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Profile

Over the past two decades, Dr. Saud Al-Ammari has built a prominent and impressive legal career, as well as an extensive network of business and professional contacts throughout the Gulf Region, Europe and North America.

With experience in a wide variety of corporate and commercial matters both inside and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Saud served for 10 years as special counsel and later general attorney for Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia's national oil company, the world's largest oil producer. At various times, he has also advised the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in a number of capacities, including as general counsel to the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, as a member of the Kingdom's negotiation team for the implementation of the Kingdom's Natural Gas Initiative, and as chief legal officer for the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in the United Kingdom.

Notably, Saud participated as legal counsel and a member of the team negotiating the Kingdom's accession to the World Trade Organization and served as chairman of OPEC's legal defence team, which successfully handled two U.S. antitrust class action cases brought against OPEC and its member countries.

Until recently, Saud was the Minister Plenipotentiary and head of legal affairs for the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in London, U.K., where he dealt with sovereign legal matters on behalf of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He also served as a member of the Kingdom's sovereign-appointed Legal Translation Council (Bureau of Experts) at the Council of Ministers and serves as a member of the board of directors of Sharqiya Development Company and Saudi Arabian Cooperative Insurance Company, both publicly listed Saudi companies.

Very familiar with the Western-style practise of law, Saud worked early in his career for a large and prominent New York City law firm and a well-known Houston law firm before embarking on a career with Saudi Aramco.

Saud studied law in the United States and received his master in law from Harvard Law School. He later completed the Harvard Business School's executive program for management development. Saud is licensed to practise law in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, and he is a member of the Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., bars.

Professional Associations

Saud is an active member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators and the American Bar Association. Before relocating to London, he briefly served as a member of the board of trustees for the

Dubai Ethics Resource Centre, which was established in 2004 by the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry as a not-for-profit organization to promote corporate integrity standards and responsible business conduct to its members. He is also a past adjunct professor at King Fahad University of Petroleum & Minerals, where he taught commercial law and contracts, and is currently a member of the board of trustees of the King Fahad Academy in London, U.K. Saud is a member of the Harvard Law School Worldwide Alumni and is vice-president of Harvard Alumni for Saudi Arabia.

Awards and Recognition

In 2001, Saud was honoured to receive the King Abdulaziz Award (First Order) for his achievements and national contributions. In 1991, he was awarded the Gulf War Medal for his volunteer work.

Saud and his family live in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. A married father of three, he is active in community work including education, especially in Saudi Arabia. For the past three years, he has served as a member of the board of trustees of King Fahad Academy in London and as commodore of the 700-member Dhahran Yacht Club Association.

Education

B.A. (International Relations), The American University, Washington, D.C. – 1982

J.D., South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas – 1986

LL.M., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts – 1990

Executive Program for Management Development, Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts – 2001