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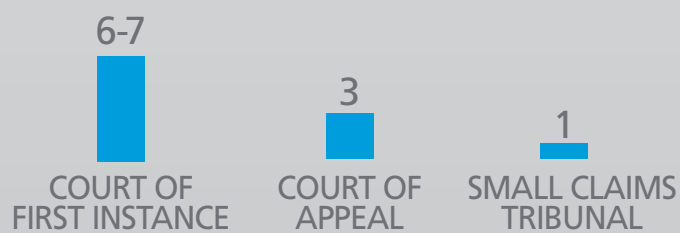
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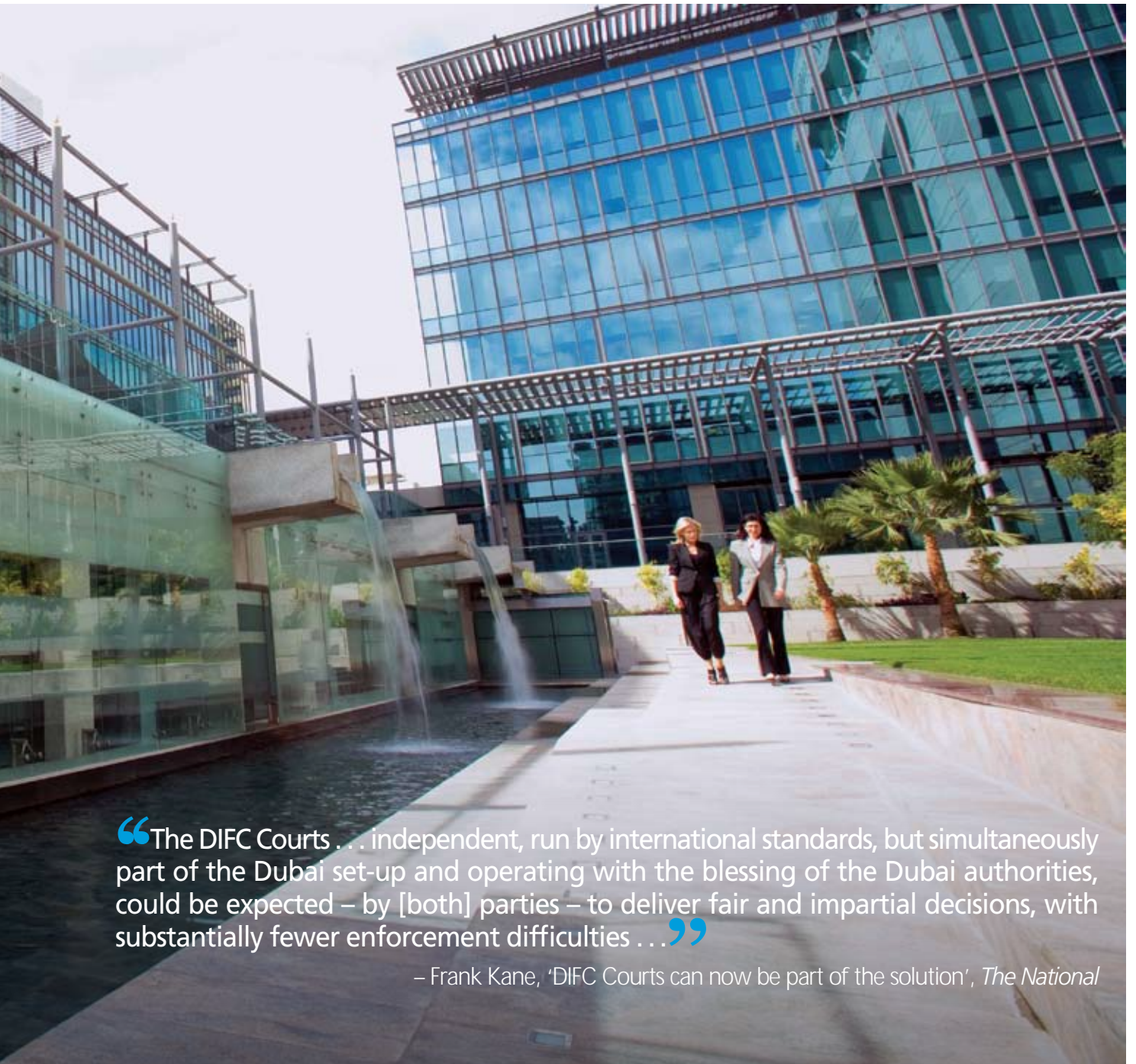


