Hamza J. Hakeem

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Saudi-licensed lawyer and Columbia Law School LL.M. graduate with experience across public-sector litigation, regulatory advisory, commercial transactions, and major development projects. Advised senior government officials and state-owned entities on administrative law, compliance, procurement, environmental regulation, and strategic legal risk. Represented public entities in more than 200 administrative disputes before Saudi courts.

EDUCATION

Columbia University Law School *Sep 2025 – May 2026*

Master of Laws (LL.M.), with Honors, Parker Certificate of Achievement in International and Comparative Law.

King Abdulaziz University *Sep 2016 - Mar 2020*

Bachelor of Laws – GPA 4.87/5 -First Class Honors.

EXPERIENCE

Jeddah Central Development Company. *Nov 2022 – Nov 2024*
A Saudi government-owned company entrusted with the development of the city Jeddah.
LEGAL ASSOCIATE

• **Drafted** the Legal Community Charter governing rights, obligations, and community regulations within a major urban development project in Jeddah.
• **Reviewed** and advised on international investment, commercial, and development agreements, identifying legal risks and ensuring compliance with Saudi regulatory requirements.
• **Drafted** the company's environmental legal policy, establishing a compliance framework aligned with sustainable development and environmental protection objectives.
• **Represented** the company in litigation and dispute matters, including claims arising from commercial, regulatory, and project-related issues.
• **Advised** business and operational teams on regulatory, contractual, governance, and compliance matters arising from large-scale development projects.
• **Supported** senior management in evaluating legal risks associated with commercial transactions, infrastructure projects, and strategic business initiatives.

JEDDAH MUNICIPALITY *May 2021 - Oct 2022*
LEGAL RESEARCHER

• **Represented** the municipality in more than 200 administrative disputes involving government contracts, public procurement, administrative decisions, and compensation claims before Saudi administrative courts.
• **Drafted** pleadings, legal memoranda, and appellate submissions, including appeals before the Administrative Court of Appeal and the Administrative Supreme Court.

• **Contributed** to a significant environmental litigation matter involving a SAR 200 million public contract for the management of Jeddah's urban green spaces, resulting in a favorable outcome for the municipality.

• **Advised** the Mayor and senior municipal officials on administrative, regulatory, and public-law matters.

• **Conducted** comparative administrative law research on governmental powers, judicial review, and separation-of-powers principles.

• **Founded** and led a legal-awareness initiative for municipal employees**.**

AL Tamimi & Co *Mar 2020 - Apr 2020*
LEGAL INTERN

- Assisted lawyers with court attendance, legal research, and drafting submissions.
- Supported legal writing for court filings and internal memoranda.
- Completed an assessed legal internship paper, receiving an A+ grade.

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LEGAL INTERN

- Observed trial, appellate, and supreme court proceedings.
- Assisted with drafting pleadings and appeal submissions. *Sep 2017 - Mar 2018*
- Communicated with clients and supported lawyers in case preparation.

LANGUAGES

Arabic – Native English – Fluent