

## **DR. HABIB AL MULLA**

Founder and Executive Chairman

### **Habib Al Mulla & Company**

Dr. Al Mulla is perhaps the UAE's most prominent legal authority. He is the Founder and the Executive Chairman of Habib Al Mulla & Co., one of the most prominent law firms in the UAE. Dr. Al Mulla has acted on behalf of the Government, top officials and VIP's in couple of cases before international forums which he managed to conclude successfully.

Dr. Al Mulla is the founder of the Financial Free Zones concept and was the architect of the legal structure which led to the establishment of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) as the first Financial Free Zone in the UAE. Dr. Al Mulla was also the Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA). In this capacity he led the preparation and the enactment of all laws regulating financial and related ancillary services conducted in the DIFC.

He is the former Chairman of the DFSA (2003 – 2006) which is the regulator of all financial and ancillary services conducted in the DIFC. Dr. Al Mulla was a member of the UAE Federal National Council (2002-2005) which is the federal parliament of the UAE; during his term he was a member of the Legislative Committee which is in charge of reviewing all federal legislations and the Economic Committee which is in charge of reviewing all fiscal and economic policies of the federation.

Dr. Al Mulla's other posts include: Director, Institute of Advanced Legal and Judicial Studies (2000-2005) which is the body in charge of training judges and prosecutors in the Emirate of Dubai; Chairman of the U.A.E. Jurists Association (1994-1996). He is

the Chairman of Investate Realty (Bahrain) and a Director of the Supervisory Board of the Rasmala. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Dubai International Arbitration Centre, Vice President of the Board of Governors of American University in Dubai, Member of the Board of Trustees of Dubai School of Government, Member of the Board of Trustees of Dubai Ethics Resource Centre; Member of Economic Treaties and E-Commerce Committee of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Member of the Panel of Experts of the Broadcasting and Publications Standards Tribunal of TECOM; Member of the Board of Trustees of e-TQM college; President of the UAE Harvard Alumni Association. He is also a member of various arbitration centres.

Dr. Al Mulla is a strong advocate for modernization of UAE Laws. He is frequently consulted and asked to comment on draft legislations at the federal level as well as in the Emirate of Dubai. He has published many articles on legal and economical topics.

Dr. Al Mulla holds an LLB in Shari'a and law from the UAE University (1984); LLM from Harvard Law School (1987) and a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge (1993). He remains Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.