

The Law Office of Al Essa & Partners Since 1960

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AL-ESSA LAW FIRM

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Office PROFILE

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1. The Firm

The Firm is considered one of the oldest law offices in the State of Kuwait. It was established in 1960 by the late lawyer Hamad Yousef Al Essa, The Firm consisting of a team of competent counselors and specialized lawyers with proficient legal expertise capable to find legal solutions suitable for all sorts of issues, consultations, or legal work.

The legal history of the Firm confirms its spectacular achievements since its inception. As the firm is based on strong science, knowledge, experience and deep understanding of the legal systems in general and the legal system of the State of Kuwait in particular; the office has excelled in various legal aspects proven by the continuous success and the established credibility.

The long relationship between the Firm and its clients which stands for more than fifty years now provides the office a great honor, and it is a solid indication of the clients' absolute confidence and satisfaction with the legal and professional services offered to them by the office. The Firm is keen when it comes to selecting new clients to search for quality and not quantity. For such reason, the Firm was honored to successfully represent several clients in the largest and most important public opinion trials presented to the court.

AL Essa & Partners Law firm utilizes the latest legal references by means of modern technology and excellent human resources with high skill in both sections, its local and International as well as in all divisions

Our Commitment

Our Promise

We promise excellence and Distinction in all your consultations, thus, we invite you to rely on us to ensure the credibility and integrity in all our legal services, including legal consultations, Local and international cases, offering you high standard legal service. Dear clients we dedicate our mission to thank you for choosing our Firm and continuing the journey with us.

Our Distinction

Our Firm is distinguished by the absolute trust of our clients to provide them with all kind of legal services offering them protection, in terms of the appropriate specialization of each case. All those efforts are put together to give the best legal service because the base of our Firm is to offer a unique, secure, honest legal service to our clients. We believe that as one team we can gain your satisfaction for the sole purpose to serve your legal needs.

2.The History



Lawyer. Hamad Yousef Al Essa

❖ He graduated from Cairo University, Law School in 1956. He filled various positions then he became President of the Civil Service Commission in 1960 AD. He resigned and established his own Law Office and he devoted his time to law. He chaired the Kuwaiti Lawyers Society from 1984-1988. The late Hamad Yousef Al Essa laid the foundations for the office through his long experience in law which he acquired by practicing different works. He passed away on December 2, 2005 leaving clear fingerprints of his honourable works for his country, the State of Kuwait.

Mr. Hamad Yousef Al Essa founded the firm and evolved through numerous roles and devotions to his career:

- In 1956 AD – Graduated from Law University in Cairo – Egypt
- In 1956 AD - Deputy Manager of Kuwait Court House
- In 1957 AD - Court Manager of Kuwait Court House
- In 1958 AD - General Director of Civil Service Commission
- In 1960 AD - President of the Civil Service Commission
- In 1961 AD - He founded the Resalah Magazine.
- In 1962 AD - He published several political and legal books such as Kuwait and the Future as well as articles in Al-Baath Magazine.
- In 1967 AD - he started the collection of the permanent compilation of Kuwaiti laws which is the first group of the entire Kuwaiti legislations.
- He presided over the committee commissioned with the review of the new commercial draft law which was ratified by the Legislative Committee and issued in 1980 AD.
- 1984 AD to 1988 AD - President of Kuwait Lawyers Association for which he is considered one of the founders.
- During his work at the government, the State of Kuwait commissioned him with an additional task consisting in helping Dr. Ahmad Abdul Razzak Al-Sanhouri Basha, one of the pillars of law in Egypt who contributed in laying down the rules of the legal system in the State of Kuwait.



