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Kuwaiti Expertise.
Global Reach.

Integrated legal services for individuals and companies: litigation before all levels of the Kuwaiti courts, legal advisory, and corporate and commercial services for local and foreign businesses operating in the State of Kuwait.

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The law as a tool to protect what you have built



Meshari Obaid Al-Enezi
Managing Partner · Attorney admitted before the Court of Cassation

We founded Yumnaak Law Firm on a simple conviction: every client deserves a lawyer who understands their matter as well as they do, who is candid about its prospects and challenges before work begins, and who stays with them until the judgment is enforced.

Over more than ten years before the Kuwaiti courts at every level, we have learned that the quality of legal work lies in the details: a carefully drafted statement of claim, a procedural deadline that is never missed, and a contract written well enough to prevent a dispute before it arises.

Today we are expanding our services to meet the needs of local and foreign companies in the Kuwaiti market — from market-entry studies and incorporation, to commercial agencies and franchising, to managing day-to-day legal affairs on a retainer basis.

We work in Arabic and English, supported by a case-management system that tracks files, hearings and deadlines in real time, so our clients are always informed.

Your trust is our capital, and we are committed to being worthy of it.

Candour first

A clear assessment of the matter's prospects and challenges before any step.

Discipline

Procedural deadlines monitored daily, never left to chance.

With you to the end

We follow the matter through to enforcement and recovery.

02 · ABOUT US

Yumnaak Law Firm

A Kuwaiti law firm providing integrated legal services to individuals and companies, with a steadfast commitment to professionalism, confidentiality and precision. Our team of lawyers, legal counsel, legal researchers and court coordinators works together on every matter, from the first consultation to the enforcement of the judgment. The firm is led by Meshari Obaid Al-Enezi, an attorney admitted before the Court of Cassation and an accredited arbitrator with the Kuwait Bar Association.

Our Mission

To safeguard our clients' rights and provide well-considered legal solutions tailored to their needs and to the complexity of today's matters, with transparency and a firm commitment to professional ethics, ensuring fair representation before the courts.

Our Vision

To be the first choice for individuals and companies in Kuwait seeking authentic Kuwaiti expertise that works with modern tools and understands both the local and the international business environment.

Our Values

Integrity

We uphold professional principles and values in all our dealings.

Confidentiality

Everything a client shares with us is kept strictly confidential.

Precision

Careful drafting and thorough review of every document and brief.

Commitment

We follow each matter step by step, putting the client's interests first.

Transparency

A candid assessment and clear fees before any action is taken.

Excellence

Deep expertise combined with modern knowledge, competitive locally and internationally.

03 · THE FIRM IN NUMBERS

Experience measured by results and follow-through

10+

Years of experience

Continuous practice before the Kuwaiti courts at every level.

5K+

Cases handled

Across civil, commercial, criminal and family matters.

700+

Legal articles published

In Arabic and English in the firm's legal library.

2

Working languages

Arabic and English for advice, contracts and correspondence.

HOW WE WORK

Four principles that govern every matter

01

Candid assessment

We explain the matter's prospects and challenges before acting, not after.

02

A written plan

The client knows the steps and expected timeline from the outset.

03

Respecting deadlines

Procedural deadlines are short, and missing one closes doors that do not reopen.

04

Through to enforcement

A judgment that is not enforced has no practical value.

WHO WE SERVE

Companies & institutions

Incorporation, contracts, disputes and compliance, and ongoing management of their legal affairs.

Foreign investors & companies

Entering the Kuwaiti market, commercial agencies and franchising.

Individuals & residents

Criminal, family, employment and civil matters, in Arabic and English.

04 · PRACTICE AREAS

Comprehensive legal services under one roof

We handle the matter from advice and preventive drafting, through negotiation, litigation and arbitration, to enforcement.

Corporate & Commercial

Foreign Companies
Market entry, incorporation and ongoing legal management.

Franchising
Franchise agreements and trademark protection.

Company Formation
Incorporation, amendments and governance.

