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Clyde & Co's new lead partner of Shipping & International Trade



Christopher Jobson

CHRISTOPHER JOBSON has taken on the role of leading the Shipping and International Trade practice for Middle East and North Africa (MENA) following the relocation of Irvine Marr to the firm's London office.

Jobson is a highly regarded litigation and arbitration lawyer and has been advising on maritime law since 1988. His

clients include regional and international energy companies, financial institutions, P&I clubs, ship owners and charterers and logistics organisations.

Jobson's primary focus is on dispute resolution and he often handles complex, high profile matters with very significant amounts in dispute. He is recognised in Chambers & Partners as a leading expert in dispute resolution in both the UAE and Qatar. His non contentious work includes advising clients on the sale, purchase and finance of ships and the drafting/negotiation of related documentation including mortgages and other security.

Irvine commented, "Christopher is a natural choice to lead the MENA Shipping and International Trade practice, he has a historic connection with the firm and the region, and is a prominent figure in the maritime industry. I look forward to continuing to grow the firm's international marine, trade and commodities practice in the knowledge that our MENA practice is benefitting from Christopher's extensive experience."

Reed Smith appoints Bjorn Gehle



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Reed Smith announced the appointment of disputes and arbitration partner **BJORN GEHLE** to its UAE offices. Gehle joins the firm from Pinsent Masons in Dubai. Gehle has a broad contentious practice advising on cross-border disputes including corporate, commercial and financial disputes across a range of sectors. He has a particular focus on the construction sector, where he manages large-scale infrastructure disputes and acts as counsel for some of the major international and regional corporations across the MENA region, Australia and Asia Pacific. Gehle is recognised as one of the leading figures in international arbitration. In addition to his counsel work, he maintains a significant practice as an arbitrator

and is regularly appointed in arbitrations in Asia, Europe and the Middle-East. Gehle is the second new partner to join the firm in the Middle East this year.

TLA expands into Litigation

Tribonian Law Advisors (TLA) (in association with Rindala Beydoun Legal Consultancy) announced the expansion of the firm into litigation with the addition of a litigation team that includes **TAMER WASFY** who will be joining the firm as a partner in the litigation practice.

Wasfy has more than 10 years of experience, specialising in litigation and dispute resolution and handling cases for regional and international clients engaged in local court litigation throughout the UAE and GCC region. His practice focuses on providing full service to clients in commercial, real estate, employment, insurance, maritime transport and trade disputes.

Wasfy is fluent in English and Arabic. Having earned his law degree from Alexandria University (English Section), he then spent several years practicing in Egypt before moving to Dubai in 2010. Prior to joining TLA, he worked for law firms in Egypt and the UAE. Wasfy will be supported by a team of associates and trainees in addition to a senior of counsel with long years of litigation practice in the UAE courts.

TLA managing partner Rindala Beydoun commented, "I am pleased to welcome Tamer to the firm. After spending the last four years successfully building the firm's transactional practice, we believe it is the right time for us to expand into litigation. Tamer's appointment will bolster TLA's offering and expansion into the key area of dispute resolution."



Tamer Wasfy