Lawyer. Omar Hamad Yousef Al Essa

❖ Graduated from Kuwait University, Law School in 1985. He continued his father's mission in managing the Firm until today. Currently he is a lawyer in the Kuwaiti Supreme and Constitutional Court, and an arbitrator in the Arbitration Centre of the Kuwaiti Lawyers Society, and he has been elected as the President of the Kuwaiti Lawyers Association

- 1992 AD to 1994 AD - Appointed as the consultant of the Public Authority of Compensations for the Iraqi Invasion.
- Accredited Arbitrator at the Arbitration Center of the Kuwait Lawyers Association.
- 1997 AD to 2007 AD - Member of the board of directors of the Kuwait Lawyers Association.
- 2006 AD to 2007 AD - Vice president of the Kuwait Lawyers Association.
- Formerly Chairman of the Kuwait Bar Association (from 2008 to 2010)

Alongside and till date :

- ❑ Vice chairman of board of directors for the Arbitration Center of the Kuwait Lawyers Association.
- ❑ Chairman of board of directors of the Kuwaiti Egyptian Company (owner of the Holiday Inn Hotel Safaja) in Egypt.
- ❑ Chairman of the Profession Affairs Committee of the Kuwait Lawyers Association.
- ❑ Member of the board of directors of Gulf Bank Kuwait
- ❑ Chairman of board audit committee of Gulf Bank Kuwait.

3. Lawyers & Consultants

With a mix of more than 40 lawyers and specialists in legal practices; Al Essa & Partners Law Firm benefits of diversified skills in Law, Legal consultancy & Research, Office Administration.

Lawyers	Profile
Dana Naser Al-Bloushi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Qualification: graduated in 2005 AD. From Kuwait University• Bachelor Degree in Law
Ahmad Abdullah Al-Jassem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Qualification: graduated in 2015. From Ajman University• Bachelor Degree in Law
Ahmed Alenzi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Qualification: graduated in 2013. From Kuwait International Law School• Bachelor Degree in Law
Abdullah matar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Qualification: graduated in 2011. From Cairo Law School• Bachelor Degree in Law
Abdallah AL Qalwshy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Qualification: graduated in 2018. From Kuwait International Law School• Bachelor Degree in Law
Mohamed Hussein	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Qualification: graduated in 2016. From Kuwait International Law School• Bachelor Degree in Law

Consultants

Adel Fawzy Abdulhafez	University / Mansoura Graduation Year / 1983
Yousef Mohamed Ahmed	University / Tanta Graduation Year 1995
Ashraf Mohamed Al Awadi	University / Mansoura Graduation Year 1997
Ahmed Tarak	University / Mansoura Graduation Year / 2001
Reem Zuhair Al-Asmar	University / Damascus Graduation Year / 2001
Ibrahim Hamdy	University / Alexandria Graduation Year 2002
Alaa Eid Hulail	University / Menoufiya Graduation Year / 2005

International Department



**Dany E.
Labaky**

Qualifications: Harvard Law School (Executive Education), 2014
Masters in International Affairs, 2003
Bachelor Degree in Law, 2001

Experience: International Transactions, Mergers and Acquisitions, Commercial, Legal Due Diligences, Debt Restructuring and Refinancing, Conventional and Islamic Finance, Banking Law etc. involving local, regional and international companies.

Mr. Labaky worked in Dubai with Chalhoub Group, the sole distributor of many luxurious brand names in the Middle East, where he handled all legal work and negotiations relating to agencies, franchises, procurements and distributions, and general international business transactions. In Beirut, Mr. Labaky worked as a litigator specializing in commercial cases, and he further negotiated commercial contracts.

Mr. Labaky joined in 2006 a reputable Law Firm in the State of Kuwait, working primarily on general corporate, commercial, contracts and international business transactions.

Mr. Labaky joined The Law Office of Al-Essa & Partners in 2010 as Head of International Department where he is handling and managing all kind of international transactions, commercial, corporate, contracts etc.

4. Field of Specialization

The Law office of Al Essa & Partners provides its clients with the best professional practices within its field of specialization in compliance with the Kuwaiti regulations and laws.

