



# Webinar: Crises and the Impact on Financial Transactions

28 April 2020 | 12PM to 1PM (UAE)

## OVERVIEW

With the heightened interest in the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the increased global impact, it remains LexisNexis Middle East's priority continue to support the legal community during this difficult time.

Join LexisNexis and DWF on 28 April from 12PM to 1PM (UAE time) for a webinar on financial transactions and the impact that a global crisis, such as COVID-19, could potentially have on these transactions and the strategies to employ to overcome uncertain times. During the webinar, we will look at:

- Action plan for reviewing financial documents in view of a crisis, such as COVID-19
- Restructuring financial transactions
- Force Majeure in financial transactions

**SPEAKERS****UMERA ALI**

*Partner and Head of Banking & Finance (Middle East), DWF*

Umera Ali is a banking & finance partner at DWF Middle East advising on both conventional and Islamic finance matters, and also leads the firms Islamic finance practice.

She advises lenders, financial institutions, funds, sponsors, borrowers, and issuers in corporate and structured finance transactions, including secured and unsecured, syndicated and bilateral loans, asset finance, Islamic finance, supply chain finance, trade finance and debt capital market transactions.

Umera has significant experience having worked in six different jurisdictions. She has built her practice by concentrating on making connections and acting as a strategic partner, and not just a counsel, for her clients. She takes a highly practical and pragmatic approach to providing legal services and brings an understanding of cultural conventions and sensitivities when working on a transaction.

Umera is interested in innovation, sustainable power source, and environmental change, and fuses that with her practice by working with Fintech and Cleantech companies and advising on sustainable finance and carbon credit trading.

**ROBERT DROLET**

*Consultant - Technology, Media & Legal, Kuwait Projects Co*

Since 2016, Robert Drolet has been Consultant, technology, media and legal to Kuwait Projects Company (Holding) KSCP, one of the largest holding companies in the Middle East and North Africa. Previously he had been Senior Vice President, Technology and Media at KIPCO, which he joined in January 2006, where he was responsible for the supervision, development and optimization of the company's communications and media portfolio and acted as KIPCO's lead internal legal counsel on major financing and M&A transactions. He also sat on the executive committee of OSN, the leading pay TV operator in the Middle East and North Africa Region, a position he still occupies, and at the board of United Networks which operated the largest reseller of satellite capacity in the region, a Kuwaiti based ISP, and an FM and internet radio station. His current focus is on OSN and KIPCO's financing transactions.

Prior to joining KIPCO, he led and advised on turnarounds, M&A transactions and strategic alliances as consultant to several European internet and telecommunications operators

## SPEAKERS



**BHAVIN SHAH**  
*Partner, Financial Services,  
Roland Berger Middle East*

Bhavin is a Partner in Global CC Financial Services, based in our Dubai office. He focuses primarily on banks, sovereign wealth funds, capital markets, asset management, private equity, development institutions, and regulators. Within these niches, he has specific expertise in strategy, large-scale transformations, restructuring/crisis management, mergers and integration, digital/fintech, financial crime and regulatory compliance, enterprise risk management, public finance, and economic advise.

Bhavin has served multiple global clients across Middle East, Asia, Europe and the Americas, and is a trusted advisor to the Board of Directors, CXOs, governments, and regulators. Prior to joining Roland Berger, Bhavin was Partner and Leader for Financial Services with the financial advising practice of a large management consulting firm in the Middle East.

He is a regular speaker at conferences and the author of a number of articles on topics related to business, economy, the financial sector, and digital commerce. He is also a board member of several companies and advises a number of fintech and digital start-ups.

Bhavin holds an MBA and a Chemical Engineering degree and is an alumn of Harvard Business School.



**SHEHZAAD SACRANIE**  
*Deputy Chief Legal Officer,  
The Saudi British Bank (SABB)*

Shehzaad is the Deputy General Counsel of The Saudi British Bank and is a legal practitioner with over 18 years of extensive in-house and private practice experience covering banking, project finance, infrastructure, M&A, capital markets and corporate and commercial transactions. He is responsible for all legal aspects of transaction execution, M&A, commercial legal matters, strategic restructurings, divestments and strategic exits, debt raisings, ratings exercises, employment, procurement and litigation as well as overseeing corporate governance and legal and compliance risk mitigation.

In previous roles, he has fulfilled the role of company secretary (providing strategic legal advice to the directors) in two multi-billion Dollar organisations. He has built three highly effective and well regarded legal teams whose mission has been to partner with their commercial peers in order to deliver proactive solutions, efficient execution and appropriate risk management.

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