H.E. AHMAD HUMAID AL TAYER
Governor of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)



AVERAGE CASE PROCESSING TIME 2009 (IN MONTHS)





“The DIFC Courts . . . independent, run by international standards, but simultaneously part of the Dubai set-up and operating with the blessing of the Dubai authorities, could be expected – by [both] parties – to deliver fair and impartial decisions, with substantially fewer enforcement difficulties . . .”

– Frank Kane, ‘DIFC Courts can now be part of the solution’, *The National*

100% of all 2009 users would recommend the DIFC Courts*

* According to an independent user satisfaction survey conducted in 2009

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VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



Vision

To provide a world-class system of justice that is reliable, accessible, efficient and fair, with an unconditional commitment to the rule of law and the fulfilment of its statutory function.

Mission

To unflinchingly uphold the principles of fairness and impartiality and to consistently dispense equal justice according to the law and international best practice.

Values

Judicial Independence
Equality and Integrity
Collaboration

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE

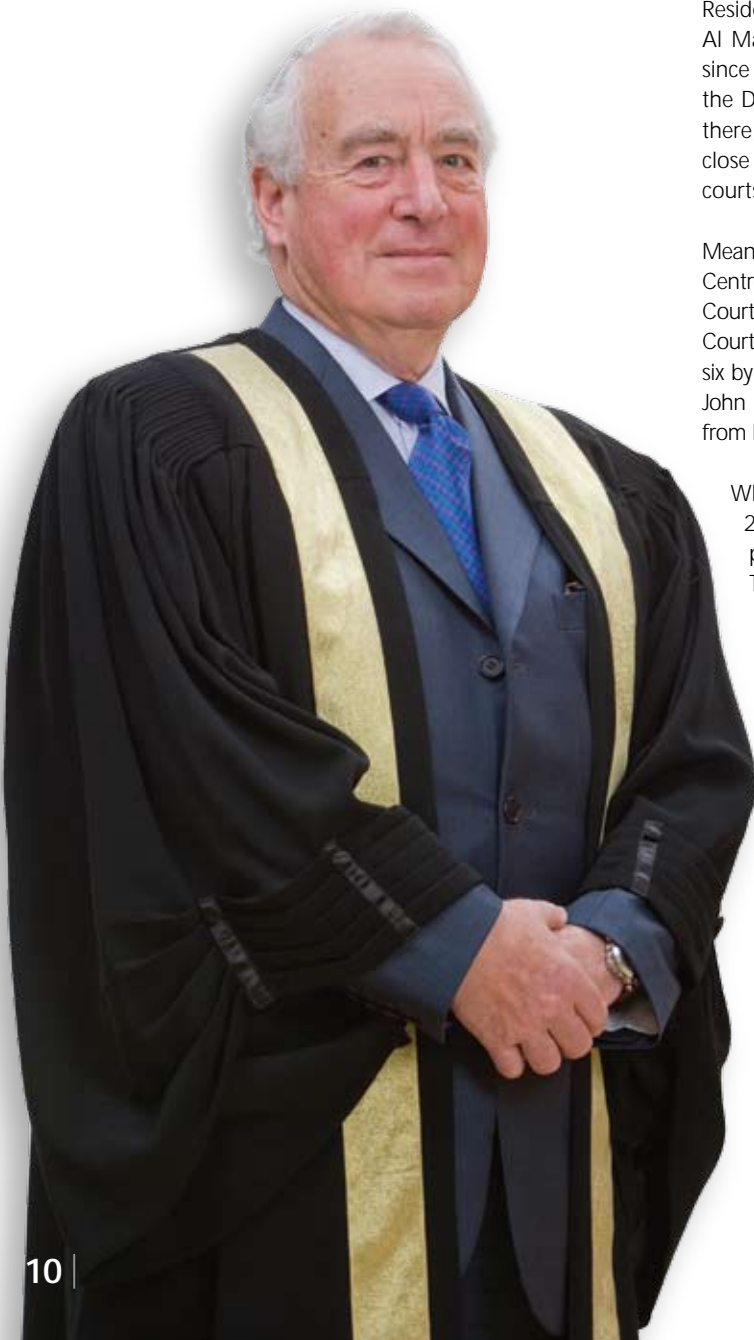
Welcome to the second annual review of the DIFC Courts, covering 2009, which has been perhaps the most significant so far in our five-year history. That is essentially because the Courts have now begun to achieve their full potential as the provider of an efficient and accessible common law justice system within the DIFC.