Commercial Agencies
Agency and distribution agreements, registration and disputes.

Commercial Contracts
Drafting, review and negotiation in both languages.

Trademarks & IP
Registration, opposition, renewal and anti-counterfeiting.

Compliance & Governance
Compliance reviews, policies and internal regulations.

Disputes & Arbitration
Commercial litigation, arbitration and debt recovery.

Private Clients & Litigation

Criminal Law
Defence before the Public Prosecution and criminal courts.

Personal Status
Family, custody, maintenance and inheritance.

Employment Law
Employment contracts, dismissal and entitlements.

Administrative Law
Challenges to administrative decisions.

Real Estate & Leases
Property contracts, evictions and lease disputes.

Compensation
Liability, damages and medical malpractice.

Resident Affairs
Residency, notarisation and foreign judgments.

Cheques & Claims
Financial claims and commercial papers.



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CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Your legal partner for doing business in Kuwait

For local companies, and for foreign companies and investors wishing to operate in the State of Kuwait: we support you from market study, structuring and incorporation, through contracts, agencies and franchising, to managing your day-to-day legal affairs and protecting your rights before the courts and arbitral tribunals.

- Representing foreign companies and managing their legal affairs in Kuwait
- Franchising, for franchisors and franchisees
- Company formation, amendments and governance; commercial contracts
- Trademarks, intellectual property and compliance
- Commercial disputes, arbitration and debt recovery; retained legal counsel

Representing foreign companies in Kuwait

A single legal point of entry for foreign companies into the Kuwaiti market: we study the activity and structuring options, handle incorporation and licensing, then manage the entity's legal affairs once established and represent it before government and judicial authorities — through a responsible lawyer who communicates in Arabic and English and reports regularly on developments.

1 Market-entry study

- Analysis of the target activity and sector-specific restrictions on foreign ownership.
- Comparison of available routes: a Kuwaiti company with a local partner, a commercial agent or distributor, or a branch, representative office or entity licensed through the Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA).
- A written recommendation memo on the most suitable route, its requirements and timeline.

2 Incorporation & licensing

- Drafting memoranda and articles of association and partners' resolutions.
- Commercial registration and obtaining commercial and sector licences.
- Legalisation, translation and attestation of foreign documents for use in Kuwait.
- Powers of attorney and authorisations for managers and local representatives.

3 Commercial agencies & distribution

- Drafting and reviewing agency and distribution agreements: exclusivity, territory, targets and term.
- Registering, amending and deregistering agencies with the competent authorities.
- Restructuring or terminating the agent relationship, and related disputes.

4 Day-to-day legal management

- Reviewing the entity's contracts and legal correspondence.
- Tracking renewals of registrations and licences and their statutory dates.
- Employment contracts, internal regulations and commercial leases.
- Representing the company before ministries and government bodies.

5 Debt recovery & protection of rights

- Amicable demands and formal notices.
- Payment orders, commercial claims and precautionary attachments.
- Following enforcement through to full recovery.

6 Disputes & foreign judgments

- Representing the company before the Kuwaiti courts at all levels and before arbitral tribunals.
- Applications to recognise and enforce foreign judgments and arbitral awards in Kuwait under the applicable frameworks and conventions.

Franchising

A franchise is a long-term relationship built on a brand, know-how and an operating system; any flaw in its drafting affects both parties for years. Franchise agreements in Kuwait are governed by the rules of contract and commercial law, and may intersect with the rules on commercial agencies and trademarks depending on how they are drafted. We therefore build every agreement on a careful analysis of the applicable framework.

For the Franchisor

- **Entry structure:** direct franchise, master franchise, or area development agreement.
- **Drafting:** franchise and development agreements and their schedules, in Arabic and English.
- **Brand:** registering trademarks in Kuwait and recording licences to use them.
- **Know-how:** protecting trade secrets, the operations manual and training.
- **Control:** quality standards, audit rights, reporting and royalty mechanisms.
- **Restrictive covenants:** non-compete and non-solicitation within the limits permitted by law.
- **Termination:** grounds and effects, recovery of the brand, and disputes with franchisees.

