

**Administrative Resolution No. (39) of 2021**  
**Concerning the Committee for Violations of Advocates and Legal Consultants**  
**In the Emirate of Dubai**

**The Director General of the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department,**

After perusal of:

Law No. (32) of 2008 Establishing the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department;

Executive Council Resolution No. (22) of 2011 Concerning Fees and Fines Prescribed for the Advocacy and Legal Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai, in particular Article (9) of the Resolution;

Administrative Resolution No. (233) of 2015 Adopting the Bylaw Concerning the Registration of Advocates in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments, in particular Article (20) of the Bylaw;

Administrative Resolution No. (234) of 2015 Adopting the Bylaw Concerning the Registration of Legal Consultants in the Emirate of Dubai, in particular Article (17) of the Bylaw;

Administrative Resolution No. (235) of 2015 Adopting the Bylaw Concerning the Licensing of Advocacy Firms in the Emirate of Dubai, in particular Article (18) of the Bylaw;

Administrative Resolution No. (236) of 2015 Adopting the Bylaw Concerning the Licensing of Legal Consultancy Firms in the Emirate of Dubai, in particular Article (18) of the Bylaw;

Administrative Resolution No. (240) of 2015 Adopting the Continuing Legal Professional Development Bylaw for Legal Consultants in the Emirate of Dubai; and

Administrative Resolution No. (384) of 2016 Forming the Professional Development Affairs Committee;

Administrative Resolution No. (112) of 2017 Concerning the Professional Conduct Committee for Advocates and Legal Consultants and its amendments; and

Administrative Resolution No. (20) of 2021 Forming a Committee for Reviewing the Grievances Related to the Advocacy and Legal Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai,

**Does hereby issue this Resolution:**

**Article (1)**

**Formation of the Committee**

- A. A committee named "**The Committee for the Violations of the Advocates and Legal Consultants in the Emirate of Dubai**", referred to hereinafter as "**The Committee**", will be formed in the Department. Members of the Committee will be appointed by virtue of a resolution issued by the Director General.
- B. Membership of the Committee is valid until 31<sup>st</sup> of December annually. Members of the Committee will be changed by virtue of a Resolution issued by the Director General. The Committee and its current members shall continue performing their duties until such resolution is issued.

**Article (2) \***

**Functions of the Committee**

The Committee will take the actions as stipulated by Article (4) of this Resolution concerning violations committed by advocates and legal consultants related to registration and licensing, as well as any action committed by advocates and legal consultants in violation of the legislation in force in the Emirate including the bylaws, resolutions and instructions issued by the Department, which are referred to the Committee by the Director General, pursuant to the provisions of this Resolution.

**Article (3) \***

**Obligations of the Advocates and Legal Consultants Directorate**

The Advocates and Legal Consultants Affairs Directorate must record and monitor violations committed by advocates and legal consultants. In the event that any action is required as

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stipulated in Article (9) of the aforementioned Executive Council Resolution No. (22) of 2011 and in the bylaws issued by the Department by virtue of the said Resolution, the Directorate will submit the violations mentioned in Article (2) of this Resolution to the Director General to consider the referral of such violations to the Committee.

#### Article (4) <sup>†</sup>

##### **Actions Taken by the Committee**

The Committee will review the violations referred to it pursuant to the provisions of this Resolution. The Committee may take any necessary action against the party who committed the violation pursuant to Article (9) of the aforementioned Executive Council Resolution No. (22) of 2011 and the bylaws issued by the Department by virtue of the said Resolution, including the following:

1. Suspension of the advocate or legal consultant from practising the profession for a period not exceeding one year.
2. Striking off the registration of the advocate or legal consultant.
3. Suspending the licence of the advocacy or legal consultancy firm temporarily for a period not exceeding one year.
4. Canceling the licence of the advocacy or legal consultancy firm.

#### Article (5)

##### **Operation of the Committee**

- A. The Committee will hold its meetings at the invitation of the Chairman or the Vice Chairman, in the event of the absence of the Chairman. The meetings of the Committee will be valid by the presence of all its members provided that the Chairman or the Vice Chairman is present.
- B. The Committee will issue its decisions by majority vote of its members. In the event of a tied vote, the Head of the meeting shall have the casting vote.
- C. The Committee meetings will be recorded in minutes of meetings to be signed by the Head of the meeting and the members who attended the meeting.

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- D. To consider the violations referred to it, the Committee may invite the advocate/legal consultant to discuss the violations ascribed to him/her and the concerned employees of the Department for statements and clarification concerning any relevant information/data for the purposes of taking the appropriate actions against such violations.

#### Article (6)

##### Rapporteur of the Committee

The Committee will have a rapporteur appointed from the employees of the Advocates and Legal Consultants Directorate by virtue of a resolution issued by the Director General. The rapporteur of the Committee will arrange for the Committee meetings, prepare the agendas of the Committee, record its minutes of meetings, follow up on the implementation of its decisions and fulfill any other task assigned to him/her by the Chairman of the Committee.

#### Article (7)

##### Seeking the Assistance of Competent Persons

In order to perform the duties assigned to it, the Committee may seek the assistance of whoever it deems appropriate, from experts and the competent persons inside/outside the Department.

#### Article (8)

##### Grievance Against the Decisions of the Committee

The advocate/legal consultant may file a grievance against any decision issued against him/her pursuant to this Resolution within (60) days from the date he/she is informed of the decision. The Committee for Reviewing the Grievances Related to the Advocacy and Legal Consultancy Profession in the Emirate of Dubai, formed in the Department, will consider and decide on this grievance.

#### Article (9)

##### Validity

This Resolution shall come into force on the date of its issuance and shall be communicated to whomever is necessary for its implementation.

(Signed)

**Dr. Lowai Mohamed Belhoul**

**Director General**

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