Legal Symposium to Explore Groundbreaking Terror-Financing Case

Trial lawyer Mark Werbner of Dallas litigation firm **Sayles Werbner** will address Texas lawyers about his decade-long quest to hold the Arab Bank responsible for providing financial support to U.S.-designated terror organizations.

Werbner will discuss *Linde, et al. v. Arab Bank PLC* in a presentation titled, "Fighting Terror-Financing in the Courtroom," during the State Bar of Texas Litigation Update Institute's 34th annual course in January 2018.

In 2014, a jury in New York sided with Werbner, finding Jordan-based Arab Bank responsible for providing financial services to Hamas for 24 terror attacks during the "Second Intifada" in Israel and the Palestinian territories. The verdict was the culmination of a lawsuit filed in 2004 to obtain justice for nearly 300 American victims and their families. The case marked the first liability verdict against a foreign bank for violating the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Currently under review by the U.S. Supreme Court is *Jesner, et al., v. Arab Bank*, a related case that would clarify if the Alien Tort Statute (ATS) applies to corporations under the 1789 U.S. law.

The *Linde* verdict earned Werbner the 2016 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from Public Justice, which honors attorneys who made the greatest contribution to the public interest through their work in precedent-setting, socially significant cases. His work has also been consistently recognized in top legal publications, such as The Best Lawyers in America.