



# **LIST OF RECOGNISED PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

## **AIFC LEGAL SERVICES BOARD**

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**Guidance: Purpose**

The purpose of this list of Recognised Professional Bodies is to determine entry requirements for a Legal Adviser applying to the AIFC Legal Services Board for registration.

The list of Recognised Professional Bodies is developed to sustain sections 18 (Registration of Legal Advisers) and 19 (Criteria for application for registration of Legal Adviser) of the AIFC Legal Services Regulations 2022.

The list of Recognised Professional Bodies will establish system on recognition and acknowledgement of fitness and propriety (standing with any relevant regulatory body and a certificate of good standing).

Recognised Professional Body in question must fulfil four basic criteria:

- ❖ the profession's members must be subject to a system of regulation as a profession of lawyers;
- ❖ members must be required to complete a specified training;
- ❖ members must be bound by an ethical code, and
- ❖ there must be disciplinary sanctions for breach of the ethical code which would extend to removal of the right to practise

Note: The list of Recognised Professional Bodies is not exhaustive. If professional body of your jurisdiction does not appear on this list, you must contact the AIFC Legal Services Board to evaluate and acknowledge your fitness and propriety.

No.	Jurisdiction	Professional Body	Profession
1.	Albania	Albanian National Chamber of Advocacy and Ministry of Justice <sup>1</sup>	avokat
2.	Algeria	Algiers Bar <sup>2</sup>	avocat
3.	Argentina	Colegio de Abogados de Córdoba <sup>3</sup>	abogado/a
4.	Armenia	Pastabanneri Palat <sup>4</sup>	advocate
5.	Belarus	Ministry of Justice <sup>5</sup>	advokat
6.	Bolivia	Ministry of Justice <sup>6</sup>	abogado
7.	Brazil	Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil <sup>7</sup>	advogado
8.	Chile	The Corte Suprema <sup>8</sup>	lawyer/abogado
9.	China (including Hong Kong)	Ministry of Justice <sup>9</sup>	lawyer/solicitor barrister
10.	Ecuador	Judiciary Council <sup>10</sup>	abogado
11.	Egypt	Ministry of Justice	avocat/mohamy
12.	Georgia	Georgian Bar Association <sup>11</sup>	advocate
13.	Indonesia	Indonesian Advocates Association	advokat
14.	Iran	Iran Central Bar Association <sup>12</sup>	lawyer/attorney-at-law
15.	Iraq	Iraqi Bar Association <sup>13</sup>	lawyer
16.	Israel	Israel Bar Association <sup>14</sup>	advocate
17.	Japan	Japanese Federation of Bar Associations <sup>15</sup>	bengoshi

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.drejtesia.gov.al/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://barreau-alger.dz/vesrionanglais/Lien.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.abogado.org.ar/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.advocates.am/en/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://minjust.gov.by/en/directions/advocacy/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.justicia.gob.bo/portal/index.php>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.oabmg.org.br/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.pjud.cl/corte-suprema>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.moj.gov.cn/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.funcionjudicial.gob.ec/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://gba.ge/ka>

<sup>12</sup> <http://icbar.ir/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://lawyers.gov.iq/en/>

<sup>14</sup> [https://www.israelbar.org.il/english\\_index.asp](https://www.israelbar.org.il/english_index.asp)

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.nichibenren.or.jp/en>

18.	Jordan	Jordanian Bar Association <sup>16</sup>	advocate/mohamy
19.	Kazakhstan	Ministry of Justice	advocate
		-	legal consultant
20.	Kuwait	Kuwait Lawyers Association	lawyer
21.	Kyrgyz Republic	Ministry of Justice	advocate
22.	Lebanon	Tripoli and Beirut Bar Associations	avocat/mohamy
23.	Macau Special Administrative Region		advogado
24.	Mexico	Mexican Bar Association <sup>17</sup>	lawyer (Cedula Profesional)
25.	Moldova	Moldovan Bar Association <sup>18</sup>	lawyer from the Republic of Moldova
26.	Montenegro	Bar Association of Montenegro <sup>19</sup>	advocate
27.	Morocco	Local Bar Associations	Avocat
28.	Norway	Norwegian Bar Association <sup>20</sup>	advokat
29.	Oman	Ministry of Justice <sup>21</sup>	lawyer
30.	Palestinian Territories		lawyer
31.	Philippines	Integrated Bar of the Philippines <sup>22</sup>	attorney/counsellor at law
32.	Russia	Federal Chamber of Lawyers of the Russian Federation <sup>23</sup>	advokat
33.	Saudi Arabia	Ministry of Justice	lawyer
34.	Serbia	The Bar Association of Serbia <sup>24</sup>	advocate
35.	South Korea	Korean Bar Association <sup>25</sup>	lawyer
36.	Switzerland	cantonal regulation <sup>26</sup>	rechtsanwalt/anwalt/fürsprecher/fürsprecher/avocat/avvocato/advokat
37.	Thailand	Law Society of Thailand	lawyer/litigator

