14. Practicing Law:

Treatment Granted to Foreign Investment	Legislative Basis	Text of the Governing Provision	Competent Authority
Practicing law is, as a matter of principle, restricted to the Egyptian lawyers enrolled with the Bar Association. As perquisite, enrolment requires the Egyptian nationality and permanent residence in Egypt. By way of exception, a foreign lawyer may be authorized by the Minister of Justice to act in a specific case or matter, subject to reciprocity. There is a special roll of the foreign lawyers.	**Articles (3), (4), (5), and (13) of the Legal Profession Law enacted by Law No. 17 of 1983**	**Article (3):** "Without prejudice to the provisions of the laws regulating the judicial bodies and the provisions of the Code of Civil and Commercial Procedure, no person other than lawyers may practice law. The following shall be deemed acts of practice of law: 1. Appearing on behalf of interested parties before courts, arbitral tribunals, administrative bodies having judicial competence, criminal and administrative investigation authorities, and police departments; defending such parties in actions brought by or against them; and making pleadings or handling related judicial procedures in connection with the foregoing; 2. Giving such legal opinion as usually requested from lawyers; 3. Drafting contracts and taking the measures necessary for their registration or notarization. In respect of the legal department lawyers of the entities referred to in this Law, the following shall be deemed acts of practice of law: (i) inspecting complaints; (ii) conducting administrative investigations; (iii) drafting internal regulations and decisions of such entities." **Article (4):**	**The Bar Association**

Treatment Granted to Foreign Investment	Legislative Basis	Text of the Governing Provision	Competent Authority
		"A lawyer may practice law individually, in partnership with other lawyers, or in the form of a civil law firm. A lawyer may also practice law at the legal departments of public authorities, public and private sector companies, press agencies, banks, private companies, and associations in accordance with the provisions of this Law." **Article (5):** "Lawyers admitted before the Court of Cassation and Courts of Appeal may incorporate among themselves a civil law firm having an independent legal personality and may practice law through it. Lawyers admitted before courts of first instance may also be partners in such firms. The name of the firm may be derived from the name of one of the partners even after his/her death. The Board of Directors of the Bar Association shall prepare the model articles of association of such firms. Without prejudice to the provisions governing civil companies, the aforementioned firms shall be registered with the Bar Association in a special roll to be designated under a decree of the Minister of Justice. The firm's articles of association may provide that, in the event of the incapacitation or the death of one of the partners and the continuation of	

Treatment Granted to Foreign Investment	Legislative Basis	Text of the Governing Provision	Competent Authority
		the firm between the remaining partners, the deceased partner or his/her heirs are entitled to a share of the firm's net income." **Article (13):** **"An applicant for enrolment at the general roll of lawyers shall satisfy the following conditions:** 1. The applicant must be an Egyptian national whose permanent residence is in the Arab Republic of Egypt as laid down by the Board of Directors of the Bar Association. The Minister of Justice may, in accordance with the rules established in coordination with the Bar Association, authorize a foreign lawyer to act in a specific case or a matter, subject to reciprocity. The Board of Directors of the Bar Association shall establish special rolls for foreign lawyers and for lawyers practicing law outside the Arab Republic of Egypt, and it shall determine the applicable rules concerning gradation of enrolment, fees, annual subscriptions, and the services provided in relation to such rolls. 2. The applicant must have legal capacity. 3. The applicant must hold a General Secondary Education Certificate (Thanaweya Amma) or an equivalent foreign certificate accredited in Egypt, as well as a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from one of the law faculties, or a degree from a foreign university or one of	

Treatment Granted to Foreign Investment	Legislative Basis	Text of the Governing Provision	Competent Authority
		its branches in Egypt deemed equivalent thereto in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations in the Arab Republic of Egypt. 4. The applicant must not have been convicted by a final judgment of a misdemeanor involving dishonor or breach of trust, or of a felony, unless rehabilitated. 5. The applicant must be of good conduct and repute, worthy of the respect due to the profession, and not have been subject to disciplinary rulings, nor have had his/her employment or professional relationship terminated or severed for reasons affecting his/her suitability for the position he/she previously held. 6. The applicant must pass a medical examination at one of the hospitals designated by the Board of Directors of the Bar Association, to verify his/her fitness to practice the profession. The Board of Directors of the Bar Association shall, in agreement with the Minister of Health, establish the governing regulations in this regard. 7. The applicant must pay the registration fees and the annual subscription. 8. The applicant must not fall under any of the conflict-of-interest situations set out in Article (14) of this Law. For continued registration at the rolls, the above-mentioned conditions must remain met, with the exception of item (6) of this Article. Enrollment shall terminate by operation of law from the	

Treatment Granted to Foreign Investment	Legislative Basis	Text of the Governing Provision	Competent Authority
		date any of said conditions ceases to be met, without the need for a decision by the Enrollment Committee. This action shall be served via registered mail, and the relevant Bar Association branch shall be duly notified.	