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Emmanuel Givanakis is the Senior Executive Director of the Policy & Legal Division at the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) at Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM). Under this division, he is responsible for the Policy, Legal and Enforcement teams for the financial services regulator.

Emmanuel joined ADGM in October 2014 as the Head of Policy & Legal, overseeing the establishment of ADGM's legislative framework, which was a pivotal step in the creation of ADGM as an international financial center. In addition to his remit, Emmanuel manages the enforcement function of the FSRA.

Under his direction, Emmanuel's team has won several awards at the prestigious annual In-House Community Counsels of the Year Awards in 2019 and 2020 consecutively. These awards include the **In-House Community Legal Team of the Year 2020 on Financial Services**", **Middle East In-House Legal Team of the year 2019**", **"In-House Community Legal Team of the Year 2019 on Banking"**, and **"In-House Community Legal Team of the Year 2019 and 2020 on Innovation"**.

His financial services regulatory expertise and management experience span over 20 years. Prior to joining ADGM, Emmanuel held a number of senior legal roles and leadership and management positions in both Australia and the UAE, including senior positions at the Dubai Financial Services Authority and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

His extensive knowledge and skills include legal, policy, regulatory risk and compliance (prudential and conduct of business) as well as corporate governance, which place him in a strong position to ensure the timely identification of risks and their mitigation. Emmanuel's interest and expertise in financial services, in particular asset management covers licencing, supervisory and enforcement of Real Estate Investment Trusts, Private Equity Funds, Venture Capital and Hedge Funds.

Emmanuel holds a Bachelor of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology, as well as holding qualifications in Islamic Finance and a Graduate Diploma in Company Secretarial Practice (Governance Institute of Australia). He has been practicing law for over 26 years after being admitted to the Bar in Australia in 1994 (Queensland New South Wales and the High Court of Australia).

In 2003, in recognition of his work at the Australian Investments Commission he was awarded the Australian Public Service Medal (National Australia Day Council Achievement Award).