



AIFC LAW CONFERENCE 2020

AIFC LAW: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

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DAY 1

Tuesday 30th of June 2020

15:00 - Opening of the Conference

The opening of the Conference by:

Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre

15:05 - 16:00

How to Benefit the AIFC Law in this Challenging Time

We analyse what we achieved since establishing the AIFC and what we need to improve in the legal environment even further and look forward to finding new ways and roads. The pandemic COVID-19 has been shocking the global market, and most countries and companies alike have been ill-prepared given the sudden emergence of these shocks. This panel session will cover recent trends in English commercial law and its correlation with the AIFC Law as well as issues related to the financial regulatory matters in the AIFC will explore how to address the challenges that an increasingly disrupted world poses for emerging markets and how to reshape emerging market economies and make them more resilient to future exogenous shocks.

Moderator:

Michael Blair QC, Chairman of the AIFC Legal Advisory Council.

Speakers:

- Michael Thomas, Member of the AIFC Legal Advisory Council, Partner at Hogan Lovells International (London).
- Aigoul Kenjebayeva, Kazakhstan and Central Asia Managing Partner at Dentons.
- Marc Holtzman, Member of Board of Directors, AFSA.

Q&A

20:00 – 22:00

Legal dialogues “Legal Tech, start-ups and entrepreneurship”

Viktor Orlovski is a native of Tashkent and one of the main “architects” of Sberbank’s digital transformation, which allowed him to become the most profitable bank in the world (2016) and the largest digital bank in Europe. Prior to joining Sberbank, Victor held high positions at ABN Amro, IBM, and Alfa Bank, where he was also responsible for the IT transformation of the bank. Thanks to the successful transformation, Victor became Sberbank’s senior vice president for digital business development, where he continued to work on innovation, and in 2015, he took up the position of director of SBTV Fund I, a venture fund of Sberbank.

In 2016, Victor moved to California, where he founded the Fort Ross Ventures venture fund, which combines Silicon Valley venture capital with an extensive business network in the United States, Israel, and Eastern Europe. Together, Victor manages assets for a total of \$ 345 million. During the webinar, Viktor Orlovski will talk about the wonderful world of Silicon Valley and what makes this place attractive for startups from around the world, doing business, innovations, legal technologies, the rules for successful investing, as well as the latest trends and challenges in the field of innovation.

Moderator:

Igor Rogov, Member of the Academic Council of the AIFC Academy of Law/ Deputy Executive Director of the Foundation of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan – Elbasy.

Speaker:

Victor Orlovski, Managing Partner at FortRoss Ventures.

Q&A

DAY 2

Wednesday 1st of July 2020

15:00 – 16:00

Future of legal education

The globalization of the legal practice industry requires a reexamination of traditional legal education models. New technologies and blended learning methodologies create new challenges and opportunities for academic institutions and regulators. The panel discussion assesses the path forward.

Moderator:

David Gallo, Director of the AIFC Academy of Law.

Speakers:

- Hussain Hadi, Head of the Middle East Publishing Arm, Lexis Nexis.
- Sarah Hutchinson, Managing Director at BARBRI International.
- Miras Daulenov, Vice Minister of education and science.

Q&A

16:30 – 17:15

The Future of Law

AIFC is a pioneer in the development of a LawTech ecosystem to integrate law and technology in order to enhance access to justice. International Experts who are Members of the AIFC's groundbreaking LawTech Advisory Council will discuss the way in which technology will transform the legal industry, and why it is critical the practitioners keep ahead of the curve, remain agile and leverage innovations for the benefit of their clients.

Moderator:

Mark Beer OBE, Chairman of the AIFC LawTech Advisory Council.

Speakers:

- Professor Dr. Mimi Zou, Co-founder of Oxford University's Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab and Fellow in Chinese Commercial Law, University of Oxford.
- Professor Dr Joseph Lee, Senior Lecturer in Corporate and Commercial Law, University of Exeter, United Kingdom.
- Alessandro Palombo, CEO and Co-Founder of Jur.io

Q&A

17:15 – 17:30

Presentation of the AIFC Law Application

During this session, Mr Abu Muadh will demonstrate the AIFC Law App. The AIFC Law App is a mobile application designed to be an educational tool for everyone who is interested in the AIFC Jurisdiction. The app will allow the users to learn about the AIFC's legal framework by reading the AIFC acts both online and offline, watching educational videos, testing their knowledge, reading the latest news, and keeping updated on the upcoming events such as workshops, webinars, and many other courses.

