



## Hoda Barakat

**Founder - Hoda Barakat Legal Consultancy**  
**Co-Chair - International Trademark Association's Middle East Global Advisory Council (2014-2017)**

After graduating with an Honors degree and a Masters in Law from the University of Cambridge in the UK and working as an intellectual property attorney in London, Hoda moved to Dubai in 1995 where she joined a then small law firm where she was started as Head of the firm's IP Department then became Partner and then Managing Partner for 5 years. She helped grow the firm to being the largest law firm in the region from 130 lawyers and almost 300 staff.

She later founded Hoda Barakat Legal Consultancy where she acts as a special legal advisor to a number of regional and international companies and organizations as well as local and international Governments.

Her expertise as an intellectual property lawyer has been recognized by a number of international organizations and she was Co-Chair of the International Trademark Association's Middle East Global Advisory Council from 2014-2017.

Hoda is a panelist on the World Intellectual Property Organization's Panel of Neutrals for domain name disputes and has served as a Panelist on a number of such disputes. Hoda has published a number of legal articles and spoken at numerous conferences and has been recognized for her work with several professional citations and with the following awards:

- *The "Professional Achievement Award" in the Women's Middle East Achievement Awards 2003*
- *"The Emirates Business Woman Award 2005" in the Dubai Quality Group Emirates Women Awards 2005*
- *Special recognition Award by the UAE Ministry of Economy on 26 April 2010 for support and assistance.*