

INVITATION DLA PIPER'S LEGAL SEMINAR SERIES

Current awareness of the latest legal issues relating to your strategic operations and the markets in which you operate is essential to any business. The Partners of DLA Piper, Dubai, are delighted to invite you to a series of legal seminars on the latest legal issues for in-house lawyers and senior executives to be held from April through to November 2009.

A comprehensive series of topics has been carefully selected to ensure that we bring you the most recent developments in the laws most relevant to your businesses. These monthly lunchtime seminars are designed to give a flavour of the topical and regional legal issues in-house lawyers and senior executives in the UAE may encounter.

Topics covered include a UAE Law Master Class, the impact of the credit crunch on construction projects, corporate governance and internal compliance and current employment issues, such as the termination of employment contracts.

Our provisional program is set out below. Please note that these topics may change closer to the date to cater for your interests in topics of particular relevance or importance. We will notify you of any changes to the program in advance.

RSVP OR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Please extend this invitation to your colleagues who may wish to attend.

Should you wish to attend please RSVP by the scheduled date as set out in the seminar details below. All of the seminars in this series will be held at our DLA Piper office at the venue address below.

VENUE

DLA Piper
6th Floor, Building 6
Emaar Square
Downtown Burj Dubai
Dubai

Please refer to the attached location map for our location and parking details.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony Holland

Office Managing Partner
DLA Piper Dubai

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2009

Session 1 – The Credit Crunch and its Effect on Your Construction Projects

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 1.30 pm finish.

A light lunch will be provided.

The credit crunch has had a dramatic impact on the construction industry in Dubai. This seminar will look at the changes in the market, the consequences as they relate to the construction sector, and how you can prepare for these with well drafted contracts. It will also address strategies for suspension, slowing down and terminating construction contracts.

Highly recommended for legal counsel at master developer/ developer/government entities dealing with sub-developers, construction contractors, materials suppliers and consultants.

Presented by **David Nancarrow**, Partner, Finance and Projects group, DLA Piper.

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WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2009

Session 2 – Issues Associated with Termination of Employment in the UAE*

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 1.30 pm finish.

A light lunch will be provided.

This is an interactive workshop aimed at identifying the key issues faced by employers upon the termination of the employment relationship, including the protection of customer connections, key employees and confidential information. This workshop is addressed to anyone with HR responsibilities in the UAE.

Presented by **Neil Crossley**, Partner,
Employment group, DLA Piper.

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We will be running longer in-depth seminars and interactive workshops for specialist HR practitioners.* Please let us know if there is anyone within your organisation who would be interested and we will contact them separately.

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2009

Session 3 – UAE Law Master Class

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 1.30 pm finish.
A light lunch will be provided.

This seminar considers the key concepts of the UAE legal and political framework and is particularly relevant to lawyers who are relatively new to the region.

Presented by **Rebecca Kelly**, Senior Legal Consultant, Litigation group, DLA Piper.

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WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2009

Session 4 – Intellectual Property – Unlocking the Potential

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 1.30 pm finish.
A light lunch will be provided.

This seminar will help companies identify what their critical IP assets are and ensure that they are best protected. We will revisit the fundamentals of trade mark and copyright law as they are applied in the UAE and will also look at strategies for the effective management of your IP portfolios, including protecting your valuable assets through enforcement strategies.

Presented by **Joycia Young**, Partner, Technology, Media and Commercial group, DLA Piper.

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WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2009

Session 5 – Corporate Governance and Internal Compliance

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 1.30 pm finish.
A light lunch will be provided.

Al-Harith will provide an overview of how to achieve best practices in corporate governance and internal compliance. Highly relevant to in-house counsel, company secretaries and directors.

Presented by **Al-Harith Sinclair**, Partner,
DLA Piper.

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WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2009

Session 6 – Using Outsourcing and Managed Services to Drive OPEX Efficiency in Your Organisation

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 1.30 pm finish.
A light lunch will be provided.

Faced with the challenges of the current worldwide financial crisis, many businesses have had to investigate ways to improve their OPEX efficiency. Managed services and outsourcing is one of the ways in which such efficiency can be achieved although it is not without risk. This seminar will highlight the issues to consider and how organisations can achieve a successful procurement that can deliver OPEX efficiency.

Presented by **Hinal Patel**, Partner,
Technology, Media and Commercial group,
DLA Piper.

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WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2009

Session 7 – Dispute Resolution Options in the UAE

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 1.30 pm finish.
A light lunch will be provided.

This seminar considers the various choices available to parties who are either negotiating contracts or have encountered contract performance issues. This seminar is designed for in-house counsel whose role includes the negotiation of contracts and/or managing disputes.

Presented by **Nathan Landis**, Senior Legal Consultant, Litigation group, DLA Piper.

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August – September 2009 (Ramadan Break)

There will be no session during the holy month of Ramadan.

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2009

Session 8 – Raising Capital in the UAE (Private)

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 1.30 pm finish.
A light lunch will be provided.

Simon will provide an overview of the rules governing capital raising by way of equity issue (including regulation of share capital increase and share issuances at premium). This is topical for in-house counsel, CFOs and corporate finance advisors.

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Presented by **Simon Davidson**, Partner, Corporate group, DLA Piper.

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WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2009

Session 9 – Delivery of Infrastructure Projects – some issues to consider

12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start – 2.00 pm finish.
A light lunch will be provided.

This seminar address procurement options for the delivery of utilities, including the pros and cons of concession models, some of the regulatory and bankability issues to consider in the delivery of infrastructure projects. This will be of interest to lawyers, procurement specialist and commercial and technical personnel involved in the delivery of infrastructure projects.

Presented by **Stewart Diana** and **Gurmeet Kaur**, Partners, Projects and Finance group, DLA Piper.

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