❖ **Commercial companies and cases**

- Incorporation of all types of companies and amendment their memorandum of association thereafter.
- Conversion of individual corporations into limited liability companies.
- Conversion of limited liability companies into shareholding closed companies.
- Merger and liquidation of companies; increase or decrease of companies' capitals.
- Drafting of companies and corporations contracts and their review.
- Registration of commercial agencies contracts.
- Banking consultations.
- Preparation of legal studies with regard to commercial companies and corporations.
- Provision of legal consultations and opinion to customers in accordance with the regulations of the Kuwaiti Commercial Law.
- Claiming compensation for the cancellation of the foreign agency for the Kuwaiti agent. Settlement of estates.

❖ **Civil cases and contracting works**

Covers all civil, commercial and contracting practices in addition to real estate, investment; claiming compensation based on the emissive and contractual liability.

❖ **Foreign investment**

Providing relevant consultations to foreign companies wishing to operate in the State of Kuwait through the incorporation of the legal entity in conformity with their needs pursuant to the system and conditions of investment of the foreign capital in Kuwait.

❖ **Labor cases and collective labor arbitration**

Drafting internal bylaws related to companies, corporations.

Drafting and reviewing contracts.

Providing appropriate legal opinion to clients in accordance with the Kuwaiti Labor Law.

Providing legal defense for employees or employers in labor claims.

❖ **Arbitration**

As for arbitration cases, the lawyers and consultants working in the firm have a wide experience in the local arbitration field and are members of international arbitration centres. The firm is capable of providing arbitration services especially in the commercial field in the Arabic and English languages.

❖ Family cases (civil status)

•As a first step, Al Essa & Partners Law Firm makes every effort to amicably solve the family dispute before taking legal action then it tries hard to solve the problems in every possible way by resorting for example to support services of doctors specialized in solving psychological problems facing the family. The firm also settles the contractual and legal estates.

❖ International Commercial Law

•Al Essa & Partners Law Firm has experience in this field especially that it keeps constant contact with the foreign and Arab companies inside and outside the State of Kuwait. The firm has also a wide experience in the field of drafting contracts for international companies.

❖ Legal cases

•Al Essa & Partners Law Firm provides services related to legal cases and disputes before the different types of courts and tribunals through specialized work units as well as specialized lawyers and consultants as per the subject of dispute. The firm handles the works of all kinds of legal cases, the most important of which being the commercial cases, the cases of compensation for the cancellation of agencies, the summary cases of all merits, the orders to perform, penal cases (felonies, misdemeanours, violations), administrative cases, labour and employee cases, personal matters cases, civil cases, contracts and damage compensation cases; disputes related to investments, international commerce, tenders, information and communications; all kinds of information technology cases such as disputes related to electronic commerce, data protection, internet sites, etc.

❖ Foreign section

•Al Essa & Partners Law Firm has a section dedicated for foreign cases either between individuals or companies. The foreign section is specialized in providing legal consultations in the English language, in preparing and drafting contracts also in the English language. The firm cooperates with the biggest foreign law offices in the Gulf region, the Middle East and worldwide.

❖ Pro Bono

•Al Essa & Partners Law Firm is committed to supporting attorneys who undertake pro bono projects. Pro bono clients are clients of the firm, and no distinction is made between hours spent on pro bono or other client matters.

•Al Essa & Partners Law Firm is proud of the considerable contributions brought to the legal profession and the positive impact on Kuwait community both through leadership of numerous philanthropic and public policy causes and financial support.

5. Why Choose AL Essa?

Whether you are an individual or a legal corporation we owe you a natural right to answer all of the presumptive inquires you may have in order to reach your ambitions and fulfill your desires.

At the consultation level:

We provide you with a specialization consult that is detailed, practical & effective to secure the most update solutions to all your problems, whether arising from contracts, incidents or legal commitments.

We provide preventive measures & interactive solutions related to the parameter of your different and varicose activities, in accordance to your geographical & economical situation.

Your privacy is our concern; we assure the secrecy of your industrial, commercial information.

