

Samira Salman

Business Expert & Advisor | Tax Lawyer | Entrepreneur



PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

For the last 15+ years, Samira has advised executives, built companies, and raised capital. A strategic planner and business development specialist, she harnesses her experience in corporate and tax law, entrepreneurial endeavors, non-profit positions, and participation in international relations missions to devise best-practices strategies suitable for each client. Passionate and insightful, she deploys a fearless approach preparing and supporting clients for the next level and beyond. She engages projects with passion, intensity, and a sincere commitment to excellence.

Combining her knowledge and experience across many disciplines with a diverse, globally influenced perspective, Samira yields solutions that transcend standard methodologies. Specifically, she has crafted a unique ability to determine a company or individual's vision, diagnose shortcomings, and expediently provide an action-oriented strategy. With a discerning and sophisticated approach to business, she detects nuances others might overlook. And she recommends and helps implement strategies that guide people, businesses, and ventures to levels of optimal performance. Together with her team, she has proven that business "miracles" can happen. In a relatively short timeframe, she has helped companies raise millions in capital, deploy turnkey operational strategies, and structurally realign resources.

CURRENTLY, she holds equity in several business and entrepreneurial ventures in the U.S. and abroad. These include real estate; consulting and advisory firms; and lifestyle, luxury, and health/wellness brands. She also serves as a consultant and special advisor on multiple projects. She is:

- The founder and CEO of **Salman Solutions LLC**: a strategic planning and development company,
- The founder of **Samira's Table LLC**: a collaborative platform to encourage Exposure, Experiences and Inspiration™ for your business and lifestyle curiosities,
- The co-founder of **Twin & Tiger**: a creative consulting collaboration, and
- A Senior Advisor to **Think Global Institute**: a global business institute for female entrepreneurs.

Formerly, Samira held various positions at **Arthur Andersen, Deloitte & Touche, KPMG**, and was in-house tax counsel at **Shell Oil Company**.

CLIENTS, CONNECTIONS & COACHING

Because of her broad experience, both professionally and personally, Samira is a trusted advisor whose leadership, coaching and mentoring skills ensure businesses and clients can prosper. A networking dynamo, she is a connector, team builder, facilitator, and problem solver who moves companies forward.

Today, Samira's portfolio of clients and contacts is expanding due to her dynamic understanding of cross-industry challenges within a constantly shifting marketplace. Through tenacious work efforts and communications skills, she has developed and honed contacts and relationships across multiple industries and geographies. From fashion moguls to foodies to Middle Eastern magnates and financial gurus, Samira is extensively connected in a variety of environments.

MEDIA, PUBLISHING & SPEAKING

Samira has numerous articles published in a variety of resources, and is working on a few books. She has spoken on a wide range of topics from energy taxes, to grassroots marketing, to professional reinventions, to pro bono opportunities for lawyers at a wide variety of venues ranging from the American Bar Association to the National Association of Women MBAs. Samira has participated in several radio and TV programs covering topics from her favorite meals in Paris to finding a satisfying career. She has



been a guest on talk shows, and details about her broad life experiences and career path are featured in local, national, and international publications.

EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Samira received her primary and secondary schooling both state side and in Europe. She has an LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Houston, and she completed her JD and BS in International Trade and Finance with a minor in Economics, from Louisiana State University. She is licensed to practice law in Texas, Louisiana, and before the U.S. Tax Court. An avid learner, Samira strives for personal and professional excellence. Throughout her career she has held many leadership positions within the American, Texas, and Houston Bar Associations and Tax Sections (including the Vice-Chairmanship of the ABA Energy and Environmental Taxes Committee.)

PERSONAL & COMMUNITY

Samira is presently serving on or has served on the boards of numerous civic, educational, and charitable organizations. These include the Bilateral U.S.–Arab Chamber of Commerce, the Houston–Abu Dhabi Sister Cities Association, the Houston Ballet Guild, the Fresh Arts Coalition, the Baylor Teen Health Foundation, and the LSU 2006–2010 Capital Campaign. She is a 2012 Houston Grand Opera – Ovation Award Recipient; she attended the Houston Office of the Mayor’s Trade Mission to Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Doha; and she served on the 2008 Consular Ball Patron’s Committee.

Samira spent part of her childhood in the Middle East and is a first-generation Arab-American. Her father is Lebanese, and her mother is of Sicilian, French, and Irish descent. She grew up in the U.A.E, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Switzerland, Syria and London. Currently, Samira resides in New York and Houston, and is a fervent supporter of her local communities. She is the proud aunt of Felix and the proud Godmother of James. She is a cultured world traveler and a culinary connoisseur.

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