Speaker:

Abu Muadh, Managing Director at Black and White IT Consulting LLC.

15:00 – 16:00**AIFC Legal Talks “Maritime and Transportation Law”**

Being the natural transit point between Europe and Asia, Kazakhstan has a lot of potential in the field of transportation. Apart from the challenges caused by the cross-border element, each transport mode has its own particular risks. This panel aims to inform the latest trend in international trade and explore how AIFC may be utilized.

Moderator:

Paul Aston, Partner at HFW.

Speakers:

- Gerard Forlin QC, Barrister, Cornerstone Barristers.
- Edward Liu, Legal Director of Hill Dickinson Hong Kong; Principal Representative of ICS (China) Liaison Office.
- Siddique Khan, CEO of Globalink Logistics.

Q&A**18:30 – 19:00****Chairman’s Room and Declaration on AIFC Law Conference 2020: Legal profession in challenging times****Presented by:**

- Michael Blair QC, Chairman of the AIFC Legal Advisory Council.
- Chris Kenny, Chairman of the AIFC Advisory Panel on Legal Regulatory Matters.
- Mark Beer OBE, Chairman of the AIFC LawTech Advisory Council.

Opening of the Conference



Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre

Mr. Kelimbetov was appointed AIFC Governor by Order of the President of Kazakhstan on 24 December 2015. He heads the AIFC and is a member of the AIFC Management Council.

From 2013 to 2015 Mr. Kelimbetov was Governor of the National Bank of Kazakhstan. Between 2012 and 2013, as Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, he was responsible for macroeconomics, fiscal policy, state assets management and financial sector, as well as tax and customs policy, and was Chairman of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission, representing Kazakhstan. In 2011 he held the position of Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Kazakhstan.

From 2008 to 2011 Mr. Kelimbetov was Head of the Samruk-Kazyna National Welfare Fund which manages all of Kazakhstan's state-owned assets. Prior to this appointment, he held the positions of Presidential Chief of Staff, Head of the Kazyna Sustainable Development Fund and Minister of Economy and Budget Planning. Previously, Mr. Kelimbetov was a member of Kazakhstan's Presidential Supreme Economic Council, Head of Kazakhstan's Agency for Strategic Planning and First Vice-Minister of Finance.

Mr. Kelimbetov is a graduate of the Lomonosov Moscow State University, the National Higher School of Public Administration under the President of Kazakhstan, and Georgetown University (USA).

How to Benefit the AIFC Law in this Challenging Time



Michael Blair QC. Chairman of the AIFC Legal Advisory Council, Leading Counsel at 3 Verulam Buildings Barristers (London)

Michael Blair QC is a specialist in financial services and financial services regulation and has been rated by Chambers and Partners as a "Star Individual" in that category for 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

He joined 3 Verulam Buildings Chambers in 2000 after serving as General Counsel to the Board of the (then) Financial Services Authority from 1998-2000, and as head of the legal function in its predecessor body, the Securities and Investments Board, from 1987 to 1997.

He was invited in 2002 to help set up the Dubai International Financial Centre and became a Board Member of the Dubai Financial Service Authority in 2003. He chaired the DIFC Legislative Committee for a number of years and remains a member of it following his retirement from the DFSA Board in 2013. With his tremendous contribution and under his leadership, the LAC has been developing the AIFC Law to meet the highest international standards.



Michael Thomas, Member of the AIFC Legal Advisory Council, Partner at Hogan Lovells International LLP in London

The core of Michael's practice is the provision of financial services regulatory advice. He advises firms on how financial services regulation will apply to them from their initial set-up to their on-going business, and concerning key events such as corporate transactions or outsourcing arrangements. In addition to regulatory advice, Michael advises financial institutions on commercial transactions, such as major outsourcing arrangements and distribution deals.

His financial services team at Hogan Lovells came second at the Lawyer Awards 2015 in the category of Corporate Team of the Year, for their work in the launch of LME Clear, the new clearinghouse for The London Metal Exchange.



