



ABU DHABI GLOBAL MARKET COURTS
محاكم سوق أبوظبي العالمي



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1st time in the Middle East

Common law
of England and
Wales on civil
and commercial
matters directly
applicable

ADGM Courts

One of three world-class and independent authorities under Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) supporting Abu Dhabi's commitment to provide an innovative, efficient and dynamic international financial centre that fosters continuous economic growth.

ADGM is the first jurisdiction in the Middle East to directly apply the well-established and internationally accepted principles of English common law.

Anchored by a judiciary of highly experienced and eminent judges from the world's leading common law jurisdictions, ADGM Courts are comprised of a Court of First instance and a Court of Appeal that handle civil and commercial disputes.

With innovation at the core of their DNA, ADGM Courts are fully digital by default and continue to transform the engagement and delivery of judicial and dispute resolution services via their e-platform.

An integral member of Abu Dhabi's judicial system, ADGM Courts have entered into memoranda of understanding for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments.



Common Law Framework

ADGM Courts oversee the first jurisdiction in the Middle East to administer legislation directly applying a number of well-established English statutes, as well as Scottish and Australian Federal law, providing the legal certainty and predictability required by a well-regulated financial centre for global commerce.

Common Law	 UNIQUE	• Direct application of English common law is unique to the region • Access to the latest evolving case law relevant to international commerce
	 EVERGREEN	• Current, flexible, legal certainty, responsive and adaptable to the needs of international commerce
	 COMPETITIVE	• The application of English common law is the same approach as leading international financial centres: London, Singapore and Hong Kong
	 CONSISTENT	• Aligned, calibrated and recognisable with international best practices and standards, delivering consistency and certainty to the market
	 COMPREHENSIVE	• Best in class commercial and financial legislation with a wide range of choices and flexibility for all businesses and investors



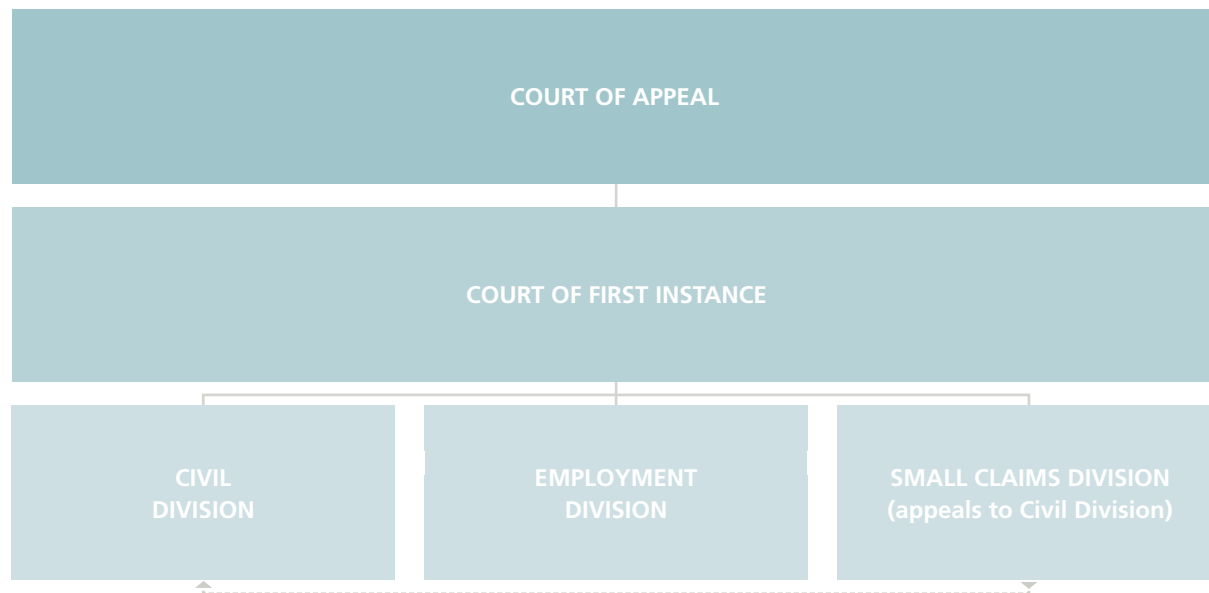
Foundation of ADGM Courts

ADGM Courts' regulations and supporting rules enshrine ADGM's legal framework of the direct application of English common law. At the heart of this framework is the following:

- the impartiality, independence and integrity of the Judges
- the necessity to have enforceable judgments and orders in ADGM, throughout the UAE and globally
- to instill confidence in the local and international, commercial and legal markets
- to ensure transparency and certainty with all procedures
- to achieve access to justice; and
- to complement arbitration

ADGM Courts Structure

ADGM Courts are based on a two-tier system comprised of the Court of First Instance and the Court of Appeal.



