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Lawyers Draw Among the Highest Salaries in UAE

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dubai — The salaries of lawyers in the UAE, especially in the banking and financial services sector, are clearly on the rise, climbing to an average of Dh82,000 a month for the Head of Legal Section.

This was revealed on Tuesday by a study that was conducted by Tessera Executive Search in partnership with the Dubai Corporate Counsel Group (DCCG).

However, Dubai-based lawyers viewed the figures mentioned in the report on the salaries of legal consultants in the banking, financial and real estate sectors in the UAE, as a bit exaggerated.

While last year's survey results showed the real estate sector paying some of the highest salaries at non-Head of Legal Section level, this year has seen a shift to some of the highest salaries been paid in the banking and financial services, IT and telecom sectors. According to the survey that covered 194 in-house lawyers from a wide range of organisations in the UAE. salaries of Dh130,000 to Dh150,000-plus a month are becoming less unusual. with 20 per



cent of heads of legal departments now drawing more than Dh100,000 a month.

Overall, the results showed that the highest paid lawyers qualified in North America, followed closely by England and Wales. At the Head of Legal level, however, England and Wales qualification places one at the top of the pay scale, while lawyers who qualified in the Indian subcontinent remain the lowest paid on average.

"Western-qualified, bilingual Arabic/English lawyers are still the most sought after and command the highest salaries with packages in some cases reaching Dh244,000 a month," said Elizabeth Williams, Senior Partner & Legal Practice Head at Tessera Executive Search.



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