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Overview

Simon specializes in telecoms, IT, e-commerce, technology and intellectual property law. He advises on a broad range of regulatory, antitrust, commercial contracts, licensing and corporate issues.

Insights

- "Ban on hiring expats in the Omani private sector," June 3, 2019
- "UAE Competition Law: new regulations and potential effect on M&A transactions," January 29, 2015

Activities and Affiliations

Prior and Present Employment

He has over 20 years of legal experience, including over 10 years as a partner in UK-based international law firms (8 of these in a leading telecoms and technology firm).

Simon has spent 6 years in the Middle East, initially as Head of Legal and Regulatory in Batelco, the Bahrain telecoms incumbent, then performing the same function in Atheeb, a new entrant in the telecoms sector in Saudi Arabia, before starting his own practice advising on telecoms and IT throughout the Middle East.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Competition and Antitrust
- Intellectual Property and Technology

- Media Regulation
- Strategic Sourcing and Outsourcing
- Technology Procurement, Development and Licensing

Industry sectors

- Communications
- Energy
- Government
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Technology

Education

- Oxford University, 2010, Diploma, Intellectual Property Law and Practice
- University of Trier, 1988, Master, German Law
- Oxford University, 1985, BA, Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Admissions and qualifications

- Barrister, England and Wales, 1988
- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 1995