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Shabana is a member of the Outer Temple Chambers International Team specialising in private wealth, specifically all family matters.

She is based in the Middle East and joined Outer Temple Chambers after nearly ten years in private practice at leading Legal 500 firms in London.

Areas of Expertise

Private Wealth and Family Matters

Shabana has represented a range of clients from individuals to trusts, foundations and family businesses on wealth preservation and protection. She advises on contentious and non-contentious wealth management matters.

Shabana recently spoke at a seminar alongside the DIFC to private wealth practitioners on the private wealth and family business opportunities in the MEASA region, the evolving Middle East locations and the legal and regulatory landscape for this practice.

She advises in all areas of family law. Her family practice includes drafting wealth protection agreements (Islamic marriage contracts, pre and post nuptial agreements). She also advises on contentious and non-contentious divorce, finance and children issues.

She has a particular understanding of the interplay of English law and Shari'a issues. Her co-authored paper *The Legal Treatment of Islamic Marriage Ceremonies* (*Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, 2018) was cited in the Court of Appeal decision of *Akhter v Khan* [2020] EWCA Civ 122 dealing with the validity of an Islamic marriage ceremony under English law.

Mediation and Arbitration

Shabana is a specialist in mediating and arbitrating family matters. She works closely with clients to provide bespoke

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Memberships

- Resolution
- The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- Arab Legal Forum

Languages

- Punjabi (fluent)
- Urdu (fluent)
- Hindi (intermediate)

Publications

- **Saleem S, Moldoveanu MC** (2023). Building better foundations: the Dubai International Financial Centre foundation law consultation. *Oxford Journal of Trusts and Trustees*, 29 (6), 526-531. The publication can be found [here](#).
- **Probert R, Saleem S** (2018). The Legal Treatment of Islamic Marriage Ceremonies. *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, 7(3), 376-400. The publication can be found [here](#).
- **Saleem S, Fisher M** (2016). *Sharia Councils operating in private client matters* paper submitted to the House of Commons, Parliamentary Home Affairs Select Committee dealing with Sharia Councils operating in England.

Awards and Scholarships

- Scholarship from the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- International Commercial Arbitration VIS Moot (Vienna), Honourable Mention for Best Advocate
- Ann Felicity Goddard Scholarship , The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
- Uthwatt Award, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

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