In 2008, the Courts became fully operational with the appointment of Mark Beer as permanent, full-time and locally resident Registrar. There was already the magnificent courtroom which was formally opened in April 2007, a small and dedicated staff led by Amna Al Owais, who happily is now Deputy Registrar of the Courts and Registrar of the Small Claims Tribunal, and two able and respected Resident Justices, H.E. Justice Omar Al Muhairi and H.E. Justice Ali Al Madhani, to whom so much is owed for their faithful service since the Courts' inception in 2005. Both were formerly Judges of the Dubai Courts, and the close links which they have maintained there, with their former colleagues, have contributed hugely to the close and productive relationship between Dubai's two national courts which has been a major feature of the year just passed.

Meanwhile, the RDC (The Rules of the Dubai International Financial Centre Court 2007) modelled on the procedures of the Commercial Court in London were formally adopted in February 2008 and the Courts' complement of non-resident Justices had been increased to six by the appointments of Justice Sir Anthony Colman and Justice Sir John Chadwick from the United Kingdom, Justice Tan Sri Siti Norma from Malaysia and Justice David Williams QC from New Zealand.

When 2009 began, the Courts had a moderate workload – for 2008 the figures were nine CFI (Court of First Instance) cases, plus one appeal hearing, and 54 cases in the Small Claims Tribunal. But the combined effects of a hard working staff under the inspirational leadership of Mark Beer and a team of Justices who are respected, I believe, both locally and internationally, soon led to a dramatic increase in these numbers. By the end of 2009, 36 further claims were lodged with the CFI and 66 with the SCT, and that rate seems likely to be exceeded in the coming year. No doubt some of the increase has been the result of the global financial crisis, which has had effects in Dubai as elsewhere, but it is impossible to say how much, and it remains true that, during 2009, the Courts have begun to achieve their full potential.

Measuring the success of a Court, particularly a commercial court, by the number of cases it hears is something of a paradox. No one should encourage litigation, nor any other form of commercial dispute resolution, when incomparably



the best solution in every case is a settlement agreement made voluntarily by the parties themselves, with the aid of skilled legal advice whenever that is necessary. Only when that outcome for whatever reason cannot be achieved, should the parties contemplate litigation or bringing in a third party as arbitrator or mediator. So it might be said that any measure of a Court's success, in providing a judicial service to the commercial community, should also take account of another factor: by establishing a reputation for efficiency and transparent procedures, and for fair, just and predictable decisions, the Courts' existence and availability may reduce the number of disputes which come before it.

I hope and believe that the DIFC Courts in 2009 have begun to achieve their full potential, not just in terms of the increasing caseload, but also in developing and deserving this reputation for the quality of service they can provide and the justice they administer.

The year saw the beginning of growth in the DIFC/LCIA Arbitration Centre. The DIFC Courts supervise these arbitrations under DIFC Arbitration Law No. 18 enacted in 2008, and thus potentially they exercise worldwide jurisdiction.

