



LONDON PROGRAMME:
MASTERING LEGAL TRANSLATION:
ARABIC ↔ ENGLISH
FOR INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE

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In international legal practice, language is never neutral.

- A mistranslated clause can shift liability.
- A literal translation can distort legal effect.
- A poorly understood term can redefine risk.

This programme addresses one of the most underestimated risks in modern legal practice: the gap between linguistic translation and legal effect. Participants will learn to identify where meaning is lost, where obligations are unintentionally altered, and where contractual balance is quietly shifted through careless drafting or literal rendering.

Whether you are:

- Negotiating English-language contracts for Arabic-speaking clients,
- Reviewing Arabic translations of complex commercial agreements,
- Translating pleadings or arbitration submissions,
- Advising international partners,
- Or building a career as a specialist legal translator,

this programme will elevate the way you read, draft, analyse, and translate legal documents.

It is not a language course. It is not a terminology workshop.

It is a professional development programme for those who refuse to be “almost accurate” in environments where precision defines reputation.



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Day 01

Thinking in Two Legal Systems

Focus: Before we translate words, we must understand the legal systems that produce them.

Legal language as a reflection of legal structure

Linguistic equivalence vs legal equivalence

Common law drafting logic vs civil law drafting logic

Why literal translation fails in law

How legal culture shapes terminology

Practical Work:

- Comparative analysis of English and Arabic contract excerpts
- Identifying structural differences in obligation drafting
- Spotting conceptual mismatch in translated clauses

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Day 02

The Architecture of Legal English

Focus: To translate Legal English accurately, we must understand how it is constructed.

The function of “shall,” “may,” and “must”

Managing long sentences and embedded clauses

Conditions vs obligations vs representations

Ambiguity in Legal English

Drafting hierarchy and sentence structure

Practical Work:

- Clause dissection exercises
- Rewriting complex English provisions for clarity
- Translating obligation clauses into precise Arabic



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Day 03

The Structure of Formal Arabic Legal Drafting

Focus: Formal Arabic legal drafting follows its own internal logic — and it must be understood before it is translated.

Characteristics of formal legal Arabic

Translating Arabic legislative and contractual phrasing

Nominal vs verbal structures

Avoiding over-literal English rendering

Repetition and emphasis in Arabic drafting

Practical Work:

- Translating formal Arabic clauses into functional Legal English
- Identifying when Arabic structure requires restructuring in English
- Editing bilingual clauses for coherence and accuracy

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Day 04

High-Risk Clauses in Contracts

Focus: The true test of legal translation lies in clauses that allocate risk.

Indemnities

Termination provisions

Limitation of liability

Boilerplate clauses and jurisdiction clauses

Warranties and representations

- Practical Work:
- Translating complex commercial clauses both directions
 - Identifying shifts in liability caused by poor translation
 - Risk analysis workshop: Where does the meaning change?

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Day 05

Bilingual Drafting & Professional Risk Control

Focus: Professional distinction lies in controlling meaning across languages — not merely converting text.

Drafting bilingual contracts

Translating pleadings and dispute documents

Which language prevails clauses

Ethical and professional responsibility in legal translation

Managing discrepancies between versions

- Practical Work:
- Bilingual contract review simulation
 - Error identification and correction workshop
 - Final integrated translation exercise with peer analysis

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Learning Outcome

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Think legally in both English and Arabic
- Identify conceptual, structural, and drafting risks
- Translate with legal precision rather than literal instinct

- Draft bilingual clauses with greater confidence
- Strengthen their credibility in international legal practice

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Our Training Strategy

is based on personalised learning, where we aim to develop the competence of every delegate by actively engaging them in the course.

EMG Associates' Presenter:

Dr Mohammad Al Qudah is a leading lawyer and legal trainer with more than 23 years of experience in legal practice and intellectual property across Jordan and the Middle East.

He has held senior legal leadership positions, including serving as Chief Legal Officer at Abdul Latif Jameel, a multinational group with diversified activities in trade, investment, energy, financial services, and other sectors, operating in more than 15 countries.

Alongside his professional practice, Dr Al Qudah is an experienced legal trainer, delivering programmes for lawyers, in-house counsel and government.

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