For the Franchisee

- **Pre-signing review:** ownership and registration of the brand, and the franchisor's right to grant the franchise.
- **Financial terms:** initial fees, royalties, marketing fees and how they are calculated.
- **Term & exclusivity:** duration, renewal conditions and exclusive territory.
- **Operations:** mandatory supply, performance standards, training and support obligations.
- **Local entity:** incorporation, activity licences, site and lease agreements.
- **Transfer & exit:** sale or assignment of the franchise, and the effect of termination on the investment.
- **Disputes:** negotiation, settlement, arbitration and litigation.

Stages of a franchise mandate

01 — Review

The brand, documents and the other party's legal position.

02 — Structure

The franchise model and the right local entity.

03 — Draft & negotiate

A balanced agreement protecting investment and brand.

04 — Register & license

Trademark and licence recordal, activity licences.

05 — Follow-up

Renewals, amendments and dispute resolution.

Company formation, governance & commercial contracts

Company formation

- Choosing the right legal form: limited liability company, single-person company, closed shareholding company, general and limited partnerships.
- Drafting memoranda and articles of association, and partners' and shareholders' agreements.
- Commercial registration and commercial licence.

Amending company contracts

- Increasing or reducing capital, admission and exit of partners, transfer of shares.
- Changing the activity, trade name, management or authorised signatories.
- Conversion between company forms, mergers, dissolution and liquidation.

Governance & shareholder affairs

- Minutes of general assemblies and boards, and partners' resolutions.
- Authority, delegation and signing policies.
- Partner and shareholder disputes and management liability.

Acquisitions & due diligence

- Legal due diligence before an acquisition or partnership.
- Share and asset purchase agreements, warranties and indemnities.
- Joint ventures and partnership agreements.

Commercial contracts — drafting, review and negotiation in Arabic and English

- Supply and commercial sale
- Distribution and agency
- Services and consultancy
- Construction contracts
- Commercial and investment leases
- Non-disclosure agreements
- Technology, software and licensing
- Joint venture agreements
- Settlement and release agreements

In every contract we review: risk allocation, payment terms and securities, liability and indemnity, termination, governing law and the dispute-resolution mechanism.

Bilingual contracts

Arabic and English texts that match in meaning, with the prevailing text specified in case of discrepancy, avoiding disputes caused by translation.

Trademarks, intellectual property & compliance

Trademarks

- Clearance searches before filing to reduce the risk of refusal and opposition.
- Filing and prosecuting applications with the Trademarks Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Oppositions, grievances and responses to refusals.
- Renewals, assignments and recordal of licences.

IP protection

- Anti-counterfeiting and infringement: notices, civil and criminal actions.
- Copyright and protection of content and software.
- Trade names, domain names and trade secrets.

Regulatory compliance

- Reviewing the company's compliance with its licensed activities and regulators' requirements.
- Anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorist-financing requirements and KYC procedures for regulated activities.
- Personal data protection, privacy policies and terms of use for websites and apps.
- Consumer protection, advertising and promotions.

Employment compliance

- Employment contract templates, disciplinary rules and internal work regulations.
- Public Authority for Manpower requirements, hiring and termination procedures.
- Internal investigations and disciplinary procedures.

Public tenders & government contracting

- Reviewing tender documents and conditions before bidding.
- Drafting bids and legal qualifications; reviewing government contracts.
- Grievances and objections to award decisions.
- Disputes over the performance of administrative contracts and financial claims.

Brand first

We recommend protecting your trademark in Kuwait before launching the business or granting any licence or franchise to use it.

Commercial disputes, arbitration & recovery

When a dispute arises, we start with a candid assessment of the legal position and the cost of each route, then choose the shortest path to the right: settlement, arbitration or litigation.

