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Practice Overview

Ali Al-Karim is a leading barrister in commercial disputes (including competition), international arbitration (commercial and investor-state), public international law, and sanctions. Ali is ranked by both leading independent legal directories, who have described him as "intellectually phenomenal," "a marvel," "commercially minded," "a creative thinker", and "an eloquent writer". Ali has experience beyond his years of call and is described as "an exceptional oral advocate" having conducted oral advocacy before the UK Supreme Court and the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights. He has cross-examined in a £200m civil fraud trial before the Commercial Court and before an eminent ICSID Tribunal. In 2024, he was nominated for Advocate's International Law Barrister of the Year. He has also been appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel for Public International Law, and Attorney General's C Panel of Counsel in 2025

Recent and current instructions include:

- Sanctions: Ali is distinguished as one of the market-leading sanctions practitioners at the Bar. Ali is regularly instructed in the most complex and high-profile sanctions matters and has been consistently ranked in Band 1 by Chambers and Partners for sanctions disputes, achieving the highest tier of recognition. Ali has drawn on deep public law expertise to advise corporate clients, charities, NGOs, private individuals and government entities on the full spectrum of matters on sanctions law. In sanctions litigation, Ali has been described as a "special talent" who "is very agile and adept at moving around in the sanctions world." He has advised over 100 clients on UK and EU sanction matters and acted in many of the leading sanctions disputes: Various Claimants v Metrobank, an action brought on behalf of Iranian nationals against a large bank for breach of the EU Blocking Regulations; for the FCDO in

Graham Phillips v FCDO, the first case in England to consider the relationship between free expression and sanctions. Recent highlights include: acted in the leading Supreme Court case on challenges to UK sanctions, Shvidler & Dalston Projects where Ali was commended by the Supreme Court for his advocacy; acted in the CJEU in the joined cases of C-428/24 and C-476/24; advised the United Kingdom on various sanctions matters including a £80million dispute on UN Sanctions in relation to sovereign wealth funds; acting in the Court of Appeal on EuroChem Group AG V Societe Generale & ING.

- Public international law : Ali is ranked in Chambers and Partners for his expertise in public international law. Ali has had considerable experience advising private individuals and government bodies in relation to public international law matters, particularly on immunities and sanctions. He has led teams in landmark cases before the European Court of Human Rights (COCG v Lithuania) and Inter-American Court of Human Rights (Advisory Opinion on Climate Change). Other notable experience includes acting in a number of cases before the ICJ, including the Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and the Advisory Opinion on the Policies and Practices of Israel ; acted for the Lead Claimants on the international law issues in the challenge to the UK Government's Rwanda removal policy; advising an Algerian political party on issues of self-determination, remedial cessation, and statehood; advising the former Head of State on issues of state and diplomatic immunity; and he has acted as an expert and counsel in courts around the world, including New York, the Mexican Supreme Court, the Constitutional Court of Colombia, and the Kenyan High Court. He is currently acting in Minerali Industriali v Republic of Tunisia (ICSID) and advises various states on bilateral investment treaties and sanctions.
- Commercial/competition litigation : Ali regularly acts in the most high-profile commercial and competition litigation before the English Courts, including a number of Lawyer's Top 20 cases. He acted for the successful Defendant in Sheffield United Football Club v Shepherd and Wedderburn ; represented Orange in its successful defence of the heavily-publicised Phones4u litigation; acted in the civil fraud litigation in Alta Trading v Bosworth & Ors ; and acted for BT in the first competition class action to go to trial, Le Patourel v BT. He is currently acting in the competition litigation in Roadget Business PTE Limited and Shein v WhaleCo UK Limited.
- International arbitration : Ali is instructed in a number of investor-state and commercial arbitrations. He acted for the investor in Buse v Republic of Panama (ICSID); acting for the investor in Minerali Industriali v Republic of Tunisia (ICSID); and is acting in a number of sanctions-related ISDS disputes. Ali is regularly instructed in arbitrations which raise questions of EU law or sanctions; he is regularly brought on by large and boutique firms to handle the EU law and sanctions issues in ISDS and commercial arbitrations. In addition, he acts in arbitration-related court work, such as Qatar Re v Mapfre, a s.67 and s.68 challenge.

