

# Decree-Law No. 14 of 1991 Organising the Ministry of Justice and Assigning the Competencies Thereof (Repealed) 14 / 1991

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We, Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar,  
Having perused the Amended Provisional Constitution, in particular Articles 19, 23, 27, 31 and 34 thereof;  
Law No. 1 of 1961 establishing an *Official Gazette* for the Government of Qatar;  
Law No. 14 of 1964 on the real estate registration system, as amended;  
Law No. 5 of 1970 identifying the powers of ministers and defining the functions of ministries and other government bodies, as amended;  
Law No. 13 of 1971 on the systems of the courts of justice, as amended;  
Law No. 9 of 1979 on documentation;  
Decree-Law No. 12 of 1991 establishing the Civil Service Bureau;  
Emiri Resolution No. 14 of 1978 concerning the establishment of undersecretary position and determination of remuneration thereof;  
Emiri Resolution No. 8 of 1979 on system of the ministries' undersecretaries;  
Emiri Resolution No. 4 of 1989 establishing the Supreme Council for Planning;  
Resolution No. 4 of 1962 organising the competencies of the Department of Legal Affairs of the Government of Qatar;  
Council of Ministers Resolution No. 12 of 1972 on the reorganisation of the administrative structure within the ministries;  
The proposal of the Minister of Justice; and  
The draft decree-law submitted by the Council of Ministers;  
Hereby promulgate the following Law:

## Articles

### Article 1

The Ministry of Justice, hereinafter "the Ministry", shall be organised and its competencies shall be assigned as set out in this Law.

### Article 2

In addition to the general competencies set out in the aforesaid Law No. 5 of 1970, the Ministry of Justice shall assume the competencies prescribed herein for its various administrative units.

### Article 3

Subject to the general duties of the Minister in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Law No. 5 of 1970, the Minister of Justice shall assume the following duties:

1. Supervising the management of the Ministry's affairs generally and its methods of carrying out its competencies.
2. Issuing the resolutions necessary to regulate the function of the Ministry.

3. Supervising the affairs of the courts of justice from the administrative and financial sides.
4. Submitting the recommendations of the Head of Justice Courts with respect to the courts and judges to the Emir after expressing an opinion thereon.
5. Referring draft legislative instruments to the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers.
6. Representing the State at conferences, authorities, and regional and international organisations within the field of the Ministry's activity.

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## Article 4

The Minister shall have an office director under him directly who shall assume the following duties:

1. Organising the files, correspondence and papers in the Minister's office.
2. Receiving correspondence addressed to the Minister and preparing the same for presentation to him.
3. Distributing the aforesaid correspondence to the relevant bodies for review in accordance with the instructions of the Minister.
4. Preparing the memorandums and correspondence assigned to him by the Minister.
5. Liaising with various bodies with respect to providing the required documents and details.
6. Notifying the relevant bodies of the Minister's endorsements and instructions and briefing the Minister on the status thereof.
7. Attending interviews and discussions that he is allowed to attend by the Minister and recording what he directs him to.

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## Article 4 - BIS (Added By: Law 11 / 2002)

A Technical Office shall be established in the Ministry of Justice and shall report to the Minister. The Technical Office shall comprise a head of department and an adequate number of specialists, legal researchers and administrative staff.

The Technical Office shall assume the following responsibilities:

1. Expressing an opinion on issues referred to it by the Minister or the Undersecretary.
2. Drafting the legislative instruments of the Ministry.
3. Expressing an opinion on draft laws referred by the Ministry.
4. Expressing an opinion on topics included in agendas of the Council of Ministers or such other topics referred to it by the Minister.
5. Collecting, classifying and publishing Fatwas issued by the Fatwa and Contracts Department at the Ministry.
6. Issuing a gazette to publish legal research and judicial decisions as well as commenting on such publications, and supervising the printing of such gazette.
7. Any other tasks assigned to it by the Minister relevant to its aforesaid competencies.

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## Article 5

A Planning and Follow-up Unit shall be established in the Ministry, formed by a resolution of the Minister, which shall undertake the competencies stipulated in Emiri Resolution No. 4 of 1989 establishing the Supreme Council for Planning.

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## Article 6

Subject to the general duties of the undersecretary in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Law No. 5 of 1970 and Emiri Resolution No. 8 of 1979, the undersecretary shall assume the following duties:

1. Proposing the draft bylaws and resolutions regulating the functions of the Ministry or giving effect to its competencies.
2. Approving expense and financial documents in accordance with the provisions of the financial regulations.
3. Proposing to amend the administrative units comprising the Ministry and considering the proposals relating to establishment of divisions, in addition to determining and amending the competencies thereof.

The undersecretary may delegate some of his duties to the managers of the administrative units at the Ministry.

