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Tax Litigation & Dispute Resolution

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We specialise in comprehensive tax and zakat solutions, with a particular focus on litigation and dispute resolution. Our deep understanding of the Saudi regulatory environment, combined with global best practices, enables us to help clients navigate complex tax challenges with clarity and confidence.

Our Tax Litigation & Dispute Resolution team works closely with the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) and the General Secretariat of Tax Committees (GSTC), providing clients with direct access to critical regulatory processes. We have a proven track record of successfully representing clients at all levels of tax committees, delivering integrated, pragmatic solutions that are fully aligned with Saudi regulations and the practical realities of doing business in the Kingdom.

What sets us apart is our extensive expertise in Saudi tax law and administrative litigation, built over decades of hands-on experience.

Our team includes former professionals from both the ZATCA and the General Secretariat of Tax Committees (GSTC), providing us with unique insider knowledge and a deep understanding of the regulatory landscape.

We have a proven track record of successfully handling complex tax objections and settlements, delivering outcomes that protect our clients' interests.

Our multidisciplinary team brings together legal, tax, and accounting specialists, offering comprehensive, integrated support across all facets of tax disputes.

We have significant experience across a wide range of industries, including banking, telecommunications, FMCG, energy, information technology, and hospitality. Through continuous monitoring of regulatory developments, we ensure that our advice remains current, relevant, and fully aligned with the latest requirements. Above all, we are results-driven, with a strong history of securing favourable outcomes, winning objections, and closing audits efficiently and effectively.

"Navigating tax disputes in today's complex Saudi landscape demands both expertise and precision. At Grant Thornton, we are proud to offer hands-on support across audits, objections, appeals, litigation, and compliance, helping clients secure their tax position and achieve sustainable outcomes."

Ashraf Almasri
Senior Manager, Grant Thornton

Tax Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Our integrated offering ensures that whether you are preparing for an audit, responding to tax authority inquiries, or managing disputes, you have the right expertise by your side.

Tax Planning and Compliance

- Comprehensive zakat and tax compliance reviews
- Support on transfer pricing and double tax treaty applications
- Securing advanced rulings on complex tax treatments

Tax Risk Prevention

- Full review of tax positions prior to audit
- Examination of corporate structures, accounting, and tax documentation
- Comprehensive risk assessment with tailored mitigation strategies

Tax Audit Management

- Direct representation before ZATCA during audits
- Preparation of reconciliations, reports, and timely responses to inquiries
- Handling additional assessments and adjustments efficiently

Defense Management During Audit

- Direct audit representation before ZATCA
- Timely responses to inquiries and management of additional assessments
- Challenging audit findings and defending accounting adjustments

Objections and Appeals

- Drafting and filing formal objections with ZATCA and tax committees
- Developing strong legal defense memoranda
- Advocating before primary, appellate, and reconsideration tax committees

Dispute Resolution and Litigation

- Negotiation with tax authorities for amicable dispute settlements
- Representation before tax committees and judicial bodies
- Legal support through enforcement of rulings and judgments

Appeals and Legal Representation

- Filing of objections with GSTC
- Preparation of comprehensive legal memoranda with evidence
- Representation before various levels of tax committees

Tax Support Services

- Assistance with voluntary disclosures and settlements
- Expert legal advice on tax law interpretations and compliance
- Handling disputes involving VAT, customs, excise tax, CIT, and zakat
- Legal assistance in enforcing judicial decisions

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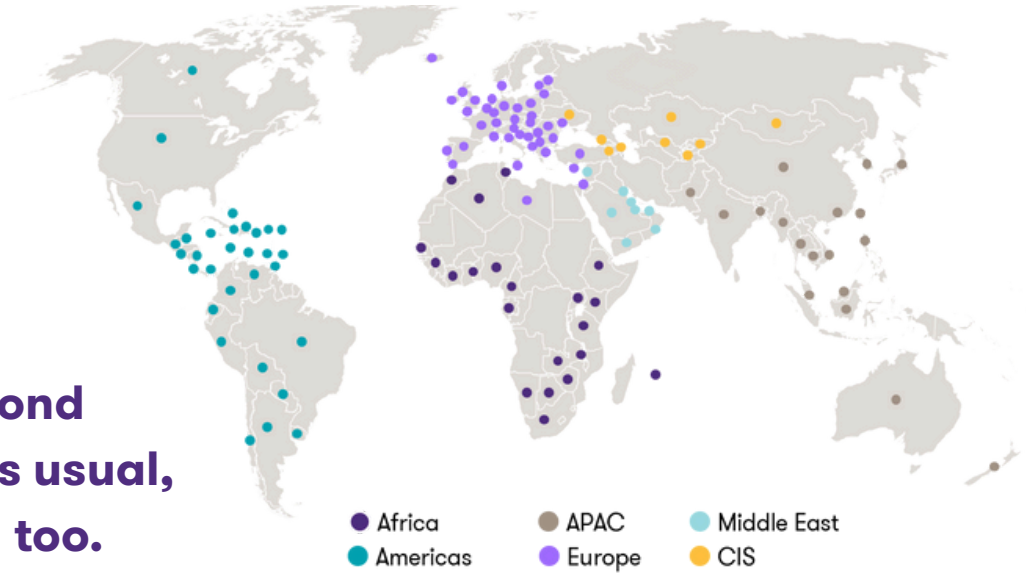

We go beyond business as usual, so you can too.

The global challenges facing businesses are unprecedented, and the untapped opportunities across Saudi Arabia are vast. This demands a different type of adviser. One willing to go beyond what's expected to deliver an experience that's more personal, agile, and proactive. That's Grant Thornton.

We are a global network with 73,000 passionate people in member firms in over 150 countries, with one common goal — to help you realise your ambitions in any environment. Across the GCC, our network is represented by 1,500 people across 10 offices. In Saudi Arabia, we are based in Riyadh, Jeddah and Khobar and have been in the market for over 40 years. Which is why we combine global scale and capability with local insights and understanding. So, whether you're growing in one market or many, looking to operate more effectively, managing risk and regulation, or realising stakeholder value, our firms have the assurance, tax, and advisory services to meet your needs.

Contact our team to discuss your Tax Litigation & Dispute Resolution requirements in Saudi Arabia.

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Ashraf Al-Masri brings nearly 20 years of distinguished tax experience to Grant Thornton Saudi Arabia. His career includes significant roles within a Big Four firm, the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA), and the General Secretariat of Tax Committees (GSTC).

Widely regarded for his expertise across zakat, income tax, withholding tax, VAT, international taxation, and customs duties, Ashraf offers clients a rare dual perspective, combining in-depth advisory capabilities with an insider's understanding of government objection systems.

Ashraf has successfully led high-profile tax objections involving millions of SAR and managed complex cases for listed companies, multinationals, and midsized businesses. His track record includes significant settlements under double taxation agreements and key contributions to the internal objection systems at GSTC. His work encompasses advocacy in complex VAT and customs disputes, as well as providing regulatory training to tax committee personnel. Ashraf's broad experience and hands-on approach make him a trusted advisor to businesses navigating Saudi Arabia's most challenging tax disputes.

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