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Sajid is a commercial barrister with a broad international practice spanning high-value **commercial litigation**, **civil fraud**, **construction** and **international arbitration**. He acts for financial institutions, multinational corporates, investment funds, state-owned entities and high-net-worth individuals. His work frequently concerns allegations of fraud, breaches of fiduciary and contractual duties, misfeasance and complex commercial wrongdoing.

He appears regularly in the Commercial Court and the Chancery Division, and in arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, DIAC and ICSID Rules. Sajid has a substantial Middle East practice and is frequently instructed in high-value matters before the DIFC and ADGM Courts. His cases often involve parallel proceedings in multiple jurisdictions, interim remedies, jurisdictional challenges and the enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards.

Sajid is currently instructed as counsel in two landmark DIFC Court of Appeal cases: one concerning jurisdiction (*Nashrah v (1) Najem (2) Nex ARB 005/2025*) and the other a civil fraud claim worth AED 100 million (*Al Mheiri v Cameron*). His appellate practice is complemented by his trial experience, including, for example, a recent ICC arbitration evidentiary hearing for an AED 50 million claim concerning delays and variations in a well-known construction project in Dubai.

Sajid has extensive experience of urgent interlocutory relief, including domestic and worldwide freezing orders, anti-suit and anti-arbitration injunctions, Norwich Pharmacal and Bankers Trust orders, and a wide range of disclosure and asset-preservation measures. He is regularly instructed in heavyweight, document-intensive litigation and frequently appears as sole counsel, including against King's Counsel.

He also has significant experience in construction and engineering disputes, particularly in the MENA region, and has acted as sole counsel in delay, defect and variations claims under ICC, LCIA and DIAC Rules. He has extensive experience of cross-examining technical, quantum and delay experts, and senior industry professionals.

Notable recent cases include:

- Acting for a member of a Middle Eastern Royal Family in High Court (Commercial Court) proceedings involving allegations of embezzlement and an application for a worldwide freezing injunction.
- Acting for the Official Assignee of New Zealand in cross-border insolvency proceedings in the High Court (Chancery Division) to realise equity in high value property located in Mayfair.
- Acting for a bank in a claim arising out of alleged mis-selling of financial products and breach of FSMA.
- Representing an investor in a USD 1 billion shareholder dispute before the ADGM Courts concerning the Leaf Tower

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development in Abu Dhabi.

- Acting for the appellant in the DIFC Court of Appeal in a landmark case concerning the Courts' jurisdiction to grant an anti-suit injunction.
- Acting for a technology company in Eastern Europe in ICC arbitration proceedings concerning an alleged breach of a sale and purchase agreement.
- Representing a high-net-worth individual in the DIFC Court of Appeal concerning alleged misrepresentation in a finance lending dispute.
- Acting for an Omani state-owned entity in an ICC arbitration concerning a major infrastructure mega-project.
- Acting in anti-suit and anti-arbitration injunction proceedings in the Chancery Division.
- Representing an investor in multi-jurisdictional proceedings involving a technology company, including related litigation in the UAE, Lebanon and France.
- Advising a Russian individual on sanctions issues and the restoration of a company in the British Virgin Islands.
- Acting in a high-value ICC construction arbitration seated in Dubai concerning delay and variations.
- Acting in ADGM proceedings concerning an NFT and cryptocurrency fraud scheme.
- Acting in a DIFC claim concerning an alleged civil fraud worth 30m AED.
- Acting in an ADGM ESOP and breach of restrictive covenants dispute.
- Acting for the liquidators in proceedings brought against a former director for misfeasance, transactions at an undervalue and preference claim.

Areas of Expertise

International Arbitration

Sajid acts in ICC, LCIA, DIAC and ICSID arbitrations across a wide range of industries, including technology, construction, joint ventures, energy and international trade. His work includes jurisdictional challenges, enforcement proceedings, stay applications and interim relief in support of arbitration.

He appears as sole counsel in substantial construction arbitrations, including disputes concerning delay, variations and quantum.

Notable International Arbitration cases

Acting for a technology company in ICC arbitration concerning an alleged breach of a sale and purchase agreement.

Representing a defendant in DIAC proceedings concerning the validity of a pathological arbitration clause.

Defending an Omani state-owned entity in an ICC arbitration concerning delay and variations on a major infrastructure

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project.

Acting for a Dubai contractor in an ICC arbitration concerning delay and variations (claim value ~AED 50m).

Civil Fraud & Asset Recovery

Sajid acts in claims involving deceit, misrepresentation, unlawful means conspiracy, breach of trust, dishonest assistance and complex asset recovery. His work frequently involves cross-border tracing exercises and multi-jurisdictional enforcement.

He has extensive experience of urgent relief including freezing orders (domestic and worldwide), Norwich Pharmacal and Bankers Trust orders, and disclosure applications.