Aigoul Kenjebayeva, Kazakhstan and Central Asia Managing Partner at Dentons

Aigoul Kenjebayeva is the managing partner of Dentons Europe's Almaty and Nur-Sultan offices. Her particular areas of specialization have been acquired from over 35 years as a practicing lawyer and include corporate, M&A, energy/natural resources, PPP/infrastructure projects, IP, competition law, and dispute resolution. Based in Kazakhstan, Aigoul has also been involved in projects for clients in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

Aigoul is consistently named as a leading expert in Kazakhstan by Chambers Global, Legal 500, PLC Which Lawyer? Who's Who Legal, IFLR1000, and Who's Who in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Among other market recommendations, Chambers Global noted: "Aigoul Kenjebayeva is identified as the "driving force behind the practice" and is credited for "setting the standard in the market for law firms and lawyers" with the quality of her work. She is widely considered to be a top choice for litigation and also works on matters in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan."

Aigoul is a member of the Stockholm Arbitration Report Editorial Board, the Kazakhstan Petroleum Lawyers Association Board, the Foreign Investors Council Legal Working Group (under the auspices of the President of Kazakhstan), and the Chair of the Board of the Kazakhstan Bar Association.



Marc Holtzman, Member of Board of Directors of the AFSA

Marc Holtzman also the Chairman of Bank of Kigali, the largest Bank in Rwanda. Previously he headed KazKommertsBank in Kazakhstan, Meridian Capital HK and served as Vice Chairman of Barclays Capital and as Vice Chairman of ABN Amro Bank.

Mr Holtzman also currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of TeleTech, the world's leading provider of analytics-driven technology-enabled services and FAT Brands, a global franchisor of leading restaurant brands.

Legal dialogues "Legal Tech, start-ups and entrepreneurship"



Igor Rogov, Member of the Academic Council of the AIFC Academy of Law/ Deputy Executive Director of the Foundation of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan - Elbasy

Igor Rogov graduated from Kazakh State University. CM. Kirov in 1968 (lawyer). Doctor of Law, Professor, Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Over the years, he served as Chairman of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Deputy Head of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Deputy Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He is a member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) from the Republic of Kazakhstan, Deputy Chairman of the International Union of Lawyers, Chairman of the Commission on Clemency under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Honorary President of the Kazakhstan Criminological Association and Chairman of the Public Council for Combating Corruption. He has published more than 200 scientific and popular science articles in Kazakhstani and foreign editions, teaching aids in criminal law.



Victor Orlovski, Managing Partner at FortRoss Ventures

Victor has spent most of his career in fintech. As CTO of Alfa Bank, the largest private bank in Russia, he successfully led one of the largest fintech transformations in Eastern Europe. Victor was also a partner and thought leader in IBM Global Business Services Fintech practice. In 2007 he was named CTO and an executive board member of Sberbank- Russia's largest bank and a top 20 global bank.

Future of legal education



David Gallo, Director of the AIFC Academy of Law

David Gallo started his career in private practice at a law firm, and then served as corporate counsel at American Electric Power. David spent most of his career at the General Electric Company, first as an M&A and commercial transactions lawyer, and then in commercial leadership roles, including Director, Corporate Compliance for European Equipment Finance; Chief Marketing Officer for Financial Guaranty Insurance Corp; and, Managing Director, Corporate Development for GE Capital.

David was CEO of a Saudi bank venture, and CEO of an Abu Dhabi-based global trading company. Before his current position as the Head of the AIFC Academy of Law, David's most recent role was Director of the Academy of Law for the Dubai International Centre (DIFC).

David received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Denison University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; a Doctor of Law degree from University of the Pacific, where he served as newspaper Editor in Chief, and received the Corpus Juris Secundum Award for significant legal scholarship; and, a Master of Business Administration, International Business, where he was the "top graduating student" in his class, and authored a dissertation, "Preparing Lawyers for International Commercial Law Practice".



Hussain Hadi, Head of the Middle East Publishing Arm, Lexis Nexis

Hussain Hadi heads the Middle East publishing arm of LexisNexis, which provides online access to legislation, regulatory news, case law, and practical guidance from across the MENA region. Prior to joining LexisNexis in 2011, his legal publishing experience includes roles at Oxford University Press and the Informa Group, where he managed a portfolio of commercial and banking law newsletters, books and websites. He launched the online version of the Lloyd's Law Reports: Insurance & Reinsurance and also developed a series of legal training courses across a range of areas including patents, reinsurance, and contract drafting.

