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Arbitration

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Environmental Law

Banking and Finance Law

Constitutional Law

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Profile

Saadat is an experienced Associate with a demonstrated history of working in the law practice industry. Skilled in Negotiation, Legal Assistance, Civil Litigation and Alternate Dispute Resolution. Strong professional with a Master's Degree focused in Banking, Corporate, Financial Regulation, and Merger Law from The University of Glasgow.

Professional Experience

10/2017 – 07/2020 Asim Nazir & Co., Associate

Representing Clients before the High Court, Lower Court and Special Tribunals:

- Challenged the vires of Levy charged under the Income Support Levy, 2013 before the Lahore High Court.
- Challenged the levying of Shop Board/Advertisement Fee by Tehsil Municipal Administration, Punjab Horticulture Authority, Cantonment Board before the Principle Seat and the Rawalpindi Bench of the Lahore High Court.
- Challenged the levying of approach rental charges by National Highway Authority under the National Highway Authority Act, 1991.
- Challenged the exponential increase in fee by private schools on behalf of the students and parents.
- Argued on various miscellaneous applications before the Lahore High Court in Banking and Company Matters.

Assisting Partners in preparing contracts and agreements relating to Term-Finance, Joint Ventures and Banking Facilities:

- Assisted Senior Partners in preparing Merger Scheme for the merger of 5 private limited companies. Recently prepared and appeared before the Lahore High Court, Lahore for the approval of Merger of a renowned refrigeration manufacturer with another entity.
- Assisted Partners in the preparation of contacts and agreements such as Legal Mortgages and Hypothecation Agreements relating to Finance Facilities extended by Various Banking Companies to its Clients. Prepared the financing and security documents on behalf of Bank of Punjab for the financing of the Kahna Kaccha Flyover availed by ZKB-Reliable JV.
- Prepared contracts and agreements relating to employment, rent, shareholder, supply and distribution for Corporate Clients. Assisted a well reputed I.T House from MENA region in establishing a regional office and incorporating a subsidiary in Pakistan.

Representing clients before various Governmental and Semi-Governmental Agencies and Authorities:

- Incorporated various types of companies for international as well as local Clients.
- Appeared before the Intellectual Property Organization for registration of Trademarks, Patents and Copyrights.
- Appeared before the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan for clients in matters relating to transmission of shares, mergers/demergers, reduction and increase of share-capital.
- Assisted Clients in procuring approval from Environmental Protection Agency in Pakistan. Appeared on behalf of reputable paint manufacturers before the Environment Protection Tribunal relating to the illegal closure of their plant by the EPA.

- Assisted Client in procuring approvals and licenses for setting up a Manufacturing Unit in the Export Processing Zone, Karachi.

Reviewing legal documents and providing legal opinions to Clients:

- Provided legal opinion to various Banking and Non-Banking Finance Companies by reviewing Finance Documents.
- Undertaking search of land revenue records for and on behalf of clients.
- Advised private individuals in matter relating to inheritance, preparations of wills, private and public trust.
- Assisted numerous clients in order to comply with the provision of the Companies Act, 2017 such as annual filing, compliance with the corporate governance code and other mandatory provision of law.

10/2013 – 08/2014 Asim Nazir & Co., Junior Associate

Undertaking legal research and case preparation/filing for and on behalf of Partners:

- Undertook research and preparation of briefs for the Partners on behalf of National and Transmission Dispatch Company for the Expert Determination by Justice (R) Sair Ali relating to the outstanding payments to the Independent Power Producers by the National Transmission & Dispatch Company.
- Undertook case law research from different jurisdiction relating to what constitutes as “oppression and mismanagement” and winding-up of Companies for Petition filed under S.290 and 305 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 before the Company Bench of the Lahore High Court.
- Preparing brief and arguments for Partners in matters relating to Banking, Company and Constitutional pending before the Lahore High Court.

Attending client/partner meetings, preparing notes and liaising between clients and firm.

Solely responsible for case management and ensuring that the all files are kept in order and are up to date with the proceedings in Court.

Appearing before the Lower Courts in civil and commercial matters:

- Appeared for an on behalf of well-known authorized dealer and importer of industrial equipment in matters relating to recovery of outstanding amounts and equipment.
- Appeared before specialized tribunals (Banking, Consumer and Environmental) for clients to argue on miscellaneous applications.

Education

2015-2016 University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK, **LLM – Corporate & Financial Law**

2010-2013 University of London International Programme, Lahore, Pakistan, **LLB Honours**

2007-2009 Beaconhouse, Faisalabad Canal Campus, **A – Levels**

2004-2007 Beaconhouse, Faisalabad Canal Campus, **O – Levels**

Reference(s)

Can be provided upon request.