies of many private and public organisations, who today continue to develop under his strategic input.

He is a key influencer across the UAE, having supported a diverse range of businesses and senior dignitaries to navigate the legal framework of the country. Furthermore, he has been recognised as a regional 'Leading Professional' by Legal 500.



Christo H Siebrits

Abbvie, Area Legal Counsel JEMA

Christo heads up the International legal team responsible for major markets outside the US (excluding Western Europe and Canada).

He has twenty years of experience in the pharmaceutical sector and has worked for several multinational companies, including Reckitt Benckiser and AstraZeneca, during his legal career.

He is passionate about team development and unlocking opportunities for the business.



Faizal Latheef

AbbVie, Regional Legal Counsel
Middle East and Africa

Faizal has over two decades of professional experience, in private practice and in-house roles, working with some of the top-tier organizations in the Middle East and India, including Baker McKenzie.

He believes that every individual has seamless potential, and enjoys mentoring. He comes from a totally 'non-legal' background, and is keen to identify and mentor talented young lawyers from diverse backgrounds.



Raka Roy

Galadari, Head of IP & Data Protection
United Arab Emirates

Raka is the Head of IP & Data Protection at Galadari Advocates & Legal Consultants, and specialises in Commercial and Intellectual Property matters. Raka Roy brings a wealth of experience in high profile projects and transactions in IP Auditing, advisory roles for any IP or commercial IP issues, IP prosecution, brand clearance and opposition, anti-counterfeiting and all the related contentious issues.

Her greatest strength is her ability to manage clients coming from diverse backgrounds and industries, including fashion, FMCG, real estate, retail, automotive, by advising on practical steps and offering logical conclusions to on-going IP disputes



Maria Fernanda Espitia

AbbVie, Regional Legal Counsel
Region North, Colombia

Maria Fernanda was graduated from Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia and is a specialist in commercial law. She also earned an International MBA tittle from Instituto de Empresa in Madrid, Spain.

She has over 20 years of labor experience starting in Law firms in Colombia and then in the pharmaceutical industry as inhouse regional lawyer for several markets in Latin America at Abbott and AbbVie. In addition to her experience as an associate in law firms and regional inhouse lawyer, she has participated in several global projects such as culture ambassadors program for 7 years and is currently a member of the AbbVie OUS taskforce for Equality, Diversity



Damla Tekin

EEMEA, Area Legal Lead, Allergan Aesthetics,
an Abbvie company

Damla Tekin is a Turkish qualified lawyer, with more than 15 years of experience gained in various industries (FMCG, Healthcare) as in-house counsel for multinational companies in Turkey and Dubai.

She has experience in corporate law, competition law, IP law, healthcare compliance in different business models. She enjoys partnering with people to share personal and professional experience as she believes in the value of learning from and with each other's knowledge, experience, and wisdom.



Suzanne Soo

AbbVie, Regional Legal Counsel
Asia, Australia and New Zealand

Suzanne Soo is the Regional Legal Counsel, d at AbbVie. She is an experienced in-house legal counsel having spent 10 years at AbbVie and in top-tier organizations including Shell.

She has extensive regional experience in the pharmaceutical industry advising on a broad range of matters including competition laws, anti-corruption, compliance and corporate commercial matters. Suzanne is a strong believer in people development and continuous learning.



Sergejs Dilevka

Galadari, Senior Associate, Dispute Resolution
United Arab Emirates

Sergejs has more than 13 years of experience in advising and representing multinational companies and high-net-worth individuals in a wide range of complex institutional (ICC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, SCC, SCIA, DIAC, GCC CAC) and ad hoc international and domestic arbitration proceedings.

His experience covers a wide range of industries, sectors, and types of disputes, including commercial, real estate, transportation, energy, construction, and franchise and distribution agreements.



Camila Marchant

AbbVie, Legal Director
Brazil and Co-Head Latin America

Camila is a Brazilian qualified lawyer, married, and has vast experience in private practice, in particular with corporate, antitrust, administrative litigation, contracts and compliance matters. She started working with AbbVie in 2014 as a senior legal manager.

Today, as Legal Director Camila is responsible for the management for the legal function in Brazil and for providing legal support for LATAM management team. She is also a member of the local and regional leadership teams. She is very enthusiastic in people development.



Manar Hassan

Galadari, Paralegal, Litigation and Corporate Team
United Arab Emirates

Manar is a First-Class LL.B. Hons Graduate from Middlesex University with mentoring experience, and now a corporate and litigation paralegal focusing on commercial agreements including Articles of Associations, board resolutions, company establishment and assists with case management and conducting extensive legal research in labour, civil, and criminal disputes as well as various other litigation procedures.

Prior to Galadari, Manar has completed a wide range of legal internships in the region with prominent companies and law firms namely KPMG, Al Tamimi & Co and Wall Street Exchange LLC. She is experienced in contract review, amendment and drafting of corporate documents, examination of case files and legal research within the jurisdiction