



LUDMILA YAMALOVA

FOUNDER & MANAGING PARTNER – LYLAW DUBAI

U.S.-QUALIFIED, DUBAI-BASED LAWYER

PROFILE

Ludmila is a Founder and Managing Partner of Yamalova & Plewka FZCO., a Dubai-based legal consultancy licensed by the Government of Dubai, Legal Affairs Department. Ludmila is a U.S.-qualified attorney, with 17 years of legal practice in the U.A.E. and 6 years in the Silicon Valley.

Ludmila is also a Dubai International Financial Center (DIFC) Courts practitioner and Wills Draftsman, a Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) qualified arbitrator, as well as an ADR Center-accredited mediator.

Ludmila is fluent in English, Ukrainian, and Russian, and conversational in French.

LUDMILA'S FIRM

Ludmila's firm is a general practice firm specializing in the U.A.E. law, across a wide spectrum of industries.

Clients range from family offices and multinationals to individuals.

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EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

The University of Texas School of Law

Doctor of Law (J.D.), Intellectual Property Law

1999 – 2002

Université Paris X Nanterre

Master's degree, European Union Law

2000 – 2001

Reed College

Bachelor of Arts, Political Philosophy

1993 – 1996

Université Laval

Summer School, French Language and Literature

1994 – 1995

Harvard University

Summer School, Junior Thesis 1995

SPECIALITIES

- Corporate Advisory
- Dispute Resolution
- Family Law
- Employment/Labor
- Real Estate
- Wills/Estate Planning



LUDMILA YAMALOVA

CAREER SUMMARY

Founder and Managing Partner, HPL Yamalova & Plewka FZCO, Dubai, U.A.E.

LYLAW Dubai | May 2010 - Present

Dubai-based general practice law firm, specializing in commercial, corporate, real estate, inheritance, employment, dispute resolution, divorce/separation, and criminal matters.

Host of *Lawgical with Ludmila* Podcast

LYLAW Dubai | May 2010 - Present

The region's first legal podcast, covering a variety of legal topics and updates relating to the U.A.E. and the MENA region. New episodes are posted weekly. The podcast is available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and on our website.

Presenter, Dubai Multi Commodities Center (DMCC) Knowledge Series, Dubai, U.A.E.

2014 - Present

Regular presenter at the DMCC Knowledge Series, leading presentations about employment law, corporate matters, meaning and enforcement of contracts, real estate management, etc.

Legal Commentator, Dubai Eye Radio 103.8

2009 - Present

Weekly commentator on legal issues in the U.A.E. on live broadcast.

Managing Partner, Al Sayyah Advocates & Legal Consultants

May 2009 - May 2010

Dubai-based law firm, specializing in real estate dispute resolution and commercial litigation.

Partner, Davidson & Co. Legal Consultants

2007 - 2008

One of the founding partners of the firm. Specialized in real estate dispute resolution. Built and managed own client base.

Associate General Counsel, Finisar Corp.

March 2005 - July 2008

Managed Finisar's legal affairs, domestically and internationally. Headed multiple high profile patent litigation cases. Managed shareholder derivative lawsuits. SOX legal compliance officer.

Associate, DLA Piper U.S. LLP

2002 - 2005

Specialized in intellectual property litigation. Worked on post dot com bankruptcy cases.

Summer Associate, Howrey Simon Arnold & White

2001 - 2001

Specialized in intellectual property litigation and contract drafting.

Business Analyst, Business for Social Responsibility

1998 - 1999

Conducted due diligence and business analysis in connection with providing consulting services to international clients on improving their bottom line by exercising social responsibility. Clients included: Starbucks, Gap, Nike, etc.

Business Analyst, Strategic Decisions Group

1996 - 1999

Conducted due diligence and business analysis for international clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring and growth development strategies.



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PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL STYLE

PERSONAL STYLE

Ludmila is the Firm's backbone. She manages the Firm with the utmost diligence, ensuring the clients' satisfaction, while maintaining the highest level of quality service.

