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Nationalities: USA / Pakistan

EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH FELLOW – MARCH 2013 TO PRESENT

RESEARCH SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW – Islamabad, Pakistan

- Counsel for Pakistan in the matter raised by the Marshall Islands before the International Court of Justice and currently leading a team of legal experts and researchers in providing input to Pakistan's representatives before the Court.
- Collaborating with the International Committee of the Red Cross on improving the enforcement of international humanitarian law norms in Pakistan and have lead a team of legal experts and researchers in providing input to the ICRC on humanitarian issues in Pakistan.
- Advised the Venus Group of Companies regarding an ongoing contractual dispute between themselves and the Supreme Group of Companies for the provision of materiel and services to NATO ISAF forces operating in Afghanistan.
- Completed a project for the UK Department for International Development on reforming criminal probation in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, resulting in a bill presented to the provincial legislature.
- Completed a project with the British High Commission in Islamabad examining Pakistan's counterterrorism laws and highlighting areas in need of critical reform.
- Prepared Pakistan's legal position on drone strikes for Pakistan's Ministry of Law.
- Prepared policy papers for and provided legal input to several organizations including the European Union delegation to Pakistan; the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung; the British High Commission, Islamabad; and the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Studies on international law issues affecting Pakistan.
- Provided legal input to several governmental and non-governmental institutions on several international law issues relating to international trade law, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, and nuclear law.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE – SEPTEMBER 2013 TO MARCH 2014

INTERNATIONAL GROWTH CENTRE – London, England

- Researched and comparatively analyzed the international trade law regimes of a number of South Asian jurisdictions pertinent to Pakistan's trade context.
- Contributed to a policy note on non-tariff barriers to trade across these jurisdictions.

ASSOCIATE – NOVEMBER 2012 TO MARCH 2013

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES – Islamabad, Pakistan

- Responsible for preparing legal opinions and case materials for appellate commercial and constitutional litigation.
- Prepared an agreement for the upgradation of the Wah Brass Mills with the Vitkovice Machinery Group.
- Consulted for Pakistan's Board of Investment and provided input on its restructuring.

STAFF ATTORNEY – MARCH 2012 THROUGH JULY 2012

BROWER PIVEN, PC – Stevenson, Maryland

- Conducted research and discovery in preparation of class action securities fraud litigation regarding a drug whose adverse effects had not been fully disclosed.

LEGAL CONSULTANT – SEPTEMBER 2009 THROUGH JUNE 2010

LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY – Lahore, Pakistan

- Contributed to the organization's proceedings before the national regulator.
- Prepared a draft bill modernizing Pakistan's energy law regime.
- Contributed to the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline agreement.
- Conducted research and provided policy input, and prepared regional energy policies for the organization.

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL – May 2011

LL.M with a focus on International Law

Activities: South Asia Law Students' Association, Member

THE WHARTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA – May 2011

Wharton Business and Law Program

Activities: "From Haiti to Pakistan – A Year of Disasters": Business Perspectives on Disaster Relief, Organizer

THE LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES – June 2009

BA-LL.B with a focus on International Law

Activities: *The Rule of Law Project*, Volunteer; *The Law and Policy Society*, Member; Teaching and Research Assistant for a variety of courses relating to international law; currently assisting professors with ongoing research.

Honors: On the Dean's Honor Roll throughout the LL.B program, graduating with High Merit

PUBLICATIONS AND SKILLS

- Rizvi, A. and Shah, S. (2015). *Against the Spirit of Cooperation*. The Dawn. [online] Available at: <http://www.dawn.com/news/1221558> [Coauthor].
- Rizvi, A. (2015). *Towards Protecting Health Care in Karachi: A Legal Review*, Islamabad: The Research Society of International Law, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross [Author].
- Rizvi, A. (2015). *Effecting Change in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's Probation Regime*, Peshawar: The Home Department, Government of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa [Contributor].
- Soofi, A. (2015). *UN Law on Terrorism*. Lahore: Book Home, Lahore [Editor].
- Shah, S. (2014). *International Law and Drone Strikes in Pakistan: The Legal and Socio-political Aspects*. 1st ed. London: Routledge [Editor and Researcher].
- Shah, S. and Kiyani, U. (2014). *Non-Tariff Barriers and Pakistan's Regional Trade: A Legal and Economic Analysis of Non-Tariff Barriers in Pakistan, India, China, and Sri Lanka*, London: The International Growth Centre [Contributor].
- Rizvi, A. (2014). *The European Union's GSP+ Regime: Examining Pakistan's Compliance with its International Legal Obligations*, Islamabad: The Research Society of International Law [Contributor].
- Rizvi, A. and Khan, S. (2014). *One Bird with Two Stones: The Establishment of Special Courts under the Protection of Pakistan Ordinance*. Pakistan Review of International Law and Human Rights, 2, pp.43 - 56. Available at: <http://tcil.com.pk> [Coauthor].

- Rizvi, A (2013). *Balancing Investor Rights in Pakistan through the Use of Bilateral Investment Treaties*, Islamabad: The Research Society of International Law [Contributor].
- Rizvi, A (2013). *The Case for Change: A Review of Pakistan's Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997*, Islamabad: The Research Society of International Law [Contributor].

LANGUAGES: English [native], Urdu [proficient]. Hindi [conversational]

SKILLS: Proficient in the use of *Microsoft Word*, *PowerPoint*, and *Merril Lextranet*; as well as research tools such as *LexisNexis*, *Westlaw*, *HeinOnline*, *JSTOR*, *BAILII*, and *LII*