

Question 1171) - What kinds of transactions do agents perform?

A: There are two broad categories:

1. That which is attributed to himself e.g. buying, selling and hiring. The rights and duties of these contracts are attributed to the agent, not the Muwakkil [principle]. The agent hands over sold goods, takes the price, takes goods bought, takes the price and handles the dispute in defective goods bought. 2. That which is attributed to the principle e.g. Marriage, Khul', and Sulh or settlement of blood money. The rights and duties of these contracts are attributed to the principle, not the agent. The bride will thus not claim her dowry from the agent, nor is the agent responsible for bringing her to her groom.

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