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Nationality/ Date of Birth	Pakistani – May 8, 1968

Educational/Professional Memberships

Member, Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan
Member, Sindh High Court Bar Association, Karachi Pakistan
Member, Islamabad High Court Bar Association, Islamabad, Pakistan
Member, Lahore Bar Association, Lahore, Pakistan
Member SAARC Law (Pakistan Chapter). SAARC Law is an association of legal fraternities belonging to the countries comprising South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC)

Current Position

Senior Partner, Ijaz Ahmed & Associates

Professional Experience

Dispute Resolution

Twenty-five years of experience in conducting civil and commercial litigation in subordinate courts, banking courts, all five high courts of the country and the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Have dealt with over 2,500 cases out of which over 2,000 cases have been decided and more than seventy cases have been reported in law journals.

Appointed amicus curiae for assisting the courts on important legal issues and assistance rendered in such matters has been appreciated by the Courts.

Areas of expertise include

- *Agency*
Represented and advised domestic and international companies in cases relating to distributor and agency relationships.
- *Banking and finance*
Represented and advised major domestic, international banks working in Pakistan, bilateral and multilateral lending agencies in respect of recovery of delinquent finances, winding-up proceedings, obligations arising out of bank guarantees and letters of credit.
- *Capital markets and securities*
Represented and advised the securities markets regulator, stock exchanges, central depository company, national clearing company and brokerages house in disputes arising out of capital market transactions and regulatory framework.
- *Commercial and contracts*
Represented and advised clients from manufacturing, trading and services sectors in disputes arising out of a wide variety of commercial contracts.
- *Companies*
Represented and advised the securities markets regulator and a number of clients in disputes relating to winding-up of companies, restructuring and re-organization, acquisitions and mergers, shareholders and directors disputes and regulatory proceedings.

- *Competition*
Represented and advised the competition regulator in various judicial review proceedings, conducted proceedings relating to competition clearances and appeals arising out of regulatory actions.
- *Constitutional law*
Represented and advised clients in judicial review proceedings in a variety of matters. Appointed amicus curiae in respect of former judges' right to practice law.
- *Entertainment*
Represented and advised media and production houses in matters relating to distribution contracts, production contracts, talent contracts and production joint ventures.
- *Environment*
Represented and advised clients in civil disputes regarding environmental obligations and regulatory proceedings under the environment protection laws. Prepared a detailed report on Pakistan laws impacting environment.
- *Insurance*
Represented and advised clients in insurance related disputes.
- *Intellectual property*
Represented and advised clients in trademarks, copyrights, software and patents related disputes.
- *Privatization of public sector enterprises*
Represented and advised various parties in judicial review and civil proceedings arising out of privatization of public sector enterprises.
- *Property*
Represented and advised in respect of compulsory land acquisition proceedings, sale of immovable properties and specific enforcement of contracts.
- *Tax laws*
Represented and advised clients in judicial review, civil proceedings and statutory appeal proceedings in respect of taxation laws including income tax, sales tax, excise duties and services taxes.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Advised on mediation in commercial matters.
- Advised on alternative dispute resolution in tax matters.

Corporate and commercial advice

Advised on a wide range of commercial, corporate and financial matters, which include capital markets, securities, finance (debt, equity, project, Islamic), derivatives, infrastructure projects, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, competition and privatisation.

Arbitration Experience

Conducted litigation relating to arbitration agreements and enforcement of local and foreign arbitration agreement and awards;

Conducted arbitration proceedings relating to supply of a polyester plant, construction of motorway, construction of a highway, distribution agreements and recreational development facility.

Languages

English
Urdu