Hussain has overseen the publication of over 200 leading practitioner works on commercial and international law, as well as managing a portfolio of business magazines including the first dedicated monthly law magazine in the Middle East. Having advised government and industry associations such as the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and the General Arab Insurance Federation, Hussain has chaired and spoken at conferences in UAE, UK, Oman, Bahrain and Jordan.



Sarah Hutchinson, Managing Director at BARBRI International

Sarah Hutchinson offers a breadth of knowledge that spans the Atlantic Ocean. Literally. She is BARBRI's resident expert in London with specialized knowledge in cross-border and international legal qualifications.

A solicitor in England & Wales, Sarah offers an unmatched expertise in U.S. bar preparation for international lawyers and law graduates seeking qualification in the U.S. and the U.K. Sarah is an expert in global legal education and is frequently invited to speak at international legal conferences on education and training of international lawyers.

Sarah is considered an expert resource on the U.K. and U.S. legal landscape and is frequently cited by the media in matters concerning the British and U.S. legal education arenas. She is the former vice-president (business development) of the University of Law in England & Wales and has also provided legal education consultancy to bar associations, universities, law firms and government departments in many jurisdictions.

Her experiences have given her a strategic view of the financial and business aspects of her field as well as the educational ones, a view that allows her to understand the trends and challenges faced both by schools and lawyers. Sarah is viewed by colleagues as a motivating yet practical leader, with an unerring ability to find the best solutions for her clients. She is the chair-elect of the International Bar Association's Section of Public and Professional.



Miras Daulenov, Vice Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Miras Daulenov was born in 1983 in East Kazakhstan region, Ust-Kamenogorsk, graduated from S. Amanzholov East Kazakhstan State University, Master of Law, Doctor (PhD) in Law. He began his career in 2003. In various years he worked in the private sector as a lawyer. In August 2012, he was appointed the head of the Department of International Law and International Relations of the Kazakh Humanities and Law University JSC.

From 2015 to 2018 he held the post of deputy chairman of the management Board – director of the S. Zimanov Academy of Fundamental and Applied Research, M.S. Narikbayev KAZGUU University. From 2018 to 2019 he was Provost – Director of the S. Zimanov Academy of Legal and Economic Studies of the M.S. Narikbayev KAZGUU University. From 2019 to the present – Provost – rector of the M.S. Narikbayev KAZGUU University.

The Future of Law



Mark Beer OBE, Chairman of the AIFC LawTech Advisory Council

Mark is Chairman of the Metis Institute, which advises Governments and Judiciaries on economic diversification through enhancement of the rule of law and effective justice; co-Founder of the Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab at Oxford University; a visiting fellow at Oxford University; and a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Expert Network. He is also the Immediate Past President of the International Association for Court Administration; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Global Legal Action Network; a member of the Commercial Dispute Resolution Taskforce, part of the UK Government's 'LawTech Delivery Panel'; a visiting professor at the Shanghai University for Political Science and Law; advisor to the Boards of Resolve Disputes Online, Jur.io and Pheonix Advisors; a member of The Innovation Working Group of the Task Force on Justice focussed on addressing UN SDG 16.3; a Professional Associate with Outer Temple Chambers; and a member of the International Council of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Mark also works with Ministries, Judiciaries and NGOs on rule of law initiatives, particularly on the use of technology to enhance access to justice. He is a speaker and lecturer about LawTech; the future of law, commerce and dispute resolution (with a particular focus on blockchain, smart contracts, virtual assets and crypto-enforcement); and the implications and legal issues surrounding China's Belt and Road Initiative, having addressed Governments, Universities, Research Centres and the Private Sector in, among other places, China, Europe, the Middle East and Europe.

Mark advises Governments, law firms, in-house legal teams, international financial centres and dispute resolution authorities about the future of law and justice, and their implications for strategy, innovation, modelling, workflows and client servicing. Mark also advises on legislative reform, and the mechanisms to deliver citizen-centric dispute resolution for all.



Joseph Lee, Member of the AIFC Legal Tech Advisory Council, senior lecturer in law at Exeter Law School.