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.jba.org.jo/HomePage.aspx>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.bma.org.mx/>

<sup>18</sup> <http://uam.md/index.php?l=ro>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.advokatskakomora.me/>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.advokatforeningen.no/>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.moj.gov.om>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.ibp.ph/about.html>

<sup>23</sup> <https://fparf.ru/>

<sup>24</sup> [https://aks.org.rs/sr\\_lat/](https://aks.org.rs/sr_lat/)

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.koreanbar.or.kr/eng/pages/main/main.asp>

<sup>26</sup> Regulation is conducted by legislation with the canton (26) of practice.

38.	Tajikistan	Union of Advocates of the Republic of Tajikistan	advokat
39.	Turkey	the Union of Bar Associations of Turkey <sup>27</sup>	avukat
40.	Ukraine	Congress of Advocates of Ukraine <sup>28</sup>	advocate
41.	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	UAE Ministry of Justice <sup>29</sup>	lawyer
		Department of Legal Affairs <sup>30</sup> and Executive Affairs Authority <sup>31</sup>	lawyer
42.	Uzbekistan	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan	advocate
<b>Commonwealth</b>			
<b>Australia*:-</b>			
43.	Australian Capital Territory	Australian Capital Territory Law Society <sup>32</sup> and ACT Bar Association <sup>33</sup>	barrister and/or solicitor
44.	New South Wales	The Law Society of New South Wales <sup>34</sup> and the New South Wales Bar Association <sup>35</sup>	solicitor / barrister
45.	Northern Territory	The Law Society Northern Territory <sup>36</sup>	legal practitioner/barrister and solicitor
46.	Queensland	The Queensland Law Society <sup>37</sup> : or the Bar Association of Queensland <sup>38</sup>	solicitor barrister
47.	South Australia	The Law Society of South Australia <sup>39</sup>	barrister, attorney, solicitor and proctor
48.	Tasmania	The Law Society of Tasmania <sup>40</sup>	solicitor barrister
49.	Victoria	The Legal Services Board of Victoria <sup>41</sup>	barrister and solicitor
50.	Western Australia	The Legal Services Board of Western Australia <sup>42</sup>	barrister and solicitor
51.	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Bar Council <sup>43</sup>	advocate
<b>Canada:-</b>			
52.	Alberta*	Law Society of Alberta <sup>44</sup>	barrister and solicitor

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.barobirlik.org.tr/en>

<sup>28</sup> <https://en.unba.org.ua/for-advocates>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.moj.gov.ae/en/home.aspx>

<sup>30</sup> <https://legal.dubai.gov.ae/en/Pages/default.aspx>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.eaa.gov.ae/en/pages/root.html>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.actlawsociety.asn.au/>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.actbar.com.au/>

<sup>34</sup> <http://www.lawsociety.com.au>

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.nswbar.asn.au/>

<sup>36</sup> <http://lawsocietynt.asn.au>

<sup>37</sup> <http://www.qls.com.au>

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.qldbar.asn.au>

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.lawsocietysa.asn.au>

<sup>40</sup> <http://www.taslawsociety.asn.au/web/en/lawsociety.html>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.lsb.vic.gov.au/>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.lpbwa.org.au/>

<sup>43</sup> <http://bangladeshbarcouncil.org/>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.lawsociety.ab.ca/>

53.	British Columbia*	Law Society of British Columbia <sup>45</sup>	barrister and solicitor
54.	Manitoba*	Law Society of Manitoba <sup>46</sup>	barrister and solicitor
55.	New Brunswick*	Law Society of New Brunswick <sup>47</sup>	barrister and solicitor
56.	Newfoundland*	Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador <sup>48</sup>	solicitor / barrister
57.	Northwest Territories*	Law Society of the Northwest Territories <sup>49</sup>	barrister and solicitor
58.	Nova Scotia*	Nova Scotia Barristers' Society <sup>50</sup>	barrister
59.	Nunavut*	Law Society of Nunavut <sup>51</sup>	barrister/solicitor
60.	Ontario*	Law Society of Ontario <sup>52</sup>	barrister and solicitor
61.	Prince Edward Island*	The Law Society of Prince Edward Island <sup>53</sup>	barrister and solicitor
62.	Quebec	The Bar of Quebec <sup>54</sup>	avocat notaire
63.	Saskatchewan*	Law Society of Saskatchewan <sup>55</sup>	barrister and solicitor
64.	Yukon*	Law Society of Yukon <sup>56</sup>	barrister and solicitor
65.	India*	Bar Council of India <sup>57</sup>	advocate
66.	Malaysia*	The Malaysian Bar <sup>58</sup> , Sabah Law Association <sup>59</sup> , Advocates' Association of Sarawak <sup>60</sup>	advocate/solicitor
67.	Pakistan*	Pakistan Bar Council <sup>61</sup>	advocate
68.	Singapore*	The Legal Services Regulatory Authority <sup>62</sup>	advocate and solicitor
69.	South Africa*	Law Society of South Africa <sup>63</sup>	attorney advocate
<b>United Kingdom</b>			
70.	England and Wales*	Solicitors Regulation Authority <sup>64</sup> and The Bar Standards Board <sup>65</sup>	solicitor / barrister
71.	Northern Ireland	Law Society of Northern Ireland <sup>66</sup> and Honorable	Solicitor/ barrister

