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He is also:

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- Member of Shari'ah boards of many Islamic financial institutions worldwide (including the Dow Jones Islamic Market Index)
- Member, Academic Committee at the Islamic Fiqh (Jurisprudence) Academy in Makkah
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- Expert, Islamic Jurisprudence Academy, Organization for Islamic Countries (OIC)
- Expert, Islamic Jurisprudence Academy, Organization for Islamic World League (IWL), Makkah
- Lecturer on Islamic banking and author of books and research papers on Islamic finances

**Justice Muhammad Taqi Usmani**, is a highly-respected figure in the field of Shari'ah, particularly within global finance. He holds various advisory positions within the Islamic finance industry.

He has vast experience in Islamic Shari'ah, with 39 years teaching various subjects on Islam and serving as a Judge on the Shariat Appellate Bench, Supreme Court of Pakistan, since 1982.

He is Deputy Chairman/Permanent Member of the Islamic Fiqh Academy, Jeddah. He also serves on the Shari'ah boards of: IslamiQ, UK and UAE; Saudi American Bank, Saudi Arabia; Ibn Khaldoun International Islamic Equity Fund, UK; Robert Fleming Oasis Fund, Luxembourg; Citi Islamic Investment Bank, Bahrain; Amana Investments Ltd., Sri Lanka; Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, UAE

## CONFERENCE DAY ONE – Tuesday, 23 July, 2002

08:00 **Registration And Coffee**

09:00 **Introductory Remarks**

**Rushdi Siddiqui**, Director, **Dow Jones Islamic Indexes, USA**

09:30 **Keynote Address**

10:00 **SESSION 1**

**The Regulatory Environment**

**Session Chairman: Khalid Janahi**, Group Chief Executive, **Dar Al-Maal Al-Islami (DMI), Switzerland**

What are financial regulators doing to facilitate or hinder Islamic finance? Can Islamic banks access Western markets? How do Islamic investment banks overcome structuring issues? Regulation or Shari'ah compliance? What about capital adequacy ratios? How do Know Your Customer rules affect Islamic bankers? Can Islamic deals be legally enforced? The Symphony Gems case in the English High Court. These and many other crucial issues will be addressed by an expert panel including:

**Tareq Ismail**, Partner Islamic Banking Practice, **Stephenson Harwood, UK**

**Jonathan M. Winer**, former US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Law Enforcement, now Partner,

**Alston & Bird, Washington, DC**

**Austen Hall**, Partner, **Clyde & Co., UK**

**Elisabeth Jackson-Moore**, Managing Director Middle East Banks, **Moody's Investor Services Ltd., Cyprus**

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10:45 **Coffee and Refreshments**

11:45 **Questions & Answers**

12:15 **Lunch For Delegates And Speakers**

13:30 **SESSION 2**

**Islamic Private Banking And Wealth Management**

**Session Chairman: Iqbal Khan**, Managing Director & Head of Global Finance, **HSBC Amanah Finance, United Arab Emirates**

- The Private Banker's dilemma: finding suitable wealth management solutions for clients (off-the-shelf versus customization).
- Untapped Areas for Capturing Islamic Private Banking Assets.

Expert panel including:

**Mohammed Abdel Haq**, Vice President, **Citigroup Private Bank, UK**

**Ismail Dadabhoy**, Executive Director Islamic Finance, **UBS Warburg, UK**

**John A. Sandwick**, Managing Director, **Encore Management, Switzerland**