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Matouk Bassiouny Secures Landmark ADGM Ruling on the Misuse of AI in Legal Practice

We are pleased to announce that Matouk Bassiouny has successfully obtained a significant costs judgment before the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Court of First Instance in the first UAE ruling addressing wasted costs arising from the misuse of artificial intelligence (“AI”) in court documents.

The Court ordered the opposing law firm to pay our client’s wasted costs of AED 282,508 on an indemnity basis, with the Defendant separately ordered to pay AED 245,000 in costs. The judgment criticised the filing of pleadings relying on non-existent or misapplied authorities, and confirmed that failure to verify AI-generated research before filing was “reckless” and “amounted to a breach of the Rules of Conduct” (para 59).

The team advising on this case was led by Ahmed Tony (Partner), supported by Youssef Nassar (Senior Associate) and Alia Elraey (Associate), together with Counsel Sajid Suleman of Outer Temple Chambers.

Commenting on the judgment, Ahmed Tony said: *“This ruling sends a clear message that AI is a powerful tool, but it does not replace the lawyer’s fundamental duty to verify research and ensure accuracy in court filings. Our firm embraces AI tools to enhance efficiency and deliver better outcomes for our clients. However, we recognise that these tools must be used responsibly, with appropriate oversight and verification.”*

Led by Founding Partner and Group Head of Dispute Resolution, John Matouk, our International Dispute Resolution team brings extensive experience in representing clients before the ADGM and DIFC Courts in the UAE. Our team is common law qualified, with Ahmed Tony admitted in England and Wales, Youssef Nassar (Senior Associate) in New York, and Alia Elraey (Associate) in England and Wales. As part of our commitment to providing comprehensive legal services, we collaborate with specialist barristers to ensure our clients receive the highest quality representation throughout the litigation process.

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