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/>

<sup>46</sup> <https://lawsociety.mb.ca/>

<sup>47</sup> <https://lawsociety-barreau.nb.ca/en>

<sup>48</sup> <https://lsnl.ca/>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.lawsociety.nt.ca/>

<sup>50</sup> <https://nsbs.org/>

<sup>51</sup> <https://www.lawsociety.nu.ca/>

<sup>52</sup> <https://lso.ca/home>

<sup>53</sup> <http://lawsocietypei.ca/>

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.barreau.qc.ca/en/>

<sup>55</sup> <https://www.lawsociety.sk.ca/>

<sup>56</sup> <https://lawsocietyyukon.com/>

<sup>57</sup> <http://www.barcouncilofindia.org/>

<sup>58</sup> [https://www.malaysianbar.org.my/governing\\_laws/](https://www.malaysianbar.org.my/governing_laws/)

<sup>59</sup> <https://www.sabahlawsociety.org/about-us/objectives/>

<sup>60</sup> <http://www.sarawak-advocates.org.my/>

<sup>61</sup> <http://pakistanbarcouncil.org/provincial/>

<sup>62</sup> <https://www.mlaw.gov.sg/law-practice-entities-and-lawyers/resources-for-law-practice-entities/relevant-legislation-and-communications/>

<sup>63</sup> <https://www.lssa.org.za/>

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.sra.org.uk/>

<sup>65</sup> <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/>

<sup>66</sup> <https://www.lawsoc-ni.org/>

		Society of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland	
72.	Scotland	Law Society of Scotland <sup>67</sup> and The Faculty of Advocates <sup>68</sup>	solicitor / advocate
<b>European Union</b>			
73.	Austria	Rechtsanwaltskammer <sup>69</sup>	Rechtsanwalt Notar
74.	Belgium	Orde van Vlaamse Balies <sup>70</sup>	avocat/advocaat/Rechtsanwalt notaire/notaris/Notar
75.	Bulgaria	The Supreme Bar Council <sup>71</sup>	advokat
76.	Croatia	Croatian Bar Association <sup>72</sup>	odvjetnik/odvjetnica
77.	Czech Republic	The Czech Bar Association <sup>73</sup>	advokát
78.	Denmark	The Danish Bar and Law Society <sup>74</sup>	advokat/jurist
79.	Estonia	Estonian Bar Association <sup>75</sup>	vandeadvokaat
80.	Finland	The Finnish Bar Association <sup>76</sup>	asianajaja/advokat/luvan saanut oikeudenkäyntiavustaja/rattengangsbitt rade med tillstånd
81.	France	The Conseil National des Barreaux <sup>77</sup>	avocat notaire/avocat aux conseils
82.	Germany	Satzungsversammlung bei der Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer <sup>78</sup>	Rechtsanwalt Notar Steuerberater Patentanwalt <sup>1</sup>
83.	Greece	Greek Bar Associations <sup>79</sup>	dikegóros simvolaiografos (notary)
84.	Hungary	Hungarian Bar Association <sup>80</sup>	ügyvéd
85.	Iceland	The Icelandic Bar Association <sup>81</sup>	lögmaður
86.	Ireland	The Law Society of Ireland <sup>82</sup>	solicitor barrister
87.	Italy	Consiglio Nazionale Forense <sup>83</sup>	avvocato notaio/consulente in proprietà industriale
88.	Latvia	The Latvian Council of Sworn Advocates <sup>84</sup>	zvērīnāts advokāts
89.	Lichtenstein	Liechtenstein Bar	rechtsanwalt

<sup>67</sup> <https://www.lawscot.org.uk/>

<sup>68</sup> <http://www.advocates.org.uk/>

<sup>69</sup> [www.rechtsanwaelte.at](http://www.rechtsanwaelte.at)