Dr Joseph Lee is a senior lecturer in law at Exeter Law School. He joined the School as lecturer in company and commercial law in October 2012. From 2006 to 2012 he was lecturer in business law at the University of Nottingham, which he joined immediately after the completion of his PhD at the University of London. Joseph has also been visiting professor and collaborateur scientifique at the University of Liège, Belgium, and visiting professor at the National Taiwan University teaching UK and EU company law and English commercial law.

He was visiting scholar at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo in 2014. He has lectured at the National Chiao-Tung University of Taiwan, University of Hong Kong, Kyushu University and Nagoya University of Japan, and Bocconi University.

Joseph specialises in company law & governance, financial markets regulation, commercial law, and arbitration. He teaches financial markets law and regulation, corporate law and governance, and international trade law.

His research interests are in the areas of distributed ledgers technologies (DLTs) and smart technologies in financial markets, regulation and supervision of financial market infrastructures (FMI), Online dispute resolution and automated enforcement, and data trusts and governance. He welcomes PhD applications for research supervision in these subject areas.

Joseph regularly acts as a consultant. He advised a central bank and government agencies and provides training to the judiciary. He is fellow of the European Law Institute and a member of the International Bar Association. Joseph currently holds a research grant awarded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC-IAA) to investigate into Artificial Intelligence (AI) in capital markets



Alessandro Palombo, Member of the AIFC Legal Tech Advisory Council, CEO And Co-founder of Jur AG.

Alessandro is an expert in legal technology and qualified Lawyer. In 2013 he became the youngest lawyer permitted to practice in Italy. Alessandro has a Ph.D. in Administrative Law and a Master's Degree in Global Regulation of Markets. He is an Advisor of the European Observatory on Legal Technologies and a Member of the Scientific Committee of San Marino Innovation.



Mimi Zou, Member of the AIFC Legal Tech Advisory Council, co-founder of the Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab.

Dr Mimi Zou is the inaugural Fangda Career Development Fellow in Chinese Commercial Law at St Hugh's College, in association with the Oxford Law Faculty and the Oxford China Centre. It is the first post in Chinese law at the University of Oxford. Dr Zou has the role of developing the subject as a new field of study and research at Oxford, exploring how best to understand Chinese law and the links between law, economy, politics, and society, both within China and as it affects transnational relations.

Dr Zou also gives tutorials in the BA in Jurisprudence programme for undergraduate students at St Hugh's College. She is the co-founder of the Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab, which aims to build an internationally leading hub of interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder research cooperation on the study of deep technologies in dispute resolution.

Dr Zou's main areas of expertise are in Chinese and comparative contract law, employment law, law and technology, and commercial dispute resolution, with over 60 publications in international journals, books, and professional magazines. She is a member of the World Economic Forum Experts Network.

Dr Zou obtained her Doctor of Philosophy in Law and Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) degrees from St John's College and Christ Church, the University of Oxford on a Commonwealth Scholarship and a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship. She also graduated with first class honours degrees in Law, Economics, and Social Sciences (University Medal) from the University of Sydney. She is currently completing an Executive MBA programme. Dr Zou has been admitted as a lawyer in the state of New South Wales (Australia) and a solicitor of England and Wales. She has also been called to the Bar of England and Wales.

Prior to her appointment at Oxford, Dr Zou was Edwards Fellow at Columbia Law School, Assistant Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Senior Researcher at Utrecht University. Dr Zou has also been a visitor at a number of leading Chinese universities and research institutes, including the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Renmin University, Tsinghua University, Peking University, China University of Political Science and Law, Zhejiang University, and Southwest University of Political Science and Law.

Dr Zou has worked or served as an adviser and consultant for international organisations, government departments, and firms in tech and professional services sectors in China, Europe, USA, and Australasia for over 15 years. She provides training on China-related legal, economic, cultural, and strategic issues for senior civil servants, diplomats, officers of the armed forces, lawyers, and business professionals around the world. She is currently a special adviser to the Great Britain China Centre, a non-departmental public body set up by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO).

Presentation of the AIFC Law Application



Abu Muadh, Managing Director at Black and White IT Consulting LLC

Abu Muadh is an IT professional with over 20 years of experience. He has been involved in various large-scale city-wide technology projects and has sharp business and technical skills. He played a leading role as a senior advisor in various Government projects in the UAE and has been instrumental in setting up the technology infrastructure for The DIFC Courts & The Dispute Resolution Authority.

