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### Amman is a partner in the litigation and arbitration team.

He is a highly skilled trial lawyer and experienced strategic advisor. Amman represents high-net-worth individuals, family offices and multinational companies in cross-border litigation, often involving bet-the-company or bet-the-dynasty disputes. He is known for tackling and resolving the toughest problems for his international clientele - whether by aggressively litigating high-stakes cases through to trial or acting as a trusted advisor for delicate personal matters behind the scenes.

Amman has litigated before state and federal courts and arbitral bodies in Los Angeles, New York, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, and has advised on the foreign aspects of litigation pending before Moscow courts, Swiss Courts, English Courts and New Zealand Courts. He has practiced in both common law and civil law jurisdictions and has represented clients in both English and French. He also speaks Hindi and Urdu, and uses his global experience to obtain the best results for clients through a multijurisdictional approach to litigation.

In addition to complex commercial, sports and entertainment-related litigation Amman advises on delicate personal matters in which his clients are the target of reputational attacks and smear campaigns, cyber fraud and data privacy related issues. He has represented multinational family offices, entrepreneurs and founders, a Russian billionaire, the fifth largest bank in the United States and a number of other companies and national brands.

Amman is admitted in California, as a Barrister & Solicitor in Ontario, Canada and as a Foreign Registered Solicitor in England & Wales. International disputes he has handled include complex commercial claims, injunctions and restraining orders, judgment collection, maritime, aviation and insurance, cargo claims, film and television distribution, human rights, and NAFTA-related issues. He also has a published decision from the Federal Court of Canada regarding international cargo claims: *Canusa Systems v. Canmar Ambassador*, 146 F.T.R. 314 (1998) and a published decision on a novel issue of California employment law in *Arechiga v. Dolores Press, Inc.*, 192 Cal. App. 4th 567 (2011). Amman has been an international litigator since 1997.

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## Track record

### Dismissal of civil harassment case

Obtained the dismissal of a long running civil harassment case against a Russian billionaire by his ex-wife after the Court issued restraining orders and orders to show cause for contempt. All the orders obtained by the ex-wife were dissolved and the case dismissed;

### Finder's fee claim

Singlehandedly litigated a case involving a finder's fee claim for an introduction that lead to the "Fight of the Century" between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather, against CBS Corp, Showtime Networks, Inc., Manny Pacquiao, and Freddie Roach, among others, against five law firms. Defeated four demurrers, three anti-SLAPP motions, a writ of supersedeas and three interlocutory appeals and obtained favorable rulings on nearly every discovery motion in the case. Trial pending.

### Finder's fee claim

Obtained a defence judgment to a finder's fee claim in connection with the "Fight of the Century", the Pacquiao vs. Mayweather boxing match of 2015;

### Defense contractor

Obtained a defense judgment and an award of attorney's fees for a medium-sized U.S. defense contractor from claims by a finance company of breach of contract under a factor finance contract

### Sexual harassment and discrimination claims

Successfully defended a medium-sized employer from employee sexual harassment and discrimination claims.

### Motion picture studio

Successfully defended a major motion picture studio against another studio's efforts to prevent it from developing and promoting a prime-time entertainment program.

### Disability and racial discrimination claims

Successfully defended a hotel chain against two separate claims for disability discrimination and racial discrimination. After four days of trial proceedings, Amman made motion for non-suit and obtained a complete release for the client for nuisance value settlements for both cases.

## \$8.8 million verdict

Won an \$8.8 million verdict on behalf of the fifth-largest bank in the country against the former trustee of a private trust. Amman also succeeded in collecting the judgment in its entirety, plus costs and attorney's fees.

## International arbitration award

Won an international arbitration award for a film distributor against a film producer. The arbitrator also awarded Mr. Khan's client 100% of its attorney's fees and costs.

## Radio broadcaster

Obtained a defense judgment for a Radio Broadcaster against claims for failure to pay overtime and failure to keep records. Mr. Khan obtained a defense verdict after a three-day trial.

## Preventing disclosure of information

Without litigation and solely through negotiation, Mr. Khan successfully prevented a former employee from disclosing sensitive and confidential information from a major league sports franchise and its owners.

## Unwinding of reverse merger

Effectively unwound a film library's complex reverse merger after securing court orders that nullified key asset transfers on fraudulent conveyance grounds.

## Defense of a Trustee

Successfully defended a Trustee against breach of fiduciary duty and misappropriation claims.

## Foreign divorce and support judgment defense

Successfully defended judgment enforcement proceedings involving a foreign divorce and support judgment for \$25 million. Amman obtained court orders terminating collection proceedings against the client and a complete release for less than half the face value of the judgment.

## Accounting fraud and fraudulent preference

Successfully prosecuted claims for accounting fraud and fraudulent preference against the largest dental practice management chain in the nation and its officers and directors.

- *'The three-cornered mediation: How to mediate and settle insurance coverage and the underlying liability at the same time,'* ABA 2020 Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar, Tuscon, AZ - March 7, 2020, Presenter

## External publications

Canusa Systems v. Canmar Ambassador, 146 F.T.R. 314 (1998)

Arechiga v. Dolores Press, Inc., 192 Cal. App. 4th 567 (2011)

## Admissions

State of California, 1998

Ontario, Canada, 1997

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## Education

B.A (With Distinction), McGill University (1990)

LL.B, Cum Laude, University of Ottawa, Common Law Section, (1993)

LL.M., UCLA School of Law (1994)

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## Languages

English

French

Urdu

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## Memberships

Future Investment Initiative (FII) Institute

## Key dates

Year joined: 2020

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