



INTRODUCTION

Launched in 2008, the global IFN Law Awards are the most prestigious Islamic finance legal accolades recognized for their impartiality, independence and inclusivity. Rewarding the best legal firms with Islamic finance capabilities and services, the IFN Law Awards take into consideration various metrics beyond the sheer size of a firm but more significantly, a firm's inventive and progressive spirit in terms of expansion, innovation, impact and development.

Differentiated by over a decade of trusted relationships across the industry and deep expertise covering the global Islamic finance landscape, Islamic Finance *news* is the world's leading multichannel Islamic finance media outlet.

The IFN Law Awards are open to all legal firms with Shariah finance capabilities — international and domestic, full service and boutique.

The 2023 edition covers all Islamic finance activities from the **1st July 2022 to the 30th June 2023**.

Submissions will be accepted between the **17th July and the 25th August 2023** with the judging process — executed by an independent Awards Advisory Board — taking place subsequently.

IFN will announce the winner and one runner-up for each category on the **20th September 2023**.

The results will be featured again in the IFN Special Awards issue together with the winners of Deals of the Year, Service Providers Poll, Best Banks Poll and Non-Banking Financial Institutions Poll.

METHODOLOGY

Law firms are invited to participate in the nomination process which will be reviewed by an independent external judging panel made up of impartial industry experts. Winning law firms will be selected based on their collective industry experience over the last year as well as the information provided in individual submissions. Consideration is given to visibility, range of activity and complexity of work undertaken; nonetheless, equal consideration is given to all achievements based on a relative scale and no law firm is at a disadvantage due to size or location.

A shortlist will first be drawn up by the Awards Advisory Board. Any queries by the Awards Advisory Board regarding any of the nominations will be reviewed and fact-checked by the IFN Editorial team employing multiple methods including direct communication (where possible) with the participants/issuers in the stated lead transactions of each nomination. The reviewed shortlist will then be further deliberated by the board to determine the final winners and runners-up.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

A single firm can be nominated across several categories.

To be considered, nominations must, at the very least, have the mandatory fields completed—it is the responsibility of the nominee to ensure forms are completed with sufficient information.

A category will only be valid if a minimum of three nominations are

received. Each submission must contain:

- Firm name, address
- Contact name, designation, telephone number and email address
- Date of submission
- Category being nominated in (new form is to be completed for each category)
- Head of the department and the number of lawyers working in this field
- List of notable transactions in this category during the 12-month period from the 1st July 2022 to the 30th June 2023 (provide closing dates)
- Nominators must justify the significance and uniqueness of the transactions chosen for this category (max 500 words)
- Summary of the activities for the past 12 months (1st July 2022–30th June 2023) in this category (max 500 words), and
- Any further information you feel may assist in your case (max 200 words).

PLEASE NOTE that for reasons of transparency, all submissions must clearly state their role in the transaction, including which side they acted for, and any other law firms involved in the transaction. Any transactions cited without this information will be disqualified and will not count toward the final decision.

PLEASE NOTE that for a transaction to be considered, the following information must be suitable for public release by the announcement date of the awards: transaction name, issuer, structure of deal, size of deal (including US dollar conversion), country/jurisdiction of origination and closing date.

Categories

1. Arbitration
2. Asset Management & Islamic Funds
3. Banking
4. Capital Markets
5. Energy & Natural Resources
6. ESG, Green & SRI
7. Fintech
8. Insolvency & Restructuring
9. Mergers & Acquisitions
10. Offshore Finance
11. Private Equity
12. Project & Infrastructure Finance
13. Real Estate
14. Takaful & re-Takaful
15. Trade Finance
16. Law Firm of the Year