There have been many highlights throughout the year. First and foremost, were the good relations we enjoyed with the Dubai Courts, for which our thanks are due to H.E. Dr. Ahmed bin Hazeem, their Director General, as well as to their Judges who have helped to develop the Memorandum of Understanding and the Protocols on Enforcement and on Jurisdiction we signed with them.

Secondly, the support the DIFC Courts continued to receive from the busy practitioners who make up the Courts' Users' Committee, representing parties as well as lawyers. Their hard work and the interest they have shown have been invaluable.

Thirdly, on 13 December 2009, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Ruler of Dubai, and Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, issued Decree No. 57 of 2009 regarding the financial regulation of Dubai World and its subsidiary companies. The Decree provided that the affairs of Dubai World, a Dubai company, will be governed by the Insolvency Law annexed to it, based in part on DIFC Insolvency Law, and that they will be administered by a Special Tribunal, of whom three members named in the Decree are Justices of the DIFC Courts (myself, Michael Hwang SC (Deputy Chief Justice) and Sir John Chadwick). The Special Tribunal will operate from its own offices within the DIFC Courts, and its procedures will be governed by Rules based on the RDC, but I should emphasise that the Special Tribunal is a separate entity from the DIFC Courts. By the Decree, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed recognises that Dubai

is able to provide from its existing resources a panel of judges with international experience who would administer insolvency law rules based on the common law, which are internationally acceptable for that reason. The Courts were honoured by this recognition, and we pay tribute in return to the energy and vision which led to the Courts being established by the Dubai Laws of 2004.

To provide for the probably unlikely event that issues related to the affairs of Dubai World will be raised before the DIFC Courts, I have directed that all such cases shall be allocated to Justice Sir Anthony Colman so that such cases will be heard by him or another Justice, independent of the Tribunal.

The DIFC Courts were established in order to provide for the DIFC the advantages of a commercial court applying the common law rules which the Commercial Court in London developed so successfully after 1895, when it was founded. Those same rules have been developed also in countries around the world where commercial communities have flourished, in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia, as well as in Australia, New Zealand and Canada, not to mention the USA and India.

The DIFC Courts can now provide that service to the same high standard as in those different jurisdictions and our aim is to do so, for the benefit of the DIFC, of Dubai and the UAE, and throughout the Gulf region generally.

To have travelled so far along this road since 2005 would not have been possible without the support of the President and Governor of the DIFC, nor without the loyalty and hard work of the Courts' staff and of the resident and non-resident Justices, to all of whom I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation, together with my warmest good wishes for continued success in 2010 and beyond.

Sir Anthony Evans
Chief Justice

LETTER FROM THE REGISTRAR

A year of immense achievement and cementing firm foundations

It is with a great sense of achievement that the DIFC Courts can review 2009. The year was one in which the Courts enabled greater access to justice for all; raised and guaranteed a consistent level of professionalism; and drove forward new judicial frontiers in the UAE and the Middle East alike.

Though relatively new in their existence, the DIFC Courts have forged a reputation for judicial innovation in the way that they have shaped and advanced the delivery of justice. In 2009 alone, the Courts have introduced a number of regional firsts of which they are particularly proud.

Most notably, and in line with their mission, the DIFC Courts have ensured that justice is even more widely accessible and balanced with the introduction of a Pro Bono scheme, one of a kind in the region. Likewise, they are the first in the Middle East to introduce a Professional Code of Conduct, to which all practitioners registered with the Courts must abide, a move which will ensure the highest standards of legal representation for all DIFC Courts' users.

Towards the end of the year, Justices and Judicial Officers from the DIFC Courts were chosen to administer the Special Tribunal Related to Dubai World in accordance with Decree No.57 of 2009. This appointment, made by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, was a great honour for the DIFC Courts. It was also a testament to the domestic and international reputation and respect the DIFC Courts have gained since their inception in 2005.

The strong technical foundations necessary for a world-class court system were also strengthened in 2009. The automated recording and transcription service and the online, automated case management system have further streamlined and expedited case progression at the DIFC Courts.

