

SALEEM SHEIKH

GSC Solicitors LLP

Saleem Sheikh is one of the most successful and dynamic entrepreneurial lawyer in the UK. Over 37 years ago he joined GSC Solicitors LLP, a City-based commercial law firm. Saleem took over the firm in the 1990's from the firm's initial management and successfully steered the firm to a prosperous practice for domestic, global and international clients.

For over 35 years Saleem managed to stay ahead of the game and turn GSC into a boutique law firm with an extraordinary client list and staff who are loyal to the firm for over three decades. In many ways exceeding the challenging requirements of the professional services industry, as well as expectations for this award, Saleem Sheikh's professional ambitions, intelligence, personal charisma and ethical beliefs allowed him to become a prominent authority within the Asian business community, where he is highly regarded as a great visionary and influencer. People come to 'Uncle Saleem' for advice and guidance when it comes to personal or legal matters.

Over time, Saleem's role has morphed from that of lawyer to a family advisor. Clients talk to Saleem openly and freely; he comments that it is a bit like seeing the family doctor. "You have to be many things in this business," he explains. "You become part of the family; they share things confidentially with me: their fears, their concerns, their secrets and their aspirations."

In 2017 Saleem won in the nomination of 'Entrepreneurial Individual of the Year' in the Magic Circle Awards, the most prestigious and recognised one within the legal and accountancy world. This award was granted to Saleem for this nomination category also due to his unique talents and acumen to remain a gifted entrepreneur, the skill paramount for a London-based legal professional.



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Saleem is multi-lingual, speaking six languages in all, which is an asset he uses every day. Many foreign clients have assets in the UK, and increasingly clients who traditionally work and invest in the UK are turning to places such as East Africa or India as a result of the financial crisis. In these situations, Saleem's cultural knowledge and understanding make him a vital asset.

Saleem's growing influence and respect also to support British Asian charities and worldwide foundations, and his personal contributions complement precisely the stellar community of past recipients and make him highly deserving of the honour and opportunity bestowed by the Asian Achievers Award.

Also, Saleem is celebrating 37 years with GSC Solicitors this year, which will be rejoiced by his many supporters and followers.