

**Law No. 6 Federal**

on 1978/06/05 Issued

to 29 Jumada Al-Akhir 1398 H Corresponding

**The Establishment Of Federal Courts And Transfer Of The Jurisdiction Of The On  
Local Judicial Authorities In Some Emirates To Them**

by virtue of Amended

**Federal Law no. 15/1984 dated 1984/12/16 The**

**Federal Law no. 5/1986 dated 1986/01/28 The**

**Federal Law no. 1/1989 dated 1989/02/23 The**

**Federal Law no. 2/1990 dated 1990/02/25 The**

**Federal Law no. 18/1991 dated 1991/06/10 The**

Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates ,We

,Constitution perused the interim Having

and ,Law no. 1 of 1972 on the Competencies of Ministries and Capacities of Ministers Federal

;its amending laws

;no. 10 of 1973 on the Federal Supreme Court Law

of Abu no. 1 of 1974 on the Reorganisation of the Government Apparatus in the Emirate Law

;Dhabi

on the requests of the Emirates of Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Ajman and Fujairah on the Based

;Courts of First Instance transfer of the jurisdiction of the local judicial authorities to the Federal

,to the suggestion of the Minister of Justice According

the approval of the Cabinet and the Federal National Council and the ratification of the

,Federal Supreme Council

:promulgated the following Law Have

**1 Article**

Ajman and ,Courts of First Instance in the capitals of the Emirates of Abu Dhabi, Sharjah The

The Courts of First .Instance Fujairah shall be, at the time of this Law, Federal Courts of First

these Emirates shall be tribunals Instance in the cities or regions other than the capitals of

.Instance associated to these Fededal Courts of First

Federal Courts Courts of Appeal in the capitals of the above-mentioned Emirates shall be The

.of Appeal

**bis 1 Article**

**new Article entitled "1 bis" was added by virtue of Article 1 of the A**

**:no. 18/1991 dated 1991/06/10, as follows Federal Law**

jurisdiction Courts of the judicial authority at the Emirate of Umm Al Quwain and their The  
.shall be joined to the Federal Courts

## **2 Article**

shall be jurisdictions of the local judicial authorities at the above-mentioned Emirates The  
.Article transferred to the Federal Courts set forth in the previous

## **\*3 Article**

**was amended by virtue of Article 1 of the Federal Law no. 3 Article**  
**:to read as follows ,25/02/1990 2/1990 dated**

be into account the precedent Article, the Federal Courts of First Instance shall Taking  
:competent, each within its jurisdiction, to study  
individuals, The civil, commercial and administrative disputes between the Federation and -1  
.whether the Federation is a Plaintiff or Defendant therein  
Supreme Court The crimes, except the crimes falling within the competence of the Federal -2  
.by virtue of Article 99 of the Constitution  
.Personal status, civil and commercial cases and others among individuals -3

## **4 Article**

the request sessions of the Courts shall be open unless the Court deems, sua sponte or at The  
sessions in order to preserve the of the Public Prosecution or one of the litigants, to hold closed  
.public order or morals  
.all events, the judgment shall be pronounced in an open session In

## **5 Article**

and the judgments of the Courts of First Instance shall be rendered by a single judge The  
.judges judgments of the Courts of Appeal shall be rendered by three

## **bis 5 Article**

**by virtue of Article 1 of the bis Article was added under no. 5**  
**amended by virtue of Federal Law no. 5/1986 dated 1986/01/28, then was**  
**to read as ,Article 1 of the Federal Law no. 1/1989 dated 1989/02/23**  
**:follows**

the provisions of the precedent Article, the judgments of the Courts of First Notwithstanding  
specified by Instance shall be rendered by three judges in some civil and commercial disputes  
.the laws regulating the procedures of the Civil Courts  
Court of judgments of the criminal tribunals shall be rendered by three judges from the The  
directly affecting the Appeal in the crimes of murder, rape and robbery, except for the crimes  
fall within the jurisdiction of the Federal security and interests of the Federation, which shall  
rendered by these criminal tribunals shall not be appealed but Supreme Court. The judgments

by cassation according to the provisions of Article 20 of the above-mentioned may be challenged  
.Federal Law no. 17 of 1978

#### **6 Article**

.judgments shall include the justifying reasons thereof The

#### **7 Article**

the judgments of the Federal Courts before the Federal cassation litigants may appeal in The  
instances and in compliance with the procedures regulated by the Law Supreme Court in the  
. this regard issued in

#### **8 Article**

Laws and Federal Courts shall enforce the provisions of the Islamic Sharia'a, the Federal The  
legal principles not other Laws in force, and shall enforce the customary rules and general  
.contradicting the provisions of the Sharia'a

#### **9 Article**

name of judgments shall be rendered by the Federal Courts and shall be executed in the The  
.the President of the State

#### **10 Article**

the Federal disputes studied before the Courts and that became within the jurisdiction of The  
.their status and without fees Courts under this Law shall be transferred to these latter Courts in  
shall not apply to the cases where the hearing was closed and a date was set for This  
.adjudication in the same

#### **11 Article**

of this 1 employees of the local judicial authorities in the Emirates set forth in Article The  
shall be transferred to the Law, such as judges, prosecution members, clerks, bailiffs and others  
.seniority and salaries Federal Courts in their status and with the same  
Justice, judges and Public Prosecution members shall take the oath before the Minister of The  
:Islamic Affairs and Endowments as follows  
without fear swear by Almighty God that I will perform my duties with integrity and justice I  
.the United Arab Emirates State or partiality and that I will respect the Constitution and Laws of  
Public oath of the Public Prosecution members shall be performed in the presence of the The  
.Prosecutor

#### **12 Article**

**was amended by virtue of Article 1 of the Federal Law no. 12 Article**  
**:to read as follows ,16/12/1984 15/1984 dated**

into account the above-mentioned Federal Law no. 17 of 1978 and the Federal Law Taking judgments in force in no. 3 of 1983, the rules of procedures and regulations of enforcement of and regulations, shall be each Emirate, and any amendments occurring to these rules Instance and the Federal Courts of Appeal, until implemented before the Federal Courts of First .procedures before the Federal Courts is issued a Federal Law regulating the

### **13 Article**

until the judicial fees before the Federal Courts shall be determined by a Decree and The .to be implemented issuance of such Decree, the rules currently in force shall continue

### **14 Article**

fulfilment of Minister of Justice may supervise the Federal Courts in a way ensuring the The .Judiciary independence its mission in a way achieving justice without violating the tribunals and the distribution of judges shall be by a decision 'Courts composition of the The .Minister of Justice from the

### **15 Article**

authorities at the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments and the concerned The .of this Law Emirates set forth in Article 1 shall enforce the provisions

### **16 Article**

the date of Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force from This .publication thereof  
by us at the Presidential Issued  
Palace in Abu Dhabi  
H On 29 Jumada Al-Akhir 1398  
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**Al Nahyan Zayed bin Sultan**

**United Arab Emirates State President of the**

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