Ali graduated with a First Class degree in Law from the University of Cambridge, where he finished 7th in a year of 210 and won the prizes in (i) Constitutional Law, (ii) EU Law, and (iii) EU Environmental law (scoring the highest mark in the Faculty's history). He was later awarded the Frank Knox Fellowship to study for an LLM at Harvard Law School, where he won the Dean's

Scholar Prize in a number of subjects, including for his paper "Markets, Hegemony and Dominance: Dismantling the Cabal with Antitrust". He lectured on international arbitration at Sciences Po University in Paris and Harvard Law School.

Public International Law

Ali is instructed in public international law cases around the world, before international courts/tribunals and domestic courts. His cases concern treaty interpretation; state, sovereign, and diplomatic immunity; the law of the sea; investor-state disputes; human rights and humanitarian law; the law of armed conflict; and international trade/WTO law. In addition, Ali is often instructed in cases concerning the relation between EU and international law; for example, Ali has advised on the implications of the CJEU's judgment in *Achmea* for the enforcement of arbitral awards and is advising states in a number of investor-state cases concerning the application of EU sanctions. He has also been appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel for Public International Law in 2025

Cases before international courts and tribunals

- *Advisory Opinion in the ICJ on Climate Change* – Counsel for a number of parties in the ICJ Advisory Opinion on states' obligations under international law in respect of climate change.
- *Advisory Opinion in the ICJ on the Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* – Advising a State and NGO in relation to the proceedings.
- *Request for Advisory Opinion (Chile and Colombia)* – Acting in the high-profile Advisory Opinion on Climate Change in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (as lead counsel)
- Ali is acting in a number of investor-state cases: (i) *Buse v Panama*; (ii) an investor against a European state in the renewable sector; and (iii) a Middle Eastern investor against a European state.
- Advising on a possible claim before the WTO
- *UNHCR* – A reference to the CJEU on the protection of Palestinian refugees under EU asylum law. The case concerns the implementation of the Geneva Convention under the EU Qualification Directive.
- *Request for Advisory Opinion (Argentina)* – Lead counsel in high-profile Inter-American Court of Human Rights case on the right to food, water, education, employment, and a healthy environment.
- Acting in a landmark case before the Grand Chamber of the ECHR on the legality of pushbacks and border violence against asylum-seekers. The case will have wide-ranging implications for States' policies and practices on immigration control.

- Advising MAK, an Algerian political party, on whether the Kabyle people have a right to self-determination, cessation, and statehood under international law.
- *ML v Panama* – acting in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on a case concerning Panama's failure to investigate torture.

Cases before domestic courts around the world

In the English courts, Ali acts in judicial reviews, commercial litigation, and arbitration-related court work which raise issues of international law. Outside of England, Ali is instructed as a legal expert and *amicus curiae* in courts around the world on issues of international law. Recent cases include:

- *Rwanda litigation* - Acting for the lead group of Claimants in their high-profile challenge to the UK's policy of removing asylum seekers from the UK to Rwanda. Ali was part of the legal team to have the decision declared unlawful (*AAA & Ors v Secretary of State for the Home Department*).
- ***Paris Agreement*** – Acting in proceedings in the English courts on the United Kingdom's obligation under the Paris Agreement.
- *State immunity* – Acting in the English courts for a former head of State on issues of diplomatic and state immunity.
- *Malaysia* - Acting as legal expert on issues of customary international law and human rights in Malaysia on the right to life, liberty, and freedom from torture.
- ***Kenya*** – Acting in high-profile proceedings on the rights of refugees in Kenya under the Refugee Convention.
- *ESG* – Acting in confidential proceedings relating to a company's compliance with UN voluntary principles on business and human rights.
- *Colombia* - Acting in the Colombian Constitutional Court on whether Colombia's citizenship rules violate international human rights law or the law on statelessness.
- *Mexico* - Acting in the Mexican Supreme Court on whether Mexico's detention policy violates international law
- ***R (Sequoia) v OFGEM & Others*** – Acted for the Claimants in a judicial review concerning OFGEM's decision to place Bulb into ESCA administration. The case raised questions on the relationship between public law and investor-state law.
- Ali acts in trade and investment issues arising under English public law, including the National and Security Investment Act 2021, commercial judicial reviews, and regulatory proceedings. Ali has acted for a number of renewable energy companies in challenges to UK measures on renewable energy.