Ludmila is naturally enthusiastic. She loves sharing her experience with those around her.

Ludmila is observant and resourceful, which is why she evaluates matters using a multi-faceted approach and considers all aspects. As a result, Ludmila advises clients with a deeper understanding of their matters. She is a gifted negotiator and excellent litigator, with a unique combination of courage, knowledge, and patience.

Ludmila is a determined and zealous lawyer. In her approach, Ludmila is business-oriented and pragmatic. Ludmila deals with the toughest of matters – effortlessly.

Ludmila is inspired and inspirational. She is a mentor, a friend, and a family member, to the Firm's team and to clients. It is truly rare to come across an individual such as Ludmila, on a professional and personal level. The office can be a little quiet, but when Ludmila arrives, the office takes on a joyous vibe; as Ludmila's positive and upbeat energy is contagious.

In many ways, Ludmila is a superhero in disguise. Constantly fighting for her clients, team members, Firm, family, and friends, Ludmila is selfless, with an unparalleled sense of responsibility. She is extremely conscious, and detail-oriented. Ludmila is a mastermind in her professional and personal life.

PROFESSIONAL STYLE

Ludmila is emotionally and professionally intelligent. This intelligence permeates her management and professional style. She is wise, pragmatic, and direct. In her advice to clients, she focuses on business-oriented solutions, keeping the bottom line in mind. Ludmila holds uncompromising values of ethics, transparency, and fairness.

As a passionate and invested lawyer, Ludmila takes on clients' causes as her own. To that end, she represents clients vigorously, ensuring their interests are prioritized throughout the proceedings, with the aim of securing favorable results for them.



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Ludmila is an avid contributor to various Social Media channels such as, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, Reddit, among others, dedicated to educating the public about legal matters.

On TikTok alone, Ludmila has a growing audience of more than 200,000 followers and is one of the first female lawyers to be verified on the TikTok platform.

Ludmila hosts Legal Live sessions on TikTok and Instagram, where she talks about the recent legal updates and answers legal questions in real time.



WEBSITE



LINKEDIN



TIKTOK



YOUTUBE



INSTAGRAM



FACEBOOK





LUDMILA YAMALOVA

PUBLICATIONS

Ludmila is regularly quoted by international and regional media as an expert on U.A.E. legal and legislative developments, including The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, New York Times, Thomson Reuters, CNBC, Gulf News, Khaleej Times, Cosmopolitan MiddleEast, Lovin Dubai, The National, and Bloomberg.

GULF NEWS

1. What to do if your UAE gratuity is not paid after leaving a job [↗](#)
2. UAE Personal Status Law 2025: Major marriage reforms, custody and parental rights [↗](#)
3. Tenant rights in Dubai: Can your landlord increase rent for refusing fewer cheques? [↗](#)

THOMSON REUTERS

1. Status of pregnancies outside marriage still unclear in UAE after law change [↗](#)

THE NATIONAL

1. How a high debt-burden ratio in the UAE can land you in financial trouble [↗](#)
2. What to do if your bank blocks end-of-service gratuity owing to an unlisted employer [↗](#)
3. What do the new UAE labour laws mean for maternity and paternity leave? [↗](#)

KHALEEJ TIMES

1. Covid-19: Can UAE employers force staff to take the vaccine? [↗](#)

LOVIN DUBAI

1. UAE-Based Lawyer Clarifies Laws Surrounding 'Vaping' In The UAE [↗](#)
2. Acts Of Racism Or Discrimination In The UAE Can Land You With Fines Of Up To AED 2 Million & Imprisonment [↗](#)
3. Pregnancy Out Of Wedlock In The UAE: Dubai Lawyer Clarifies Rules [↗](#)

COSMOPOLITAN MIDDLEEAST

1. 8 TikTokers that will help you advance your career [↗](#)