Commercial litigation

- Contract, partner and commercial liability disputes.
- Damages and financial claims.
- Advocacy before the courts at all levels, up to the Court of Cassation.

Arbitration & ADR

- Drafting arbitration clauses and submission agreements; choosing rules and seat.
- Representing parties in institutional and ad hoc arbitration, locally and internationally.
- Annulment and enforcement of awards; mediation and amicable settlement.

Debt recovery

- Analysing the debt and its documents to choose the best route to claim.
- Formal notice, payment order and precautionary attachment.
- Substantive action, then enforcement through to recovery.

Cheques & commercial papers

- Civil claims for the value of cheques and bills.
- The criminal aspect where applicable, and defence in it.
- Settlements and debt rescheduling.

White-collar criminal matters

- Representing companies and their managers before investigating authorities and criminal courts.
- Breach of trust, fraud, financial and cyber crimes.

Foreign judgments

- Recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards before the Kuwaiti courts.
- Coordination with the client's legal advisers outside Kuwait.

A plan for every dispute

Before choosing a route, we assess the client's legal position and the expected cost and duration of each path, and update this assessment as the matter develops.

05 · 6 — RETAINED LEGAL COUNSEL

Integrated legal management on a retainer basis

A practical alternative to an in-house legal department: a team that knows your company, its contracts and files, and responds to its needs regularly within an agreed scope.

What the retainer covers

- Oral and written legal advice within the agreed scope.
- Drafting and reviewing contracts and correspondence.
- A responsible lawyer and a single point of contact.
- Tracking statutory dates for registrations, licences and contracts.
- Attending management meetings and negotiations when needed.
- Periodic reports on cases, hearings and developments.
- Priority in appointments and response.

Engagement models

Monthly or annual retainer

A fixed scope of services for the company's recurring needs.

Fee per matter

For a specific case, dispute or procedure, with a clear scope and stages.

Fee per transaction or project

For incorporation, acquisitions, franchising and major contracts.

Fees are set out in a written proposal after studying the company's needs and the scope of work, before any action is taken.

Regular response

A fixed communication channel and periodic follow-ups.

Digital tracking

Files, hearings and deadlines recorded in the firm's system.

Full confidentiality

Your company's information and trade secrets are safe.

SUITED TO

SMEs · Branches of foreign companies · Family businesses · Franchised brands · Restaurants & retail · Contracting & services

Private clients & litigation

Criminal Law

- Defence in felonies and misdemeanours before the Public Prosecution, investigating authorities and courts at all levels.
- Cheque, financial and cyber crimes.
- Complaints and civil claims on behalf of victims.

Personal Status

- Marriage, divorce and khula; custody, maintenance and visitation.
- Proof and registration of marriage and paternity.
- Inheritance, wills and estates.

Employment Law

- Employment contracts, unfair dismissal and compensation.
- End-of-service benefits and entitlements.
- Labour complaints, representing employees and employers.

Administrative & Constitutional

- Actions to annul administrative decisions and claim compensation.
- Grievances, public-service and licensing disputes.
- Nationality and civil-status matters.

