

Annex A

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Dubai
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DIFC LAWS AMENDMENT LAW

DIFC LAW NO. 4 of 2017

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PART 1: GENERAL

1. **Title**

This Law may be cited as the “DIFC Laws Amendment Law, DIFC Law No. 4 of 2017”.

2. **Legislative Authority**

This Law is made by the Ruler of Dubai.

3. **Date of enactment**

This Law is enacted on the date specified in the Enactment Notice in respect of this Law.

4. **Commencement**

This Law comes into force on the date specified in the Enactment Notice in respect of this Law.

PART 2: AMENDMENTS TO COURT LAW 2004

- 5. The Court Law 2004 is amended as prescribed in this Part.
- 6. The following Articles of the Court Law 2004 are to be amended by inserting the underlined text and deleting the struck through text as shown below:

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PART 3 – CONSTITUTION OF THE DIFC COURT

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9. Appointment of Judges

- (1) Judges appointed under Article 3(4) of the Judicial Authority Law, shall be appointed for a specified period not exceeding three years, and may be re-appointed, provided that such period may not extend beyond the day when the Judge turns 75 years of age.
- (2) Notwithstanding the fact a Judge has turned 75 years or the period of appointment has concluded, a Judge holding office may continue in office for so long as:
 - (a) ~~may be necessary, to deliver judgment or to perform any other actions as may be necessary, in relation to the proceedings that were commenced before the Judge turns 75 years or before the conclusion of the appointment;~~
 - (b) the Chief Justice determines that it is beneficial to the DIFC Court for the Judge to continue to hold office; or
 - (c) in the case of the Chief Justice turning 75, the Ruler determines that it is beneficial to the DIFC Court for the Chief Justice to continue to hold office.

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PART 9: FUNDING AND REPORTS

56. Funding and Fees

- (1) The Chief Justice may recommend for enactment by the President and publish regulations necessary or convenient for carrying out or giving effect to this Law, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) ~~prescribing the fees payable to the DIFC Court or Tribunal of the DIFC Court, in connection with the performance of its functions and exercise of its powers;~~
 - (b) the management of third party funding of proceedings in the DIFC Court; and
 - (c) any matters incidental to or relating to fulfilling the purposes of this Law.
- (2) In respect of each financial year of the DIFC Court, the Government of Dubai shall provide financial resources to the DIFC Court, including any Tribunal established by the DIFC Court, so that it is able adequately to perform its functions and exercise its powers.

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PART 3: AMENDMENTS TO DATA PROTECTION LAW 2007

- 7. The Data Protection Law 2007 is amended as prescribed in this Part.
- 8. The following Articles of the Data Protection Law 2007 are to be amended by inserting the underlined text and deleting the struck through text as shown below:

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PART 5: COMMISSIONER OF DATA PROTECTION

26. Powers and Functions of the Commissioner of Data Protection

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- (1) Without limiting the generality of 26(1), such powers, duties and functions of the Commissioner of Data Protection shall include, so far as is reasonably practicable:

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- (n) employing and appointing persons on such terms as he considers appropriate to assist him in the exercise of his powers and performance of his functions; and
- ~~(o) where he considers it appropriate to do so, delegating such of his functions and powers as may more efficiently and effectively be performed by his officers or employees and, with the approval of the President either generally or in relation to any particular matter, by any other person; and~~
- (p) exercising and performing such other powers and functions as may be delegated to the Commissioner of Data Protection by the President pursuant to the provisions of this Law.

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