Notable Civil Fraud & Asset Recovery cases

Representing a member of a Middle Eastern Royal Family in Commercial Court proceedings concerning alleged embezzlement.

Acting for investors in an Abu Dhabi-based NFT and crypto-asset scheme.

Acting for a debtor in enforcement proceedings following judgment in an alleged Ponzi scheme.

Obtaining a worldwide freezing order and Norwich Pharmacal relief against a cryptocurrency exchange.

Commercial Litigation and Company/Shareholder Disputes

Sajid acts in a wide range of commercial disputes, including contractual claims, banking and financial services, joint ventures, supply and distribution agreements and professional negligence. He is experienced in coordinating proceedings across multiple jurisdictions.

He has a substantial company and shareholder disputes practice, including derivative actions, unfair prejudice petitions and disputes involving ownership and management of closely-held companies.

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Notable Commercial Litigation and Company/Shareholder Disputes cases

Acting for a publishing company in claims against counterparties in Europe and the Middle East.

Representing a theme park in a dispute with a hygiene services provider.

Acting for a Polish technology business in an ICC arbitration concerning breach of a sale and purchase agreement.

Representing a yacht club in a dispute with a former business partner and investor.

Acting for a shareholder in a derivative claim.

Defending a director in an unfair prejudice petition and advising on whistleblowing issues.

Acting for a shareholder in a claim concerning registration of share ownership.

Construction and Engineering

Sajid has extensive experience of construction and engineering disputes, particularly those arising out of major Middle Eastern developments. He acts in claims involving delay, disruption, defects, variations and quantum.

He advises at all stages of disputes, including pre-action, adjudication, arbitration and trial, and has experience where construction, insurance and professional negligence issues intersect.

Notable Construction and Engineering cases

Acting for a contractor in an ICC arbitration concerning delay and variations on a Dubai development (AED 50m).

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Acting in an ICC arbitration concerning delay and variations on a major construction project in the Middle East.

Advising a developer on insurance-related disputes arising out of a major Manchester development.

Advising on a professional negligence claim against an architect.

Insolvency & Restructuring

Sajid acts for liquidators, creditors and debtors in corporate insolvency and personal bankruptcy proceedings, including applications under the Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006.

His work includes misfeasance claims, transactions at an undervalue, preferences and enforcement of foreign insolvency processes.

Notable Insolvency & Restructuring cases

Acting for liquidators in misfeasance claims against former directors.

Representing creditors in recognition applications under the Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006.

Acting for the Official Assignee of New Zealand in cross-border insolvency proceedings relating to property in Mayfair.

Representing a debtor in bankruptcy proceedings arising out of a construction funding arrangement.

Representing a debtor in bankruptcy proceedings concerning a partnership-related debt.

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Sanctions

Sajid advises corporates and individuals on UK and international sanctions regimes, including designation risk, asset freezes, compliance issues and enforcement. His sanctions work often intersects with commercial disputes and asset recovery.

Recent work includes advising a Russian individual on sanctions issues in the British Virgin Islands, including matters relating to company restoration and asset control.

UAE: DIFC and ADGM

Sajid has a substantial UAE practice and is regularly instructed in significant disputes before the DIFC and ADGM Courts. His caseload includes civil fraud, asset recovery, shareholder and joint venture disputes, cryptocurrency and NFT claims, employment and ESOP disputes and urgent interim relief (including freezing and anti-suit injunctions).

He has detailed experience of procedural and jurisdictional issues particular to the DIFC and ADGM, including enforcement of foreign judgments and awards and interactions between onshore and offshore courts.

Recent cases include:

- Acting in a DIFC claim involving AED 30 million in alleged civil fraud.
- Representing an investor in the USD 1 billion Leaf Tower dispute before the ADGM Courts.
- Acting in an ADGM claim involving restrictive covenants and ESOP issues.
- Acting in applications to enforce arbitration awards and foreign judgments in the DIFC.
- Acting in anti-suit injunction proceedings in the DIFC Courts.
- Representing parties in enforcement and information-order proceedings in the DIFC.
- Acting in high-value cryptocurrency and NFT fraud claims in the ADGM.

Below are a sample of report DIFC and ADGM cases in which Sajid has appeared as counsel:

- Faysal Mohamad Awad v 3AM Property Investment Company LLC & Anor [2025] ADGMCFI 0009
- Nashrah v (1) Najem (2) Nex ARB 005/2025 (DIFC Court of Appeal)
- Remy Alexandre Turcon v Toufic Assaf & Anor [2025] ADGMCFI 0002
- Khaled Salem Musabeh Humaid al Mheiri v (1) Mr Mohammad Ezeldine el Araj (2) Mr John Cameron [2025] CA

Awards and Scholarships

- Major Scholarship, Inner Temple
- Charlton's Scholarship, School of Law, King's College London
- English National Champion and International Semi-Finalist, Telders International Law Moot Court Competition
- Winner, Graveson Moot Cup

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