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Profile:

Entrepreneur turned lawyer, having diverse experience of practical and academic life, currently having a dream run in professional career and looking forward to opportunities that could further amplify my legal professional career on the basis of experience I already possess.

Education:

- 2014 LLM at the University of Derby (Transnational Criminal Law), UK;
- 2013 LLB [Honours] at the University of Buckingham (United Kingdom);
- 2010 LLB [Honours] at the Hamdard University (Karachi);
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Karachi University);
- 2003 Diploma of Associate Engineering [Electrical], (G.C.T, Karachi).

Professional Memberships:

- Member of Sindh Bar Council, Pakistan [2011]
- Karachi Tax Bar Association, Pakistan [2011]
- High Court Bar Association Membership [2015]
- International Bar Association [2022]

Non-Legal Work Experience

- **Proprietor Madina Traders [Karachi, Pakistan]**
- 2000 to 2010
- Worked as distributor for various national and multi-national pharmaceutical companies for public sector institutions.

Legal Work Experience:

1. **Ch.Ashraf Law Associates, Karachi, Pakistan: Associate Advocate**

From January 2010- June 2011

Duties:

- Observed the appearance of my senior before High Courts and Labour tribunals,
- Research work for the cases,
- Assisted in Drafting legal documents
- Observed Interviewing and dealing with Clients

2. Citizen Advice Bureau, Derby: Generalist Advocate

December 2013-June 2014

Duties:

- Interviewing Clients [ordinary citizens] before taking their case;
- Conducting negotiation with institutions such as creditors or service providers;
- Drafting letters to concerned entities or authorities with a view to assist clients;
- Making enquiries on behalf of clients to various public departments;
- Advised them on approaching relevant forums for redressal of their grievance.

3. Marshalling Experience:

- His Honour Judge Dickinson QC, Nottingham Crown Court, UK
- His Honour Judge Ian Darling, Snaresbrook Crown Court, London, UK.

4. Mini-pupillage: Doughty Street Chambers, London.

- 23 June 2014 -23 September 2014
- Observed supervisors in various criminal matters, extradition matters, Royal Court of Justice appeals; Made notes of hearings;
- Conducted research for the cases on the point of law for both the original and appellate forum cases;
- Assisted the pupil master for preparing the opinions for solicitors and appeals for appellate forums.

5. Griffin Chambers, Karachi

- Proprietor- 2016 till Present
- Apart from public institute mentioned in para 9, represented various individual clients before High Courts, District Courts, Special Courts, Field General Court Martial Proceedings and other regulatory tribunals. Dealt with cases involving complex subject matters related with Procurement Laws; Criminal Law, Civil and of Judicial Review.

6. Extracurricular Activities:

- Vice-President Hamdard Law Forum, Hamdard University Pakistan [January 2009];
- President Hamdard Law Forum, Hamdard University Pakistan [July 2009];
- Student Representative for Masters in the University of Derby [October 2013- September 2014].

7. Professional Activities

- Founder and President of The Society of Legal Research Pakistan (January 2017 December 2018);
- Founder & the Editor of Pakistani law magazine Three Pillars (January 2017 till September 2018).
[\[https://twitter.com/3pillars_Pak\]](https://twitter.com/3pillars_Pak)

8. Important Cases:

- Amicus Curiae in Constitutional Petition No. 2116 of 2018;
- Appointed as Commissioner for recording of evidence by Honourable High Court

of Sindh in Suit no. 258 of 2018;

- Concluded Field General Court Martial Proceedings at Islamabad.

9. Publications

- Today's calculation, Bench + Bar= Not Sufficient;
- Enforcement of Public Procurement laws in Pakistan: Practical challenges that allow ineffective implementation procurement rules and regulation;
- To End Terrorism National Action Plan must address Organise Crime in Pakistan;
- Guilty Until Proven Innocent: The Effect of s.497 of Criminal Procedure Code;
- The Panama decision does not make judges enemies of the people;
- Legal Aid in Criminal cases should not become the system of patronage but to help getting vulnerable quality representation;
- The uncertainty in application of Anti-Terrorism Provisions: The Thick line turned into a thin one by implementing in a very pragmatic manner;
- Of being a Traitor ;

Abovementioned publications were published in Three Pillars magazine in President's column. All editions are available on twitter @3pillars_Pak.