Advisory work

Ali regularly advises States, companies, and NGOs on issues of international law and policy. Before coming to the Bar, Ali worked for a number of legal NGOs and other agencies on a range of international law issues, including the prevention of torture, refugee protection, modern slavery, the laws of criminal evidence in the Middle East, the rights of disabled people under international law, employment rights, and environmental protection.

Commercial

Ali's commercial practice covers civil fraud, banking, insurance, shareholders/JV disputes, professional negligence, and competition claims.

Commercial litigation

- *Sheffield United Football Club v Shepherd and Wedderburn* – Acting for the Defendants in a high-profile £150m claim brought by the former owners of the football club against their solicitors, alleging negligence and breach of fiduciary duty. This was one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2023 (led by Charles Hollander KC).
- *Phones4U v Telefonica & ors* – Acted in the high-profile action concerning the alleged cartel and conspiracy between the leading mobile network providers in the United Kingdom. This was one of the Lawyer's Top 20 cases of 2022.
- *The Secretary of State for Health v Servier Laboratories Ltd* – A Supreme Court case concerning (i) the economic torts, in particular the unlawful means tort, and (ii) the interaction between competition/IP regimes and compensatory relief under the common law (assisting Marie Demetriou KC and Daniel Piccinin).
- *Loreley 30 v Credit Suisse* – A high-profile civil fraud claim in relation to allegations of fraud and misrepresentation by Credit Suisse bankers and senior management (assisting Tim Lord KC and Fred Hobson).
- *Galapagos Bidco S.A. v Signal Credit Opportunities Fund* – A $100m claim for an alleged fraudulent conveyance of notes (assisting Neil Calver KC and Ben Woolgar).
- *Playboy litigation* – A claim in the tort of deceit brought by a London casino against an Italian bank in the tort of deceit (assisting Simon Salzedo KC and Fred Hobson). The deceit trial was brought following the Supreme Court's ruling in *Playboy Club London Limited v Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SPA* [2018] UKSC 43.

Group litigation

- *Justin le Patourel v BT* – Acting for BT in the first collective action to go to trial.
- *RoRo* - AActing for Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha in the follow-on damage's claims arising

from the European Commission's decision in the Maritime Car Carriers cartel case (led by Marie Demetriou KC and Daniel Piccinin).

- *Lloyd v Google* – A landmark UK Supreme Court decision on data group actions (assisted Victoria Wakefield KC).
- *R (Donegan & Ors) v Financial Services Compensation Scheme (London Capital Finance)* - Acting for investors challenging the FSCS's decision to decline compensation to thousands of investors who lost over £200m (assisting James McClelland KC, Tim Johnston and Charlotte Thomas).

Insurance and reinsurance

- *Reinsurance arbitration* – Acting for a group of reinsurers in an ARIAS arbitration on business interruption losses (led by Harry Matovu KC).
- *Aggregation* – Ali has advised with a number of Silks in Chambers on issues of aggregation arising in light of the decisions in *Stonegate*, *Greggs*, and the *VE Action* (Simon Salzedo KC and Harry Matovu KC).
- Advising a major insurer on potential business interruption liability (in excess of $100m) following the Supreme Court's judgment in the FCA Test Case (led by Simon Salzedo KC).

Energy & Natural Resources

Ali's experience of energy and natural resources cases spans commercial litigation/arbitration, regulatory disputes, investment treaty arbitration, and judicial review. Ali's experience uniquely traverses public and private law, as well as international and domestic law. Recent and current experience includes:

- *Energy arbitration* – Acted in an ICC commercial arbitration on mining in Pakistan (unled).
- *Energy Charter Treaty claim* – Ali is acting for an investor in a claim against a European state under the Energy Charter Treaty (with Leading Counsel outside Chambers).
- *R (Sequoia) v OFGEM & Others* – Acted for the Claimants in a judicial review concerning OFGEM's decision to place Bulb into ESCA administration.
- Advised on the licence regime relating to the electricity and gas market in the United Kingdom (unled).

