

Law No. (7) of 2020
Amending Law No. (21) of 2015
Concerning Judicial Fees of the Dubai Courts¹

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of:

Law No. (16) of 2009 Establishing the Centre for Amicable Settlement of Disputes;

Law No. (21) of 2015 Concerning Judicial Fees of the Dubai Courts and its amendments (the "**Original Law**");

Law No. (1) of 2016 Concerning the Financial Regulations of the Government of Dubai; and

Law No. (13) of 2016 Concerning the Judicial Authorities in the Emirate of Dubai,

Do hereby issue this Law.

Superseded Articles
Article (1)

Articles (7), (8), and (38) of the Original Law are hereby superseded by the following:

Registration of Disputes with the CASD
Article (7)

- a. Notwithstanding the provisions of the above-mentioned Law No. (16) of 2009, fifty percent (50%) of the fees applicable to the relevant lawsuit pursuant to the rules stipulated in this Law will be collected when registering a dispute with the CASD.
- b. Where no settlement is reached by the parties to a dispute filed with the CASD, and the dispute is referred to and registered with the Competent Court, the fee payable

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.

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for registration of the lawsuit with the court, less the amount paid to the CASD, will be collected.

- c. Where a settlement is concluded between the parties to a dispute filed with the CASD, the fifty percent (50%) stipulated in paragraph (a) of this Article will be refunded in full to the paying party.

Non-applicability of Fees Article (8)

The fees payable pursuant to this Law will not apply to the following categories, lawsuits, applications, and appeals:

1. lawsuits, appeals, or applications filed by federal or local government entities in the Emirate or in any other emirate of the United Arab Emirates;
2. lawsuits regarding endowments, gifts, and bequests dedicated for charity or allocated to charitable associations, where these lawsuits are filed by the relevant entities;
3. lawsuits filed by the shareholders of a public joint stock company against the board of directors or the executive management of that company, where these shareholders are deemed "minority shareholders" in accordance with the relevant legislation in force;
4. appeals of alimony judgements;
5. amounts deposited by a trustee in bankruptcy on account of the bankruptcy estate;
6. amounts deposited by auction bidders on account of the price of real property;
7. amounts deposited by federal or local government entities for the account of concerned parties;
8. applications for Islam proclamation or for Embracing Islam Certificates;
9. attestation of applications for social aid; and
10. applications for death and succession certificates.

Payment of Deposits in Criminal Lawsuits Article (38)

An appellant in a criminal lawsuit, other than the Public Prosecution, must deposit with the court treasury a non-refundable cash amount of five hundred Dirhams (AED 500.00)

in case of misdemeanour proceedings, or two hundred Dirhams (AED 200.00) in case of infraction proceedings.

Publication and Commencement
Article (2)

This Law will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force on the day on which it is published.

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