Research paper submitted:

- i. "The Judicial Appointments and way forward" A research paper was drafted and submitted to Honourable Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Umar Atta Bandial;
- ii. "Climate Change and Sindh High Court" A research paper was drafted and was sent to the Chairman and members of IT Committee, High Court of Sindh at Karachi, consisting of Honourable Justice, Justice Nadeem Akhtar, Honourable Justice, Justice Muhammad Faisal Kamal Alam, Honourable Justice, Justice Syed Yousef Sayeed.

10. Enlistment as Panel Advocate

1. Ministry of Law and Justice;
2. Sui Southern Gas Company Limited;
3. Summit Bank;
- Represented in various banking criminal and civil matters
4. Federal Board of Revenue;
- Represented FBR-Inland Revenue Services in various Constitutional Petitions, dealing with criminal investigations within Inland Revenue mechanism;
- Representing FBR-Inland Revenue Services as Special Public Prosecutor for Anti-Money Laundering Cases before Special Customs, Taxation and Anti-Smuggling Court, Karachi.

11. Seminar/Conferences Attended:

a) Seminar Attended:

- i) Hot Topics in compliance Part Two-Anti-Corruption compliance trends in the US, UK and Hong Kong [Organised by International Bar Association, 12-01-2022];

- ii) Captive-Hostage Taking as Foreign Policy. [Organised by International Bar Association, 01-June-2022];
- iii) Reimaging remedy: Where do we go from here? [Organised by International Bar Association, [08 June, 2022];
- iv) Reimaging remedy: The view from the Bench [Organised by International Bar Association, [15-June-2022];

b) Seminar Conducted:

- i) Organised Virtual Seminar on the topic of Appeals under Criminal Law, Procedure and Practice, Speaker was Mr. Irshad Jatoi, [dated: 15-6-21];
- ii) Organised Virtual Seminar on Enforced Disappearance: The Social Costs and its Legal Effect, Speakers included: Reema Omer and Asma Masood Janjua, [dated: 16-06-21];
- iii) Conducted Virtual Seminar on Legal Issues Faced by the Financing Institutions at the State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi, [dated: 31-08-21];
- iv) Organised Provincial Consultative Seminar on the issues of Enforced disappearances, at Karachi Bar Association. Guest Speakers consisted of 1) Asma Masood Janjua, President, Defence for Human Rights Organisation, 2) Mr. Shahadat Awan, Advocate Supreme Court, 3) Mr. Salahuddin Gandapur, Advocate Supreme Court, 4) Mr. Salahuddin Ahmed, Advocate Supreme Court, 5) Mr. Haider Imam Rizvi, Advocate Supreme Court, 6) Mr. Yasir Shah, Advocate High Court, [dated: 23-10-21];
- v) Organised Seminar on the topic: The Judicial Appointments and the way forward at Karachi Bar Association. Guest Speakers consisted of 1) Mr. Shahab Sarki, President High Court Bar Association, 2) Mr. Salim Salam Ansari, Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, 3) Mr. Salahuddin Ahmed, Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, 4) Ms. Sara Malkani, Advocate High Court, 5) Mr. Syed Yasir Shah, Advocate High Court, 6) Mr. Peer Asad Shah Rashdi, Advocate High Court. [dated: 29-01-2022];
- vi) Gave lecture at Corporate and Banking Lawyers Association over the topic of Qanoon-e-Shahadat Ordinance, 1984, at CBLA Bar Association, Karachi, [dated: 02-04-2022];
- vii) Gave lecture at Supreme Court of Pakistan, Karachi Registry over the topic of "Competition and Corruption: Balancing the two concepts in public procurement disputes in Pakistan", dated: 20-08-22.

11. Appreciation letters Received:

- 1. Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Umar Atta Banidal,
- 2. Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice (Retd.) Justice Saqib Nisar;
- 2. Justice Ayesha Malik, Supreme Court of Pakistan,
- 3. Justice Miankhel, Justice Peshawar High Court.

Best Wishes

Ghulam Asghar Pathan