Real Estate & Leases

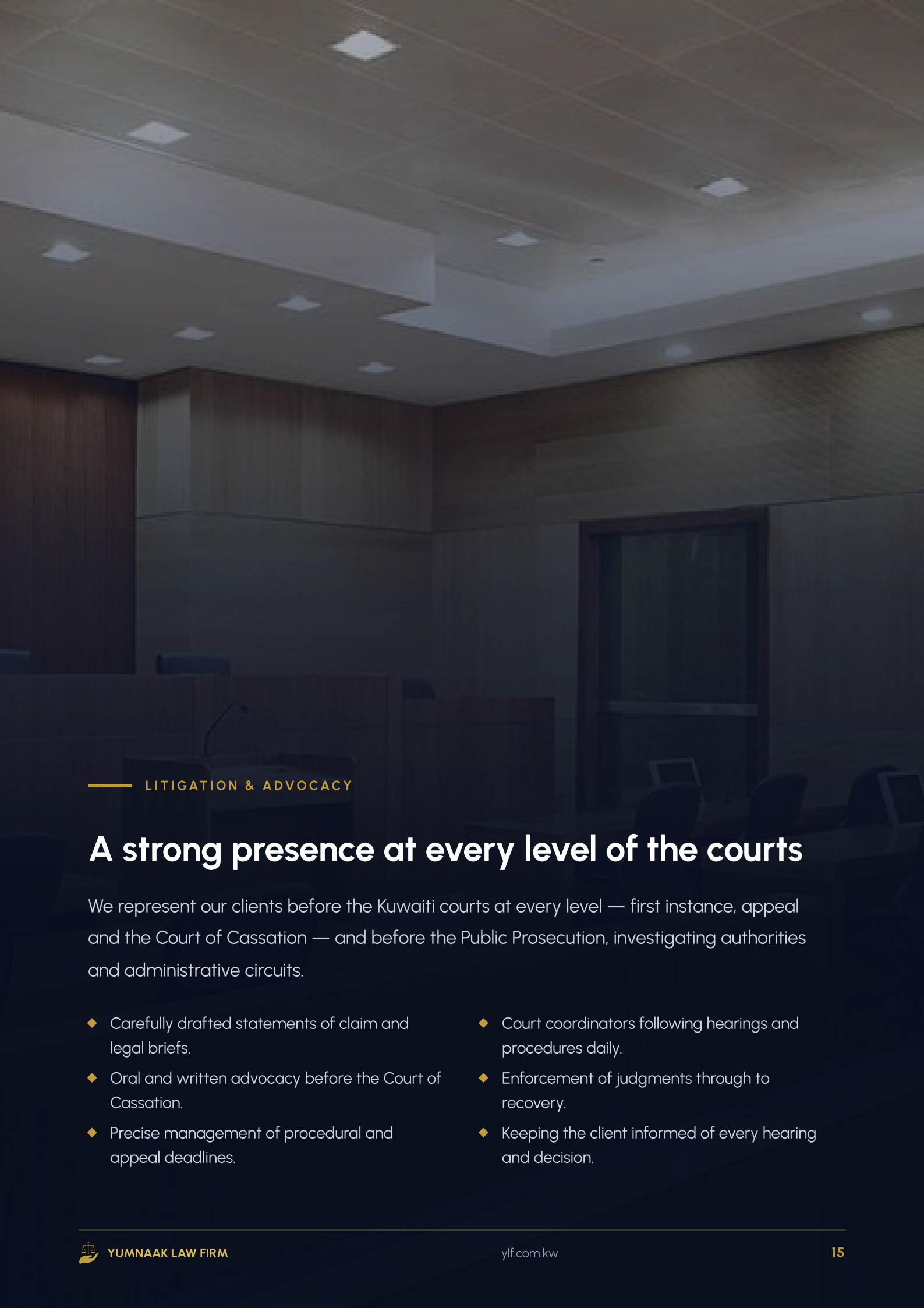
- Drafting and reviewing property contracts.
- Eviction, rent and lease disputes.
- Sale, ownership and construction disputes.

Compensation & Liability

- Tort liability and damages claims.
- Medical malpractice and professional negligence.
- Traffic accidents and insurance.

Residents of Kuwait

Service in Arabic and English for residents: residency and notarisation matters, registering marriages concluded outside Kuwait, and recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments.



LITIGATION & ADVOCACY

A strong presence at every level of the courts

We represent our clients before the Kuwaiti courts at every level — first instance, appeal and the Court of Cassation — and before the Public Prosecution, investigating authorities and administrative circuits.

- Carefully drafted statements of claim and legal briefs.
- Oral and written advocacy before the Court of Cassation.
- Precise management of procedural and appeal deadlines.
- Court coordinators following hearings and procedures daily.
- Enforcement of judgments through to recovery.
- Keeping the client informed of every hearing and decision.