Due to these developments, and thanks to efforts to increase awareness of the Courts in the legal community – such as through the practitioners' lecture series – acceptance of the Courts and, in turn, the case load, has developed considerably over the past year.

To continuously ensure that efficiency was not affected by the increasing caseload, the Courts regularly monitor key performance indicators and, more importantly, listen carefully to feedback from Courts' users and the DIFC community that they serve. This active dialogue, alongside the support of the Courts' Users' Committee – a body made up of Dubai's most prominent commercial and civil law thought leaders – has affirmed that all key decisions were made with the Courts' users' needs and the development of the DIFC's legal system in mind.

A thorough User Satisfaction Survey conducted by an independent agency towards the end of the year confirmed various areas in which the Courts are doing well: efficiency, professionalism, and transparency. The report also highlighted some areas where there is room for improvement, and plans are already underway to do so, for example, by increasing communication with Courts' users.

The successes of 2009 were achieved with the support of H.H. The Ruler of Dubai, the Government of Dubai, the Dubai Courts under the leadership of H.E. Dr Ahmad bin Hazeem, the DIFC Governor, H.E. Ahmad Humaid Al Tayer, the UAE Ministry of Justice and, of course, the enthusiasm and tireless work of the DIFC Courts' team; my sincere thanks to them all.

Mark Beer
Registrar



ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



Court of First Instance (CFI)

Hears cases where the amount in dispute exceeds Dh\$100,000. A single Judge hears the proceedings.

The CFI has exclusive jurisdiction over:

- Civil or commercial cases and disputes involving the DIFC, any of the DIFC's bodies or any of the DIFC's establishments.
- Civil or commercial cases and disputes arising from or related to a contract that has been fulfilled or a transaction that has been carried out, in whole or in part in the DIFC.
- Objections filed against a decision made by the DIFC's bodies, which are subject to objection in accordance with the DIFC's laws and regulations.
- Any application over which the Courts have jurisdiction in accordance with the DIFC's law and regulations.

Court of Appeal (CA)

Deals with a variety of civil and commercial disputes. It comprises at least three judges, with the Chief Justice.

The CA has exclusive jurisdiction over:

- Appeals filed against judgments and awards made by the CFI.
- Interpretation of any article of the DIFC's laws based upon the request of any of the DIFC's establishments, provided that the establishment obtains leave of the Chief Justice in this regard. Such interpretation shall have the power of law.
- The Court of Appeal is the highest court in the DIFC Courts and no appeal shall arise from a decision of this court.

Small Claims Tribunal (SCT)

Was set up to enable access to justice in a swift and efficient manner for disputes of less than Dh\$100,000. The SCT Rules were created following extensive consultation and review of international best practices and provide a clear framework for all stages of the SCT process.

- Cases in the SCT are resolved in an expeditious, cost-efficient manner without the need for lawyers. This allows the SCT to resolve more than 90% of disputes in less than two weeks.
- The process requires the claimant to fill in a simple claim form and lodge it with the SCT Registry.
- Concerned parties then attend a Consultation before a SCT Judge, who will attempt to mediate the dispute.
- The SCT aims to settle each dispute within the two weeks of submission of the claim.
- If the dispute is not resolved at the consultation stage, the matter is fixed for a hearing within one week of the consultation at which point the SCT judge will issue directions.

COURTS' TEAM

has been President of the Law Society of Singapore. He is also a Trustee of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre.

In 2009 Justice Michael Hwang was also appointed a member of the Special Tribunal Related to Dubai World, which was established pursuant to Decree No.57 of 2009.

Justice Sir Anthony David Colman

Justice Sir Anthony Colman was appointed as a Justice of the DIFC Courts in January 2008. He served as a Judge of the Commercial Court in the High Court, London, from 1992 to 2007, specialising in commercial litigation, particularly international oil and gas industry disputes; international sole agency, sole distributorship and joint-venture disputes; primary insurance and reinsurance disputes, including marine and aircraft insurance; international banking and credit disputes; commercial fraud; and cases involving issues of American Law.

