

MTL LAW OFFICE PROFILE

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FIRM OVERVIEW

Founding Salah Marghani, Fituri Tabet, Khaled Ellafi (D)
Senior partners: Salah Marghani, Fituri Tabet
Partners: Salah Shambi, Tarek Milad
Associates : Najia Metwa, and Omar Dalla, Zakharia El-gharabli

Number of partners worldwide: 6

Number of staff including lawyers: 10

Contact persons and numbers:

Commercial /Oil and Gas / Banking /Marine : Salah Marghani
Foreign Investment / branch establishment / Company registrations: Fituri Tabet
Litigation and contentious matters , Labor & Tax : Salah Shambi /Najia Matwe
labor/ Environment / Transport and General Tarek Shebani/Omar Dallah , Zakharia El-gharabli

Contact numbers are through MTL above addresses and telephone numbers.

Client contact details:

MTL policy requires the consent of the relevant clients for the approach of new clients.

THE FIRM

MTL senior partners and consultants, Salah Marghani, Fituri Tabet, are lawyers with significant experience in Libyan law as well as international trade laws and practices from a Libyan perspective. MTL has two partners with over 17 years of experience each. Associate Najia Metawa and Omar Dalla and Zakaria El-gharabli have joined MTL team and over the years have graduated from being MTL trainees or associates to MTL junior partners. The firm, established in 1990 following the re-introduction of legal private practice to Libya, has developed a selective clientele that allows it to advocate the interests of foreign clients' interests such as foreign investors, contractors and traders. MTL adopts strict policies on Conflict of Interest issues, backed up by a long-standing clientele orientation that avoids representation of Libyan public bodies and therefore allows for a better standing on issue of potential 'conflict of interest' vis-a-vis international clients.

INTERNATIONAL CLIENTS

MTL's list of clients includes foreign oil companies, international banks and foreign contractors and traders. However, MTL does not publish a clients' list as such and take pride in and cherish the confidence placed in it by its clients. MTL's service to its international clientele is provided using English or Arabic languages as need be.

MAIN INTERNATIONAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

Although MTL has a powerful litigation and arbitration practice, legal consultancy and legal representation form the backbone of MTL's service. MTL advises and provides legal representation on a full range of legal services including, initial and thorough evaluations of issues, legal opinions, formation of companies, registration of branches and representative offices, legal representation in setting up branches and representative offices in Libya. MTL is also active in assisting international clients on issues of due diligence, foreign investment opportunities, biddings for public and private contracts including oil EPSAs, contract drafting, banking, insurance, aviation, shipping, labour and tax laws. MTL's specialized legal knowledge is supported by exceptional knowledge and experience in Libyan civil and commercial law applications.

MTL recent activities:

Though instability and violence in recent years has negatively affected the Libyan market and economy MTL continued to advise international investors on their Libyan ventures, oil companies on exploration and production sharing agreements As well as Oil service contractors in a wide range of issues. Tax is also an area where MTL is a leader. MTL has handled a number of key tax disputes and issues.

MTL has actively participated in the due diligence of four commercial banks.

MTL assisted a number of International Contractors to maintain their presence in Libya, handled foreign investment issues, branch establishment and closures , joint ventures drafting and revising of contracts shipping, insurance, banking and labor law issues.

MTL continued represent clients in front of court in Commercial Civil and labour disputes.

MTL Policy and Ethics

MTL maintains a strict policy on conflict, follows and sometimes exceeds internationally recognized Ethical standards.

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