He is passionate about using technology to bring smiles on millions of faces and successfully set up a startup named Smart Labour to make a difference to the lives of the 2.4 million blue-collar workers in the UAE.

AIFC Legal Talks “Maritime and Transportation Law”



Paul Aston, Partner at HFW, Singapore

Paul acts for clients in the maritime, offshore and commodity sectors (mainly Oil and Gas). He specialises in all aspects of shipping, transport and insurance, down and midstream oil and gas transactions, ship building and repair disputes, advising shipyards and buyers on contracts for the construction of various offshore structures, (rigs/FPSO) as well as their utilization offshore. He has particular expertise in relation to long and short-term contracts for the supply, transportation, sale and purchase, and storage of petroleum products and LNG. He advises on commercial transactions and shipping projects.

Paul has worked in our London, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore (which he founded) offices, and is presently located in the Singapore office with particular responsibility for Offshore and Energy. Paul has substantial experience of acting for parties in international arbitration and mediation in many jurisdictions. He has been appointed by the Singapore Mediation Centre as one of their associate mediators, is a Fellow of CI Arb, and a board member of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration. He is described as “professional and quick to respond” in Asia Pacific Legal 500 and also as “highly recommended”. Paul is qualified in England and Wales



Gerard Forlin QC, Cornerstone Barristers - London

Gerard called to the Bar by Lincoln’s Inn and appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2010 in both the Civil and Criminal law sections, his broad practice covers civil, criminal and commercial litigation; environment; fire; corporate governance; major event planning & crowd safety; crisis management; health and safety; aviation; inquests and inquiries; local authority governance and services; and regulatory law. SPEAKERS He has published more than 100 articles and is the author of Corporate Liability: work related deaths and criminal prosecutions (3rd edition) (Bloomsbury). The 4th edition was published in 2019.

He has been ranked in six separate areas by the leading directories. He has worked in over 65 countries. He is on the International Mediation and Legal panel of 14 worldwide Members of the Royal Aeronautical Society. There are only two QC’s on this global panel. Gerard is currently instructed in relation to Grenfell Tower, the Shoreham Air Crash, a FI case and many other matters both in the UK and all over the world.



Mr. Edward Liu, Principle Representative of the International Chamber of Shipping (China)

Qualified in both England and Wales and mainland China, Edward is also a legal director at Hill Dickinson in Hong Kong and his main area of practice is in commercial and shipping litigation and arbitration. He is extensively experienced in handling international commercial disputes covering areas such as sale of goods/ trade and commodities, energy and offshore projects as well as international investment, particularly connected with Belt & Road projects.

Mr. Liu has achieved broad and consistent recognition in the industry for many years. In December 2019, he was listed by Lloyd's List as one of the 'Top 10 Maritime Lawyers 2019'. In December 2017, he was listed by Lloyd's List as one of the 'Top 5 Next Generation in Shipping' and recommended as 'a leading heavyweight lawyer of the future in the making [who] symbolises a new generation of Asian lawyers'.



Mr. Siddique Khan, CEO of Globalink Logistics

Mr. Khan established Globalink in 1993 when he was 24 years old. He had a vision of the future of the transportation and logistics industry, particularly the development of the East - West, North - South and cross-Caspian Sea mobility corridors, connecting landlocked Central Asian and Caucasus republics with China, Europe and the Middle East into a seamless transportation and logistics network. Today, Globalink Logistics is one of the largest multimodal transportation and logistics companies not only in the Eurasia region but in the world market. Together with the company's long standing partner, Kerry Logistics, they own and operate more than four million square metres of warehousing and terminal space, have more than 1,000 service points and employ 25,000 people in 51 countries worldwide.

Declaration of the AIFC Law Conference 2020



Chris Kenny, Chairman of the AIFC Advisory Panel

Mr Kenny implemented the Legal Services Act 2007 by establishing the Legal Services Board (LSB), of which he then became the inaugural CEO. The LSB is the regulator of 10 legal regulators, including the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board. The LSB's initial focus was on reform and simplification to create the regulatory conditions for a more innovative and competitive market by using the 2007 Act to maximum effect, whilst pressing for its further evolution. Since 2015, he has been CEO of MDDUS, the UK's fastest growing clinical indemnity organisation. With his tremendous contribution and under his leadership, the AIFC Advisory Panel on Legal Regulatory Matters has been developing the AIFC to meet the highest international standards.