<sup>70</sup> <https://www.advocaat.be/>

<sup>71</sup> <https://www.vas.bg/bg>

<sup>72</sup> <http://www.hok-cba.hr/en/about-us>

<sup>73</sup> <https://www.cak.cz/ru/>

<sup>74</sup> <https://www.advokatsamfundet.dk/Service/English/Rules.aspx>

<sup>75</sup> <https://www.advokatuur.ee/eng/frontpage>

<sup>76</sup> <https://asianajajaliitto.fi/>

<sup>77</sup> <https://www.cnb.avocat.fr/>

<sup>78</sup> <https://brak.de/die-brak/regionale-kammern/>

<sup>79</sup> Lawyers are organized in sixty-three (63) local bar associations (one for the territorial jurisdiction of each court of first instance) the presidents of which form the Council of Presidents (olomeleia proedron dikigorikon sillogon ellados), as there is no national Bar. They create the Code of Conduct while the government creates the official legislation.

<sup>80</sup> <https://www.xn--mk-xka.hu/>

<sup>81</sup> <https://lmfi.is/english>

<sup>82</sup> <https://www.lawsociety.ie/>

<sup>83</sup> <https://www.consiglionazionaleforense.it/web/cnf/consigli-degli-ordini-degli-avvocati>

<sup>84</sup> <https://advokatura.lv/en/council/contact/>

		Association <sup>85</sup>	
90.	Lithuania	Lithuanian Bar Association <sup>86</sup>	advokatas
91.	Luxembourg	Lithuanian Bar Association <sup>87</sup>	avocat/Rechtsanwalt notaire
92.	Malta	Chamber of Advocates <sup>88</sup>	avukat prokuratur legali notary
93.	Netherlands	The Netherlands Bar <sup>89</sup>	advocaat notaris belastingadviseur <sup>2</sup> octrooigemachtigde <sup>3</sup> /Kandidaat Notaris
94.	Poland	Polish Bar Council <sup>90</sup>	adwokat radca prawny
95.	Portugal	Ordem dos Advogados <sup>91</sup>	advogado
96.	Romania	Romanian National Union of Bar Associations <sup>92</sup>	avocat/consilier juridic
97.	Slovakia	The Slovak Bar Association <sup>93</sup>	advokát/advokátka
98.	Slovenia	Slovene Bar Association <sup>94</sup>	odvetnik/odvetnica
99.	Spain	Consejo General de la Abogacia Espanola <sup>95</sup>	abogado/advocat/abokatu/avogado notario/procurador
100	Sweden	Swedish Bar Association <sup>96</sup>	advokat
<b>United States of America</b>			
101	All states*		attorney-at-law
102	Colorado*	Colorado Supreme Court <sup>97</sup>	counsellor-at-law
103	Iowa*	Iowa Supreme Court <sup>98</sup>	counsellors
104	Louisiana	Louisiana Supreme Court <sup>99</sup>	counsellor-at-law
105	Massachusetts*	Board of Bar Overseers and the Office of the Bar Counsel <sup>100</sup>	counsellor-at-law
106	Missouri*	Missouri Supreme Court <sup>101</sup>	counsellor-at-law
107	New York State*	Unified Court System <sup>102</sup>	counsellor-at-law
108	Virginia*	Virginia State Bar <sup>103</sup>	counsellor-at-law

\*The legal advisers qualified in these jurisdictions are subject to the simplified registration.

<sup>85</sup> <https://www.rak.li/>

<sup>86</sup> <http://www.advokatura.lt/lt/i-pradzia.html>

<sup>87</sup> <https://www.barreau.lu/>

<sup>88</sup> <https://www.avukati.org/>

<sup>89</sup> <https://www.advocatenorde.nl/11282/advocaten/toezicht-en-handhaving-door-de-deken.html?thema=toezicht&themaID=2738>

<sup>90</sup> <http://www.nra.pl/>

<sup>91</sup> <https://portal.oa.pt/>

<sup>92</sup> <http://www.unbr.ro/en/narb/bars/>

<sup>93</sup> <https://www.sak.sk/blox/cms/en>

<sup>94</sup> <http://www.odv-zb.si/en/regulations/bar-act>

<sup>95</sup> <http://www.abogacia.es/conozcanos/la-institucion/ejercicio-de-la-abogacia/>

<sup>96</sup> <https://www.advokatsamfundet.se/Advokatsamfundet-engelska/About-us/>

<sup>97</sup> <http://www.coloradosupremecourt.com/>

<sup>98</sup> <http://www.iowacourts.gov/>

<sup>99</sup> <https://www.lascba.org/>

<sup>100</sup> [www.mass.gov/obcbbbo](http://www.mass.gov/obcbbbo)

<sup>101</sup> <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=27>

<sup>102</sup> <https://www.nycourts.gov/>

<sup>103</sup> <https://www.vsb.org/site/regulation>