Previously, from 1996 to 1997 Justice Sir Anthony Colman was the Judge in Charge of the UK Commercial Court. In 2000 he became the Chairman of Inquiry of the re-opened investigation into the Loss of MV Derbyshire and at the same time he held the position of Special Adviser to the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic on Civil Procedure. In 2002 he became a Consultant to the European Commission on Czech Republic's accession to the EU and in the following year on Slovakia's accession to the union. In 2006 he received an award from the Czech Republic (Gratias Agit Award) for services to Czech judicial reform and judicial education. Justice Sir Anthony Colman was a co-founder and member of the Management Committee of the European Commercial Judges Forum from 2002 until 2007. Since 2002 he has presided as Honourary President of the Italian Society for Mediation and Principal of the Faculty of Mediation and Vice President of the Academy of Experts,

in London. He was educated at Harrogate Grammar School and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he achieved a Double First in Law Tripos.

Justice Sir Anthony Colman practised as a Barrister of Gray's Inn at the Commercial Bar from 1962 to 1992, specialising in primary insurance and reinsurance including marine insurance, maritime disputes, banking and international trade and distributorship agreements, ICC and ICSID arbitrations, including acting as ICC, LCIA and ICSID arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1977 and Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn in 1986. Justice Sir Anthony Colman was also Chairman of the Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR), a role he held from 1990 until 1992.

Justice Sir John Murray Chadwick

Justice Sir John Chadwick was appointed a Justice of the DIFC Courts in January 2008, having served for 10 years until 2007 as a Judge of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales. He had previously held senior judicial appointments as a Judge of the High Court of England and Wales (Chancery Division), and a Judge of the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey. He is also president of the Court of Appeal of the Cayman Islands.

Justice Sir John Chadwick was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1966. He was standing counsel to the UK Department of Trade and Industry from 1974 until 1980, when he was appointed Queen's Counsel. In private practice, he undertook both litigation and advisory work; principally in property, company, insolvency, banking and insurance matters. His experience includes litigation in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Bermuda.

In 2009 Justice Sir John Chadwick was also appointed a Member of the Special Tribunal Related to Dubai World, established pursuant to Decree No.57 of 2009.

Justice Tan Sri Siti Norma Yaakob

Justice Tan Sri Siti Norma Yaakob was appointed a Justice of the DIFC Courts in January 2008. She retired as Chief Judge of Malaya in January 2007 having held office since February 2005. After qualifying as a Barrister in London in 1962, she was appointed as a Senior Assistant Registrar in the Kuala Lumpur High Court the following year. Before becoming Chief Judge she held a series of senior judicial and legal positions in Malaysia including that of President of the Sessions Court, Kuala Lumpur; Chief Registrar of the Federal Court, Malaysia; High Court Judge, Malaya; Judge of the Court of Appeal, Malaysia; and Judge of the Federal Court, Malaysia.

Justice Tan Sri Siti Norma Yaakob was President of the Association of Women Lawyers 1976 to 1977 and President of the Judicial and Legal Service Officers Association between 1979 to 1981. She has served as a Council Member, a Regional Vice-President and President of the Commonwealth Magistrates' Association, and as Secretary, Governing Council Member, Executive Council Member of the Asean Law Association, as well as being a Member of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission.



Justice Tan Sri Siti Norma Yaakob has represented Malaysia at many international conferences and seminars including Commonwealth Magistrates' Conferences, Commonwealth Law Ministers' Meeting, the International Conference of Appellate Magistrates and the United Nations' 29th Commission on the Status of Women.

She is also an Eisenhower Fellow and presently holds the position of Vice-President of the Eisenhower Fellows Association of Malaysia. She also serves as a Pro-Chancellor, University of Malaya, sits on the Board of four companies and is very active in the running of two charitable foundations. In late November 2007, the Master Benchers of her alma mater, Gray's Inn, London elected her as an Honorary Bencher of that Inn.