EU, competition, and trade

Ali is a highly sought after barrister in the field of competition and trade. He has been instructed in

some of the leading competition damages claims before the English courts. Ali is particularly recognised for his skill in cases which exist at the boundary between competition law and other areas of the law, such as commercial law, IP, sport, and WTO law.

Recent and current experience includes:

- *Le Patourel v BT* – Acted successfully for BT in defence of landmark collective action proceedings (led by Sarah Ford KC and Sarah Love)
- *Kelkoo v Google* – Acting for Kelkoo against Google in relation to the Google Shopping and Google AdSense Decisions (led by Daniel Jowell KC and Sarah Love)
- *Phones4u* – Acted for Orange in the high-profile Phones4u litigation (led by Marie Demetriou KC and David Scannell KC).
- Advising Vodafone on EU telecoms regulations (led by Robert O'Donoghue KC)
- Advising a tobacco manufacturer on possible WTO claims (led by Salim Moolan KC)
- ***Investor-state disputes*** – Ali is acting in a number of investor-state disputes which raise questions of EU law.
- SBK ARK LLC – Ali is acting in a preliminary reference to the CJEU on the interpretation of EU sanctions
- *Premier League* – a claim against the Premier League for anti-competitive behaviour (assisting Daniel Jowell KC)
- *UEFA* – a claim against UEFA's Financial Fair Play Rules on competition law grounds (assisting Victoria Wakefield KC)
- *RoRo: Daimler AG v Walleniusrederierna Aktiebolag* [2019] EWHC 3197 (Comm) – a reference to the CJEU on the application of competition law to the maritime industry (assisting Mark Hoskins KC)
- *RoRo:* Collective action – Acting for NYKK in collective action proceedings (led by Marie Demetriou KC and Daniel Piccinin KC)
- *Samsung v LG* - a jurisdiction challenge in the LCD damages claim (assisting Daniel Piccinin KC)
- *Network sharing* - Advising a regulator on the roll-out of 5G in Jersey (assisting Aidan Roberton KC)
- *Max Recycle v Durham County Council* - a strike out application regarding a State Aid dispute on recycling in Durham (assisting Aidan Robertson KC)

International Arbitration

Ali has been recognised as a 'rising star' of international arbitration by a leading journal. He has experience well beyond his year of call; for example, he cross-examined a number of key factual witnesses over three days before the ICSID tribunal in a high-profile investor-state dispute.

Investment treaty arbitration

- *Buse v Panama* – Acting for investor before ICSID in a claim brought under the Netherlands-Panama BIT.
- *ECT Claim* - Acting for investors in a claim under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- Advised an African state on a number of matters arising under a Bilateral Investment Treaty.
- Ali has taught investment treaty arbitration at Science Po and has delivered a guest lecture on the subject at Harvard Law School.

Commercial arbitration

Ali has experience of arbitration under a number of institutional rules, including ICSID, ARIAS, ICC, and LCIA. Recent and current experience includes:

- *Qatar Re v Mapfre* – Acting for the Claimants in a challenge under ss.67, 68, and 69 of the Arbitration Act in respect of an arbitral award in the reinsurance sector (led by Richard Eschwege KC).
- *Energy arbitration* – Acted in an ICC arbitration on mining in Pakistan (unled).
- *Insurance arbitration* – An arbitration under ARIAS rules concerning business interruption reinsurance.
- Advising on jurisdiction and choice of law issues arising out of the Supreme Court judgment in *Enka v Chubb*.
- Advising on the enforcement of awards under the New York Convention.
- Ali was part of a group of barristers in Brick Court to write a report on the reform of the Arbitration Act 1996.

Public and Administrative Law

Public law

Ali regularly acts in the most high-profile public and administrative law cases in the United Kingdom. He has acted in the two of the leading judicial reviews in recent years: the Rwanda

challenge regarding the UK government's policy to remove certain asylum seekers and the *Al-Haq* litigation regarding arms exports to Israel. Ali also advises in complex regulatory cases and is currently acting for a party in the motor finance litigation.

Ali is often called upon in cases which involved public international law in judicial reviews and cases involving state immunity. This includes, the *Al-Haq* litigation, the challenge to the UK government's Rwanda scheme. Ali also acts in regulatory cases, such as advice in relation to the the National Security and Investment Act 2021; energy cases such as challenges to OFGEM decisions; telecoms cases; and financial services. He frequently advises the FCDO on international law cases and often acts in judicial review cases involving sanctions.

