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Arabic manuscript on paper, 42ff. with fly-leaves, each folio with 17ll. of *thuluth* script in black ink, chapter headings, quotation words in blue, red, or gold, within gold, black, and blue rulings, catchwords, the opening folio finely illuminated in black, blue and gold, the title and the author's name in gold, library stamp on the opening and final folios 'Mohammad ibn al-Mubarak 1294 AH' (1877), the margin inscribed 'Mohammad bin Mohammad al-Mubarak al-Jazayeri', the closing page signed by the scribe Ahmad bin Mas'ud al-Nablusi, in modern red and white paper binding, the text panel 11.7cm x 8.6cm, the folio 17.3cm x 12.4cm; and a similar, related volume, 8ff., in verse, signed Ahmad bin Mas'ud al-Nablusi, dated 17 Sha'ban 879 AH (27 December 1474).

Provenance: Bonhams London, 25 October 2007, lot 20.

Umdat al Ahkam, containing 16 books and over 400 *hadith*, is the work of a prominent Hanbali *hadith* master and deals with a variety of subjects ranging from hygiene and ablutions to prayers and commerce. *Kitab al Rahbah*, on the other hand, is by an important Maliki jurist and deals solely with the subject of inheritance. It is noteworthy that despite belonging to different schools of jurisprudence, they were copied by the same hand, probably in Nablus, modern-day West Bank, and they bear the same library stamps, suggesting they have remained together, possibly since their creation.