Justice David A R Williams QC

Justice David A. R. Williams was appointed as a Justice of the DIFC Courts in January 2008. He graduated LL.B from the University of Auckland Law School in 1965 and LL.M from Harvard University the following year. He was admitted to the New Zealand Bar in 1965, the Australian Bar in 1987 and to the English Bar in 2003. For many years he practised as a commercial barrister in New Zealand and overseas.

Justice David Williams' wide-ranging judicial experience includes appointments as a Justice of the High Court of New Zealand (from 1991 to 1994), a Justice of the High Court and Court of Appeal of the Cook Islands (from 2000 to 2005), and Chief Justice of the Cook Islands from 2005.

In addition to his current judicial duties, Justice David Williams is a leading international Arbitrator and has extensive experience in international dispute resolution. He has served as a member of the ICC Court of International Arbitration (Paris) and the London Court of International Arbitration and he is presently a Council Member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration. He is also an Honorary Professor at the University of Auckland Law School in Auckland, New Zealand.

H.E. Justice Ali Shamis Mohamed Shamis Al Madhani

H.E. Justice Ali Al Madhani was appointed as a Justice of the DIFC Courts' in 2008 and prior to that he was appointed a Small Claims Tribunal Judge in 2007, having played a key role in the establishment of its functions. He joined the DIFC Courts in 2005 as a Senior Judicial Officer, having previously been a member of the 2004 committee tasked with the creation of the DIFC Courts. He brings with him a wealth of legal experience from within the UAE and the Gulf region alike.

Prior to his career at the DIFC Courts, H.E Justice Ali Al Madhani worked with the Dubai Financial Services Authority, where he consulted on the application of UAE and Dubai legislation throughout 2004. From 1994 until 1998, he was a Public Prosecutor for Dubai Public Prosecution. In 1998, he was appointed by the Ruler of Dubai to serve as a Judge in the Dubai Courts.

H.E. Justice Ali Al Madhani obtained his Masters in International and Comparative Commercial Law at the School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London in September 2007.

H.E Justice Omar Juma Mohamed Saif Al Fajeer Al Muhairi

H.E. Justice Omar Al Muhairi was appointed as a Justice of the DIFC Courts in 2008. He was also appointed a Small Claims Tribunal Judge in 2007 and he played a key role in the development of the Tribunal function.

H.E Justice Omar Al Muhairi initially joined the DIFC Courts as a Senior Judicial Officer in 2005. During his tenure with the DFSA, where he consulted on the laws of the UAE and the adoption of DIFC laws, he was also a member of the 2004 committee that established the DIFC Courts.

H.E. Justice Omar Al Muhairi is a founding member of the Joint Committee of the Dubai Courts and the DIFC Courts, following the agreement which was signed in December 2008. H.E. Justice Omar Al Muhairi brings to the DIFC Courts an in-depth knowledge of the workings of the Dubai judicial system gained in a career starting in 1994, when he was appointed as a Prosecutor for Dubai Public Prosecution and served as Prosecutor for four years. In 1998, he was appointed by the Ruler of Dubai to serve as a Judge in the Dubai Courts.

From November 2005 to September 2006, H.E. Justice Omar Al Muhairi attended the School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London.

In March 2008 H.E. Justice Omar Al Muhairi was appointed as a member of the Committee set up to review and implement changes to the Judicial Institute of Dubai. He is also a member of the Education Council of the Judicial Committee of Dubai.

Mark Beer, Registrar, DIFC Courts

Mark Beer has been Registrar at the DIFC Courts since 2008. In his role, Mark is charged with administrating the DIFC Courts' office and staff, undertaking various judicial functions and other duties as prescribed in Article 17 of the DIFC Courts Law No. 10 of 2004.

During Mark's tenure, and with the guidance and support of the Chief Justice, he has led various initiatives to promote access to justice and to create a world-class, efficient, transparent and fair judicial system.



This has included overseeing the implementation of a 'best in class' electronic case management system to enhance the efficiency of the Courts' operations. Mark has been instrumental in the DIFC Courts' adoption of a Code of Professional Conduct, and he has supported the development of the DIFC Courts' Pro-Bono programme, both of which are firsts of their kind in the Middle East.

