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Sameera Kimatrai is an English law qualified partner in the Dubai office of Gibson Dunn and a member of the firm's Financial Regulatory Practice Group. She has experience advising governments, regulators and a broad range of financial institutions in the UAE including investment managers, commercial and investment banks, payment service providers and digital asset service providers on complex regulatory issues both in onshore UAE and in the financial free zones. Sameera has particular experience in digital asset regulation across the Middle East and Africa having spent time as a senior regulatory lawyer in the legal department of a large digital assets exchange.

Sameera has earned recognition across leading legal directories and industry awards. *The Legal 500 EMEA* recognizes her as a Next Generation Partner for Financial Services Regulation, while *Chambers FinTech Legal* ranks her as "Up and Coming" and *IFLR1000* recognizes her as a "Rising Star" for Financial Services Regulatory in the UAE. Prior to her current *Legal 500* ranking, she was named a Rising Star in the same category in 2020, 2021, and 2022. In addition, Sameera received the "Rising Star" award at the *Law Middle East Awards 2025* in recognition of her contributions to Gibson Dunn and the financial regulation and fintech market.

She completed her Bachelor's Degree at the University of Cambridge in 2011 before completing her law degree at the University of Law in 2013. Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Sameera was a senior associate based in the Dubai office of a Magic Circle law firm. She completed her training contract at another Magic Circle law firm in London, where she qualified into the financial services regulatory group.

Capabilities

Financial Institutions
Artificial Intelligence
Financial Regulatory
Fintech and Digital Assets
Robotics

Credentials

Education

University of Cambridge - 2015 Master of Arts

University of Law - 2013 Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

University of Law - 2013 Legal Practice Course

University of Law - 2012 Graduate Diploma in Law

University of Cambridge - 2011 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

England & Wales - Solicitor

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