Recent cases include:

- *R (AAA) v Secretary of State* UKSC [2023] 42 – part of the legal team for UNHCR in relation to the linked challenges to the legality of the government's policy to remove certain asylum seeks to Rwanda.
- *Al Haq v Secretary of State for Business and Trade* [2025] EWHC 1615 (Admin).
- Advising the FCDO on various international law matters.
- Challenges to orders under the National Security and Investment Act 2021.
- Currently acting for a party in the challenge to the FCA's motor finance compensation scheme.
- Acted for Aldi in its judicial review of the Advertising Standard Authority's decision
- Acted for Sequioa in the judicial review in relation to the administration of Bulb
- Acted in the leading judicial review on sanctions challenges under SAMLA - Shvilder and Dalston Projects
- Acted for one of the pharmaceutical defendants in the challenge to the CMA's decision on Liothyranine (instructed by Clifford Chance)
- Acted for the former President of Albania, Sali Berisha, in a challenge to the Home Office's decision to exclude his entry into the United Kingdom. Ali acted in relation to the state immunity grounds.
- *Global Feedback* - acted for Global Feedback in its challenge to the UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement on environmental grounds
- Advised a tobacco company on its regulatory obligations in relation to advertising restrictions under UK law
- Advised on the application of UK and EU state aid / subidy control rules

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Harvard Law School, LLM, Frank Knox Fellow – Dean's Scholar Prize in multiple subjects, including for his paper *"Markets, Hegemony and Dominance: Dismantling the Cabal with Antitrust."*

BPTC (Outstanding)

University of Cambridge, Law (First Class), 7th in year, with prizes in three papers: Constitutional, EU law, and EU Environmental Law (scoring the highest mark in the faculty's history in the latter)

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Cambridge

- ECS Wade prize for best performance in Constitutional Law
- Clifford Chance prize for best performance in European Union law
- Best overall performance in EU Environmental Law (achieving the highest mark in the faculty's history)
- Thatcher Prize, Fitzwilliam College

Harvard Law School

- Dean's Scholar Prize in multiple subjects, including for his paper " *Markets, Hegemony and Dominance: Dismantling the Cabal with Antitrust.*"

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

- Peter Taylor Scholarship, the Inn's top scholarship

Bar European Group

- Peter Duffy Scholar

LANGUAGES

Arabic - fluent

German - basic

Spanish - basic

Directory Quotes

"It was a great pleasure working with Ali. He showed real enthusiasm about our work." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali is fantastic. He is a seasoned yet creative expert and a complete pleasure to work with. He has the rare combination of sharp intellect, compelling depth of expertise in the field and the pragmatism to bring clients along with him." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali is charming to deal with, super available and willing to help. We really appreciate his flexibility and knowledgeable on the technical side of the work. He is a terrific team player and good at getting solicitors what they need and when they need it." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"He has very deep knowledge of international law, very effective networks in a number of foreign governments who trust his legal advice and strategy, and is definitely a future leader in this field." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali exuded sheer joy when confronted by complex legal problems and a tight timeline on both established and novel points of law. He is extraordinarily intellectually generous, enabling seamless collaboration." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali Al-Karim is a genius; a fierce lawyer and an amazing advocate. He is my go-to lawyer for any difficult issue in international law and sanctions." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"He is a star; working way above his year of call, doing oral advocacy in big courts and bringing in clients and building teams well. He is very impressive, with a fun manner, and a joy to work with." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"He is absolutely stellar and just about the cleverest guy I have ever met." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali is one of the standout junior barristers of his peer group. He is going to be a star at the Bar in the future. He is exceptionally responsive and hard-working, and has strong knowledge of the area." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali is a fantastic colleague to work with. He is analytically sharp, strategic and committed to the highest standards of advocacy." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali's cross-examination is devastating; he is a natural advocate. Ali is clear, precise and charming. He spots points in a case no one else does and has impeccable judgement. He is better in court than many KCs I have worked with. Ali is one of the most talented lawyers in the field of arbitration." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali is a very good written advocate and very efficient. He is extremely bright." – **Chambers &**