To increase understanding of the DIFC Courts within the UAE's legal community, Mark, with the assistance of the resident justices and the Court's team, has worked to establish a DIFC Courts' Legal Practitioners' Series that presents quarterly seminars and lectures on matters that concern the DIFC Courts' working practices and related issues.

Mark has played a key role in developing formal working relationships between the DIFC Courts and the other Courts in the UAE and internationally. In Dubai, he has been involved with formalising agreements covering enforcement and joint initiatives to promote training with the Dubai Courts. The DIFC Courts are an important component of the DIFC's international business offering, and accordingly, Mark has represented the Courts to increase awareness and understanding of the judicial system on a global scale. He encourages and regularly welcomes international dignitaries and delegations on behalf of the Courts, raising awareness of the DIFC's world-class judicial framework. For his work, Mark received the DIFC Governor's 2009 award for Distinguished New Employee.

In 2009, Mark was also appointed Registrar of the Special Tribunal Related to Dubai World, established pursuant to Decree No.57 of 2009.

Amna Sultan Al Owais, Deputy Registrar & SCT Registrar

Amna Sultan Al Owais joined the DIFC Courts in October 2006. Amna's role is to support the judicial bench and Registrar in the management and day-to-day administration of the DIFC Courts. Amna undertakes various judicial functions and other duties as prescribed in Article 17 of the DIFC Courts Law No. 10 of 2004. In addition to her contribution to the Courts operations, planning and communications, she has a critical technical mandate, which includes case management and legal research responsibilities.

Amna oversaw the implementation of the DIFC Courts' bespoke case management system. Under Amna's management, the system became operational in less than two months. It electronically records all case documentation, allowing for remote access for Registry staff and Justices.

As Registrar of the Small Claims Tribunal, one of the busiest of the DIFC Courts, Amna coordinates all of the claims lodged and undertakes case consultations with the parties. She spearheaded the establishment of the DIFC Courts' Pro-Bono Programme launched in 2009, which is the first scheme of its kind in the Middle East.

Amna has played a key role in the establishment and development of the DIFC Courts. Previous to her employment at the DIFC Courts, she practised as a lawyer with Hadeef Al Dhahiri and Associates in Dubai. Prior to that, she trained for one year at the UAE Ministry of Justice and has been admitted to practise in both the local and federal courts. Amna obtained her Masters with Commendation in International Commercial Law from Kingston University, London.

In 2009, Amna was appointed Deputy Registrar of the Special Tribunal Related to Dubai World established pursuant to Decree No.57 of 2009.

Rita Hicks Courts' Co-ordinator

Rita Hicks joined the DIFC Courts in November 2008 after having spent a year supporting the Dispute Resolution team at a major international law firm.

Prior to moving to Dubai, Rita was an Associate to a High Court Judge at the Auckland High Court. Rita has also worked as a Judges' Assistant at District Court level and has had an extensive legal background with two legal firms in New Zealand.

Rita is responsible for managing the daily functions of the Courts and providing administrative support to the Justices and the Registry. This includes the handling of Court of First Instance cases and maintaining the DIFC Courts' Register of Legal Practitioners. She is also Secretary of the Courts' Users' Committee. ■

Courts' Users' Committee Members 2009

<u>Chairman</u>		
DIFC Courts	Mark Beer	Registrar
<u>Committee Members</u>		
DFSA Enforcement	Stephen Glynn	Head of Enforcement
DIFCA	Dean Ferris	General Counsel
DIFX	(Vacant)	
Clifford Chance	Graham Lovett	Partner
Clyde & Co	Alec Emmerson	Partner
Al Tamimi & Company	Philip Punwar	Barrister/Senior Legal Consultant
Hadeef & Partners	Richard Briggs	Partner
Global Advocates	Ali Al Hashimi	Partner
DLA Piper	James Delkousis	Barrister & Solicitor
<u>Committee Secretary</u>		
DIFC Courts	Rita Hicks	Courts' Coordinator