We offer you local expertise powered by long experience and several experts in the legal field.

Our international experience based on our cooperation with a network of our acquaintances from experts cast to professionally provide the highest legal standards.

Build our consultations' timeline into your policies' planning process with respect to compliance with legislations and the services, products, and people you deal with.

Monitor and evaluate our consultations via scrutinized coordination from lessons that have been well learned and implemented.

Make our consultations widely available for the parties you wish or need to involve with the fullest use of the best means in order to effectively draw the attention of all interested groups and individuals you are targeting.

Adapting with your needs, concerns, and views.

Consult you, focus on timeframes, delimit your options and target your business's spots.

Methodological level:

- The capability of our Firm to deal with the subject of dispute according to the required competence and the place of execution of the service.
- We separate technical issues from legal issues in order to offer the best legal service and achieve the best result as expected by the client.
- We separate offered relations from available opportunities.

Interaction Level:

With Al Essa & Partners Law Firm you can rely on multiple capital and resources of:

- Unlimited number of consular and experts in law and other fields.
- Strong relationships on various diplomatic, governmental, administrative, social, and professional levels.
- Local, regional, international information centers.

Al Essa & Partners has the honor to review its achievements in different aspects as follows:

Legal aspects: Laws, currents judicial and discretionary in implementing the provisions, arbitration decisions, and followed procedures.

Marketing aspects: With its manager, experts, clients, companies dealing with, partners, the position of those legal and natural characters in addition to their qualities, degrees, professional, political, legal, and social members.

Practical aspects (Individual & companies): This aspect is considered as the most important aspect among others because it reflects the results that we promise to provide you with our long and reflected experience on clients in terms of determining the size of our clients companies' quotas in both local and international market.

Risk Management aspect:

Although we have a simple mission, it has far-reaching advantages. We offer you legal and risk management services for investment actions without threaten your financial situations by using strict legal procedures, such as bankruptcy or insolvency. In addition, The Office of Al-Essa & Partners promise to arrange foreign investment opportunities with local and overseas institutions. Consult us before, within, and after investing because we are always with you in every step.

6. Awards

Al-Essa & Partner Law Firm established in 1960

AD by lawyer Hamad Yousef Al Essa is considered one of the most important and oldest law firms in Kuwait. The long years of efforts and devotion paid-off through the recent awards winning.

On 20/05/2007: The Law Office of Al-Essa & Partners was awarded the tender for the legal support works for the rehabilitation project of the Kuwaiti environment.

On 15/09/2006: The Law Office of Al-Essa & Partners was awarded by IFLR "the Lawyer of the Year in the Middle East Region" for its role as a Kuwaiti legal consultant contributing in the legal opinion and arranging the biggest investment project of its kind..

On 18/12/2010: Mr. Omar Hamad Al-Essa was awarded on behalf of Kuwait Lawyers Association the Chaillot Prize by the European Union.

The Law Office of Al-Essa & Partners (AEP) represented by Mr. Omar Hamad Yousuf Al-Essa was awarded the World Bank Certificate of Appreciation in gratitude of their contribution to (Doing Business 2012) and Mr. Dany E. Labaky

Mr. Omar Al-Essa is grateful for all his loyal clients for this achievement and promises them of even more commitment and success for the years to come.

For the second year in a row Mr. Omar Hamad Yousuf Al-Essa and Mr. Dany E. Labaky from The Law Office of Al-Essa & Partners (AEP) were awarded the World Bank Certificate of Appreciation in gratitude of their contribution to "Doing Business 2013".

For the third year in a row Mr. Omar Hamad Yousuf Al-Essa and Mr. Dany E. Labaky from The Law Office of Al-Essa & Partners (AEP) were awarded the World Bank Certificate of Appreciation in gratitude of their contribution to "Doing Business 2014".

(Lawyer Omar Hamad Al Essa during the receipt of the award of the best office in the Middle East for the year 2006 with the editor-in-chief of IFLR, Rob Manicks).



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