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Top Skills

Editing

Commercial Litigation

Legal Research

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)

Pushto (Native or Bilingual)

Urdu (Native or Bilingual)

Certifications

South Asia Negotiation and Mediation Training

National Feminist Legal Theory and Practice Training

Duolingo French Fluency: Intermediate (Estimated)

Mavra Ghaznavi

Lawyer| Project Finance (Energy Sector) Professional| Rule of Law Consultant

Pakistan

Summary

Key Areas:

- Corporate Finance, Project Finance and Banking Law
- Energy Sector (RE and Conventional Technologies)
- Corporate Law (Company, Contract, Regulatory, Compliance, M&A and IPOs)
- International Environmental Law (Regulatory and Compliance)
- Corporate Tax Advisory
- Risk Management
- Good Governance, Policy and Reform
- Forensics and Medical Evidence

Experience

Adam Smith International

3 years 1 month

Senior Delivery Associate

December 2019 - Present (1 year 5 months)

Delivery Associate

April 2018 - December 2019 (1 year 9 months)

Lahore, Pakistan

- Worked closely with the Punjab Police, the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (PSHD), the Office of the Surgeon Medico-Legal and the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA).

- Mapped existing Police investigation protocols and standards in Punjab for Serious Sexual Violence (SSV), homicide and financial crime and compared these against international best practice and standards to identify gaps and make recommendations.

- Mapped Punjab Police statutory powers of arrest, stop and search, search of premises, seizure of property, detention, questioning and identification of persons.

- Developed the 'Protocols and Code of Conduct for the Examination, Collection and Preservation of Forensic Evidence in SSV Cases' providing a chronological set of guidelines for both the Punjab Police and Medico-Legal Officers (MLOs) on the process of: (a) interviewing victims in a manner that is patient-centred and trauma-informed; (b) collecting forensic evidence (DNA and trace evidence); (c) preserving it through appropriate packaging and documentation (maintenance of chain of custody) and using the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection (SAEC) Kit developed by the PFSA.
- Led the training of Punjab Investigation Officers (IOs), MLOs, and Public Prosecutors on the 'Protocols and Code of Conduct for the Examination, Collection and Preservation of Forensic Evidence in SSV Cases'.
- Developed an MLO reform plan following a workload analysis and research on international best practices and the existing legal framework in Punjab.
- Developed protocols for the Punjab Police and MLOs on the collection, preservation and use of DNA evidence in homicide and hurt/injury cases.
- Delivered training on the Code of Conduct and victim interviewing skills and MLO-Police coordination.

**RIAA Barker Gillette Global Alliance
Associate (Project Finance)**

August 2013 - April 2018 (4 years 9 months)

Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan

- Experienced in corporate and company law, property law, financial and banking law, project finance and infrastructure law, public-private partnership projects, tax, energy and litigation
- Assisted in the development of standard concession documents for small hydro projects to be adopted by the Alternative Energy Development Board
- Assisted in achieving financial close for the 700MW Azad Pattan Hydropower Project being financed by Chinese lenders
- Played a key role in the financial close of the 50MW Sapphire Wind Power Project financed by OPIC (secured value of USD 118.75 Million)

- Assisted in achieving financial close for three 50MW Triconboston (Sapphire Group) Wind Power Projects financed by a consortium of foreign banks (secured value of USD 297 Million)
- Assisted in the development of an approximately 100MW Hydropower Project being developed in Azad Jammu & Kashmir by Mira Power Limited and financed by a consortium of Korean banks
- Involved in approximately 800MW Suki Kinari Hydro Power Project being developed in Azad Jammu & Kashmir and financed by, among others, Chinese Exim Bank (secured value of USD 1.84 Billion)
- Assisted in the development of Access Solar (Private) Limited's 11.505MWp Solar Power Project and that of its associated entity, Access Electric (Private) Limited's 10MWp Solar Power Project
- Conducted two legal/corporate due diligences for a large global law firm in relation to a local entity indirectly held by a Malaysian corporation
- Independently reviewed financing documents, security documents, concession documents, novation agreements, joint venture agreements (including public entities), shareholders agreements, land documents, EPC agreements and O&M agreements
- Participated in negotiations of all project documentation, including all conditions precedent and conditions subsequent with internationally recognized local counsel and large global firms based in the U.S. and U.K.

Mandviwalla & Zafar

Associate (Corporate Finance)

December 2012 - June 2013 (7 months)

Karachi, Pakistan

- Managed a team in a PKR 18 billion multi-bank finance restructuring agreement
- Developed AML policies and procedures for our Dubai office
- Working on Islamic sukuk finance restructuring agreements
- Working with clients and regulators for project approvals
- Advising banks and corporate clients on equity offerings
- Producing legal opinions for national and international clients

- Providing corporate clients advice and support with regard to company law, governance, restructuring and legal and regulatory requirements across sectors

International Bar Association

Commercial Law Intern

October 2011 - December 2011 (3 months)

- Developing two draft proposals for guidelines to accompany project plans
- Daily monitoring of news and media to ensure relevance of draft proposals
- Forming two major long-term project plans
- Researching and collecting news articles, academic articles, publications by law firms and policy institutes for reference in proposals
- Researching and editing a university-level course curriculum outline
- Liaising with senior staff lawyers to meet expectations and deadlines
- Networking and identifying appropriate candidates for an Advisory Group
- Editing and making final revisions to drafts based on feedback from lawyers
- Proofreading for fellow interns when required

IUCN

Intern (Environmental Law Programme)

June 2009 - August 2009 (3 months)

Bangkok City, Thailand

- Researched international guidelines and law and national policy and law governing medicinal plants
- Reviewed and synthesised over 70 IUCN documents on internal governance
- Assisted in the development of an online resource on Pakistani law
- Assisted with research on transboundary water governance
- Compiled comprehensive matrix of environmental laws in the IUCN Asia region
- Identified countries that recognize customary law and drafted a summary of findings
- Assisted IUCN Asia-Pacific Regional Programme with the research and analysis of field work results for governance mapping on Ranong and Doi Mae Salong districts of Thailand

PAHCHAAN (Protection And Help of Children Against Abuse and Neglect)

Intern (Policy Development)

June 2005 - August 2005 (3 months)

Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan

- Developed Human Resources Policy covering Personnel Relations, Recruitment Processes and Disciplinary Actions
- Developed a comprehensive Internal Child Protection Policy to be approved by the Board of Directors
- Researched child protection policies, indicators and regulations
- Worked closely with senior staff and the Executive Director to ensure policies met the needs of the organisation
- Socially interacted with street children at the Drop-in Centre

Pakistan Society for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled (PSRD)

Intern

June 2004 - August 2004 (3 months)

- Developed an extra-curricular programme for disabled children from lower-income groups
- Maintained a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for students to interact in
- Learned about basic physiotherapy for paraplegic patients from senior staff
- Coordinated activities to ensure an interesting and social programme was maintained

Minto and Mirza (Advocates and Solicitors)

Legal Intern

June 2002 - August 2002 (3 months)

Lahore, Pakistan

- Researched the development of environmental case law in Pakistan
- Conducted background research and put together documentation for minority rights protection petition

Education

School of Oriental and African Studies, U. of London

L.L.M., Law · (2010 - 2011)

Queen Mary, U. of London

L.L.B., Law · (2007 - 2010)