07 · TECHNOLOGY & LEGAL KNOWLEDGE

Modern tools serving every matter

The firm combines daily advocacy with building the legal research and practice-management tools that lawyers and researchers in Kuwait rely on.

Case-management system

- Every file with its hearings, documents, decisions and judgments in one place.
- Case updates captured from the Ministry of Justice portal as they happen.
- Alerts for hearings, appeal deadlines and tasks.
- Tracking of enforcement procedures and amounts due.

Laws Gateway

lawskw.com — the Kuwaiti legal research platform founded by the Managing Partner.

- More than 143,000 Kuwaiti Court of Cassation judgments and their principles.
- Legislation and the Official Gazette, Kuwait Al-Youm.

Legal Library

On the firm's website, ylf.com.kw

- More than 700 legal articles in Arabic and English.
- Practical guides to procedures, rights and deadlines under Kuwaiti law, freely available to all.

Professional engagement

- Workshops on "Digital Transformation for Law Firms" and "Smart Legal Research" — Second Kuwaiti Legal Conference, Kuwait Bar Association, November 2026.
- Legal awareness seminar for Direct Aid Society.

Data security

We treat clients' documents and data with strict confidentiality and keep them in protected systems with defined access rights.

The legal team



Meshari Obaid Al-Enezi

Managing Partner & CEO

A law graduate and attorney admitted before the Court of Cassation, with more than ten years of experience in advocacy and legal advice. A member of the Kuwait Bar Association and an accredited arbitrator with it. He appears before the Kuwaiti courts at every level in criminal, commercial, administrative, personal status and compensation matters.

Founder of the Laws Gateway legal research platform and of Bab Al-Adl, a cloud system for managing law-firm practice.

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Courts Coordinator

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Courts Coordinator

Mohammed Sharif Al-Shammari

Courts Coordinator

Issa Saleh Ahmed

Courts Coordinator

One team per matter

The lawyer, counsel, researcher and court coordinator work together on the same file — from analysis and drafting to attending hearings and following procedures.

09 · WHY YUMNAAK

Why clients choose us

Admitted before the Court of Cassation

The firm is led by an attorney admitted before Kuwait's highest court and accredited in arbitration.

Kuwaiti expertise, global outlook

We work in Arabic and English and understand the needs of foreign investors and companies.

Candid assessment, written plan

Clients know their prospects, steps and timeline from the start.

Discipline with deadlines

Daily monitoring of hearings and procedural deadlines through a digital system and a follow-up team.

Full service for companies

From incorporation, contracts and franchising to litigation, recovery and retained counsel.

Confidentiality & transparency

Strict confidentiality and clear fees in a written proposal before work begins.

> *Because we believe justice is a right for all, we put our legal expertise and our care for our clients' interests first, to give you support and confidence at every legal step.*
>
> — Yumnaak Law Firm

From the first appointment to the start of work

01

Book

By phone or through the booking page on our website. Consultations are held at the office.

02

Review

We listen, review the documents and give a candid assessment.

03

Proposal

Scope of work, plan, stages and fees in writing.

04

Engagement

Signing the fee agreement and completing the power of attorney.

05

Execution

Organised work and timely updates.

Companies: bring to the first meeting

- Commercial registration, licence, and memorandum of association with amendments.
- The contracts or correspondence in question.
- A summary of the matter, the parties involved and key dates.
- Foreign companies: parent-company documents and details of the target activity.

Individuals: bring to the first meeting

- Civil ID or passport.
- Documents relating to the matter: contracts, judgments, notices, correspondence.
- A short timeline of the facts.
- Any upcoming deadlines or hearings.

After the first meeting

You know your legal position and the options available to you.

A clear proposal

Scope, stages and fees in writing before work begins.

How to book

By phone, or via the booking or contact pages on our website.

Confidentiality & conflicts of interest

We check for conflicts of interest before accepting any matter, and keep everything presented to us confidential even if no engagement follows.

Get in touch

Appointments are held at the office, by prior booking.

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