

Amicable Settlement: Lessons from Dubai Courts

- From an Alternative Option to an Institutional Justice Pathway

Why Amicable Settlement Matters

From a judicial perspective:

- Growing case volumes.
- Time, cost, and social impact of litigation.
- Need to preserve relationships, not only decide disputes.

Key message:

Settlement is about better justice, not faster justice only.



The Dubai Model

- Judicially embedded settlement
- Amicable Settlement Centre
- Enforceable outcomes

Legal & Procedural Foundation

- Law No.18 of 2021
- Conciliator approval authority
- Flat AED 250 fee

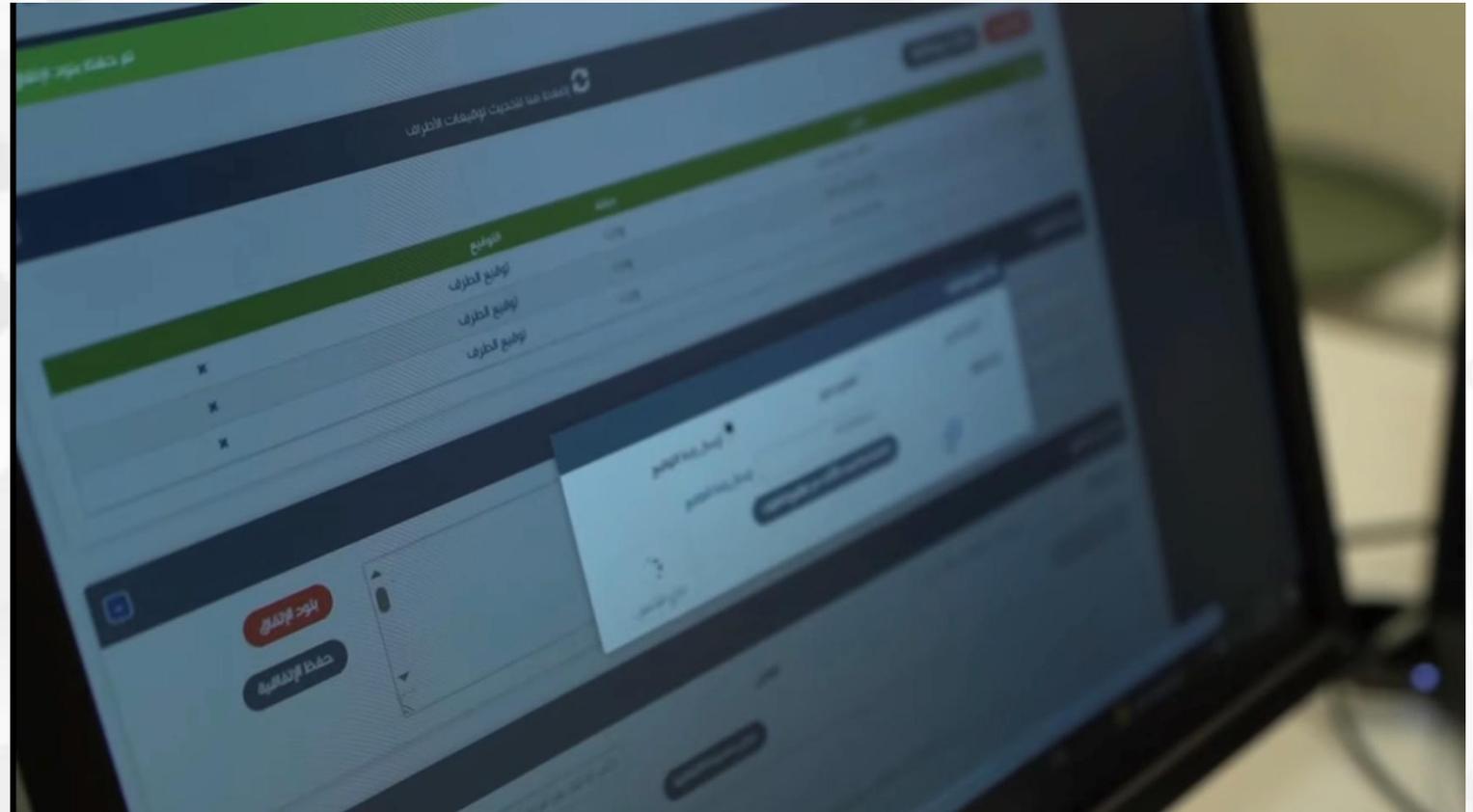


How the Process Works

- Referral
- Conciliator sessions
- Expert support
- Enforceable settlement

Technology as an Enabler

- E-filing
- Remote sessions
- E-signatures



Measured Impact

- Total Settlement Value (2024): AED 36 Billion
- Settlement Rate of Resolved Disputes: ~90%
- Inheritance Settlement Rate: 84%
- Personal Status Settlement Rate: 74%

Specialized Settlement Areas

- Family & inheritance
- Execution
- Housing disputes

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Key Lessons for JDRN

- Institutional settlement
- Empowered conciliators
- Cost reduction



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- Q&A