Article 7 (Amended By Cabinet Decision 11/2000)

The Ministry of Justice shall consist of the following administrative units:

1. Department of Fatwa and Contracts.
2. Department of State Litigation.
3. Department of Real Estate Registration and Authentication.
4. Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs.

Article 8

Each of the departments of the Ministry shall be headed by a director who shall be directly responsible to the undersecretary. Each director shall assume the following duties:

1. Discharging the affairs of the department and following up its work progress, and coordinating with its divisions and offices that affiliated to the department.
2. Proposing resolutions required for the development of the department's activity.
3. Preparing the draft budget of the department.
4. Adopting resolutions and signing various transactions that fall within the duties thereof.

Article 9 (Amended By Law 11/2002) (Amended By Cabinet Decision 11/2000)

The Department of Fatwa and Contracts shall be responsible for the following:

1. Expressing an opinion on issues referred to the Department by other ministries and government bodies or authorities and public corporations.
2. Expressing an opinion on commitments entailing the utilisation of any of the natural resources of the country or related to general public interest, as well as every concession or monopoly.
3. Expressing an opinion on incorporation instruments of companies that are required by law to obtain a special decree acknowledging the same.
4. Expressing an opinion on any legal disputes that may arise between the parties referred to in Item 1 of this Article.
5. Studying and reviewing proposed international agreements and suchlike that any concerned party may refer to the Department.
6. Reviewing proposed contracts that the ministries and the other government agencies intend to conclude and expressing an opinion on the issues that may result due to the implementation of such contracts.

Such ministries and the other government agencies may not conclude or approve any contract, conciliation or arbitration whose value is more than Five Hundred Thousand Riyals (QAR 500,000) without having consulted with the Department of Fatwa and Contracts. In the event that the Department of Fatwa and Contracts has approved the draft Contract relating to any matter, the contract may be concluded without the need for further approval by the Department. Following completion of such contract a copy of the signed contract shall be forwarded to the Department.

1. Investigating with lawyers in the event of disciplinary breaches, filing disciplinary claims and representing the prosecution before the disciplinary panel, and making an appeal against the decisions of the disciplinary panel in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Law of Legal Practice.
2. Participating in conferences, meetings, sessions, symposiums, official missions and any regional or international meetings held abroad and relating to the competencies of the Ministry of Justice, and proposing the holding and hosting of such events in the State of Qatar, preparing studies, and submitting recommendations related to meetings previously held and the pursuing their findings.

3. Issuing the *Official Gazette*.

4. Conducting legal translation relating to the competencies of the Ministry of Justice.

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## Article 10

The Department of State Litigation shall be responsible for the following:

1. Representing the ministries and other government bodies in cases filed by or against them before the various courts, local or international arbitration tribunals or such other bodies on which law has conferred judicial jurisdiction.
2. Representing authorities and public corporation in conducting jurisdiction set forth in the preceding paragraph, if such bodies requested that.
3. Pursuing the execution of judgments passed in favour of the bodies the Department represented.

Retaining lawyers to conduct particular cases within the competence of the Department provided such is approved by the Minister or the Undersecretary in case of his absence

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## Article 11

The Department of Real Estate Registration and Authentication shall be responsible for the following:

1. Registering all acts that may create, transfer, remove or change a property right or another property right in kind, as well as final judgments confirming the same.
2. Authenticating and lodging official documents in accordance with the law, and setting up relevant formula to copies requiring execution.
3. Authenticating the signatures of the concerned parties in customary documents and affixing their dates.

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## Article 12

The Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs shall be responsible for the following:

1. Implementing all administrative and financial regulations and bylaws.
2. Implementing procedures relating to personnel affairs.
3. Identifying the Ministry's needs of posts and manpower in coordination with the other departments.
4. Determining the training needs of the Ministry's staff in coordination with the other departments.
5. Providing supplies and equipment required by the Ministry and its various administrative units to perform their functions.
6. Preparing the Ministry's draft budget and following up implementation thereof.
7. Establishing and managing information systems.
8. Conducting the public relations affairs of the Ministry.

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## Article 13

The Council of Ministers may, upon a proposal from the Minister, amend the organisation of the administrative units comprising the Ministry by addition, cancellation and merging, and may assign or amend their competencies.

Article 14

Sections in the administrative units which comprise the Ministry may be established, abolished and merged as required by the public interest and their competencies may be determined and amended by a resolution of the Minister.

Article 15

The Minister shall issue the necessary bylaws and resolutions to implement the provisions of this Law.

Article 16

Resolution No. 4 of 1962 organising the competencies of the Department of Legal Affairs of the Government of Qatar, and each provision that violates the provisions of this Law shall be rescinded.

Article 17

All competent authorities, each within its own jurisdiction, shall enforce this Law which shall come into force from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.