Jurisdiction of Court of First Instance:

- claims or disputes involving an ADGM Authority or a company established in ADGM
- claims or disputes relating to transactions conducted in ADGM or incidents that occur in ADGM
- claims or disputes relating to ADGM Regulations or enactments
- any written request made to ADGM Courts to hear and determine a claim or dispute (for example, parties can nominate ADGM Courts as their dispute resolution forum)

Jurisdiction of Court of Appeal:

- appeals against judgments, decisions and orders of the Court of First Instance (except the Small Claims Division) and interpretation of ADGM's laws and regulations
- the last recourse for appeal, no appeal lies to any other jurisdiction

Enforcement

Court Judgments

ADGM Courts have signed various MoUs with judicial authorities both within the UAE and internationally which provide for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments.

Arbitral Awards

ADGM arbitral awards are enforceable under the New York Convention in more than 150 countries, multi-lateral and bilateral treaties with certain countries, and MoUs with leading international common law jurisdictions.



Judges of the Highest Stature from Leading Common Law Jurisdictions

Chief Justice of ADGM Courts



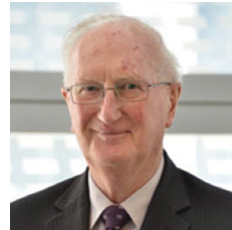
“Our aim is to establish an independent and first class judicial system, equipped with world class judges of unrivalled experience and integrity, to serve the needs of ADGM as a business-friendly and well-regulated centre for global commerce.”

The Right Honourable Lord David Hope
of Craighead KT

Judges of ADGM Courts



The Honourable
Kenneth Hayne AC



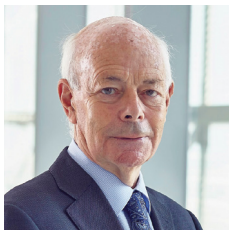
The Right Honourable
Sir Peter Blanchard KNZM



The Right Honourable
Dame Elizabeth Gloster
DBE PC



William Stone SBS QC



The Honourable
Lord McGhie

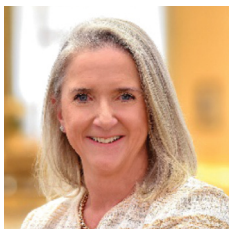


Sir Michael Burton



Sir Andrew Smith

Registrar and Chief Executive of ADGM Courts



Linda Fitz-Alan

A Game Changing Approach

An end to end digital work flow, entirely paperless for the delivery of judicial services.

ADGM Courts' unique digital services deliver an end-to-end seamless experience that transforms the way judicial services are provided. We enable businesses to flourish by providing a platform that supports innovation and adheres to international rules and regulations.



A digital court file

That is fully integrated with the Court's electronic filing, case management and hearing services, enabling parties, lawyers and the Court to interact transparently and efficiently, and in real-time.



Electronic evidence bundles

Securely upload documents from the Court file and from party's systems to prepare for hearings of applications and trials. The evidence bundles are fully searchable and available at no cost to the parties.



Electronic filing capability for documents

File documents from anywhere in the world at any time of the day, with access to a secure payment gateway for any fee generated filings.



Electronic case management and communication

Allows parties and their lawyers to track their cases and to serve their documents, saving immense time and cost.



Electronic hearings and trials

Access to video conference facilities and transcript made available by the Court.



Fast and simple registration

You do not need a case in order to register for the platform.



A universal digital solution

Experience it yourself. Join the first fully digital court solution at **adgmcourts.com**



First Digital Courtroom

Unique digital transformation of justice and legal services.

The first electronic hearing room, creating a true end to end solution for digital justice integrating innovative technology and creating the optimal environment for paperless hearings.

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