Partners 2027

"Ali is a very dedicated lawyer. He is willing to go the extra mile to achieve the client's objective." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"I think Ali is a phenomenal barrister. From a technical perspective, he is outstanding, and his analytical skills and insights are always valuable. His clarity of thought and expression are exceptional and his drafting skills are excellent." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"He has built a formidable reputation due to his incisive cross-examination. He combines meticulous preparation with an instinctive grasp of complex evidential issues." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"He is a real self-starter who works extremely hard and is very good at seeing the commercial side of a legal problem." – **Chambers & Partners 2027**

"Ali has a growing reputation in this area, especially in the interplay between sanctions and company law." - **Legal 500 2027**

"A creative thinker who brings welcome strategic thinking to the case." - **Legal 500 2027**

"Ali is a talented barrister who has a wide-ranging knowledge across a number of specialist areas." - **Legal 500 2027**

"He is just a brilliant, brilliant lawyer and really one to watch in the next generation." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali routinely exceeds expectations." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali is a very thoughtful and curious barrister. He digs to get to the issues." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali is compelling and clearly has the ear of the judges." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali is incredibly bright. He is clearly one of the leading up-and-coming international law juniors. He is very clear and compelling in his written advocacy." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali is a superb advocate. He is commercially aware, with a brilliant grip on the law." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali is a special talent. He is an extraordinary man. He is inspiring to those he works with and for." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali is very agile and adept at moving around in the sanctions world. He has a really good handle on the law." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali Al-Karim has a burgeoning sanctions practice, with particular interest in the UK and EU regimes. He draws on deep public law expertise to advise corporate clients, private individuals and government entities on the full gamut of sanctions law, including on Blocking Regulations. Alongside sanctions, Al-Karim is gaining a reputation for proficiency in matters of public international law, EU investment law and international arbitration." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali Al-Karim is recognised as a rising star in the field of public international law. He has appeared before the ICJ, the ECtHR, ICSID tribunals and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in a host of high-profile cases. In addition to PIL, Al-Karim has earned a strong reputation for his work on sanctions, European trade law and international arbitration." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali Al-Karim is commended for his thriving international arbitration practice. He has experience beyond his years advising both states and investors on treaty disputes under ICSID rules. Other areas of expertise include arbitration-related litigation, sanctions and broader matters of public international law. Additionally, Al-Karim is well versed in EU law arbitration matters." – **Chambers & Partners 2026**

"Ali combines sharp legal acumen with a collaborative and grounded approach—never arrogant, and consistently respectful in team settings. He is a strong team player, generous with his time and input." **- Legal 500 2026**

"Ali's ability to understand and distil complex technical issues from the get-go and to prepare his oral advocacy in a short time is very impressive."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali is an exceptional oral advocate, able to convey difficult arguments with extreme persuasion and a distinctive flair that makes him stand out even among very experienced barristers."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali is a remarkably capable lawyer - exceptionally intelligent, diligent and effective."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali's level of perception is off the charts. He turns over stones that others wouldn't have ever thought to have turned over."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali is a knowledgeable and user-friendly junior counsel. He's very good."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali's just fabulous. Intellectually, he's phenomenal."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali's practice is soaring. He's intellectually just phenomenal. Clients love him!"– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali Al-Karim is an incredibly conscientious barrister who is responsive and sophisticated. He is quick to identify new arguments and strategic positions to advance a client's needs."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali has shown himself to possess all the virtues of a top-notch modern barrister, combining insight and acumen with responsiveness and an appetite for the complex and the unusual."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali is a marvel who has a clear commercial mind and steers clients to solutions."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"I really enjoy working with Ali. He is extremely personable and takes the time to understand his clients' needs. Furthermore, his calm nature provides reassurance and instils confidence."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali is not only knowledgeable but alsoextremely commercial.He crystallises the key conceptsand is able to produce practical solutions and present them to those less versed in the legislation."– **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Ali has built up a strong reputation in sanctions work – punches well above his weight call-wise" – **Legal 500, Sanctions**

"Ali is an excellent barrister, creative in his thinking, strategic in his decisions and writing, and an eloquent writer." – **Legal 500, Public International Law**

"He has in-depth knowledge about virtually all aspects of public international law" – **Legal 500, Public International Law**