

# Interview with Dr. Mefleh A. El-Qudah

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## 1 What is your institute about?

The Judicial Institute was established in January 1996 to provide training, qualification and continuous education for judges and prosecutors. Seven classes have now graduated from the Institute since it was first established. Fresh graduates join the institute and embark on a two year training programme at the end of which they will be either qualified judges or prosecutors for participating in trials at the Court of First Instance level. The first year of the programme consists of mainly the theoretical part of the course with the second year complementing the first year studies and including all the practical expertise needed. In addition to this, the Institute also runs many continuing education seminars and fora, on a regular basis, through which legal counsel within government bodies and existing judges and prosecutors can increase their knowledge and expertise and keep up to date with new developments in the field. The Judicial Institute has also introduced computer literacy into the judicial field something that was unknown in the field prior to this.

## 2 As Dubai is a thriving commercial city, how do you train your judges in order to keep them up to date with all the latest developments?

The area of law is always developing as is the thinking behind the law. Judges must be trained continuously and consistently due to the numerous changes we have witnessed