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EDUCATION



American Community School of Abu Dhabi
High School Diploma
Honors: Graduated with 3.92 GPA – 3rd in Class

2005



University of Texas at Dallas
Partial BS in Electrical Engineering
Completion of 1.5 years study – Familial circumstances prevented from completion

2005-2007



Eastern Arkansas Community College
Technical Certificate in Electronics
Technical Certificate in Office Technology
Graduated with 3.85+ GPA – Summa Cum Laude Honors

2009-2011



University of London (SZABIST)
'Legum Baccalaureus - LLB
Second Class Honors – First Division (2:1)

2014-2018

CERTIFICATIONS



Institute for Strategic Conflict Resolution & Development (Pakistan)
Accredited Mediator
54 hours training of the Singaporean and European Union EMT models in mediation techniques.

July 2017

LEGAL EXPERIENCE



George J Prappas Law Office and others (Louisiana, USA)
Paralegal

July 2012 – Feb. 2014

Worked actively in US cases particularly with immigration and criminal cases – thru efforts via motions and filings in court provided relief to nearly 100 asylum/refugee/prisoner cases.



Nishtar & Zafar Associates (Karachi, Pakistan)
Corporate Paralegal/Legal Trainee

Oct. 2014 – Feb. 2015

Worked mainly on tax related corporate matters including writing and editing motions dealing with FBR tribunal cases, trademark matters. Multi-million dollar clients (i.e. Dawood Group)



Qaaf Se Qanoon (Karachi, Pakistan)
Paralegal

Aug. 2016 – Aug. 2017

Conducted legal literacy campaigns and giving seminars on basic rights to educate the public, working in draft legislation and handling pro-bono cases time to time. Areas – Women and Labor Rights.



Institute for Strategic Conflict Resolution & Development (Karachi, Pakistan)
Program Coordinator/Mediation Trainer

July 2017 – Current

Conducting 54 hour course on certified mediation in schools, companies, and other civic associations



SZABIST Rule of Law Centre (Karachi, Pakistan)
Co-Founder/Coordinator

Sept. 2017 – Sept. 2018

Conducting 54 hour course on certified mediation in schools, companies, and other civic associations



Lawyers for Human Rights and Legal Aid (Karachi, Pakistan)

Training Manager

Developed 240 pg. Training Manual for UNWOMEN project for 1000 justice sector officials across Pakistan on Gender-based violence international laws and practices as well as sensitivity. Launched and established first Women Protection Unit (WPU) with UNWOMEN in Karachi.

Sept. 2018 – Feb 2019



Quickstart Learning, Inc. (Austin, Texas, USA)

Legal & Regulatory Manager

Head of legal department for online IT training company based in US. Looking over all contracts over 2 continents – US & Asia. Signing authority for all documents on behalf of company. Corporate risk and compliance responsibility for US, Pakistan, and Philippines.

Feb. 2019 – Current



New Star Kafala (Karachi, Pakistan) – International Adoption NGO Agency

Lead Pakistan Facilitator

Helping families adopt abandoned children in Pakistan and working on child advocacy rights in the country leading the organization on the ground; handling family legal case and engagement with gov. departments.

Dec. 2016 - Current



Texas A&M Kingsville University (Kingsville, Texas) – Centre for Continuing Education

Academic Adviser

One-on-one engagement with students in IT Bootcamps launched in coordination with TAMUK and Quickstart Learning, Inc. Adult continuing education in Cyber Security and Web Development. Student advising and engagement dealing with academic and career services over 6 month time period.

Feb. 2019 - Current



Wagner College (New York, New York) – Department of Lifelong Learning

Academic Adviser

One-on-one engagement with students in IT Bootcamps launched in coordination with TAMUK and Quickstart Learning, Inc. Adult continuing education in Cyber Security and Web Development. Student advising and engagement dealing with academic and career services over 6 month time period.

April 2019 - Current



Ziauddin University (Karachi, Pakistan) – Faculty of Law, Centre for Human Rights

Director

Founding faculty member of law school and head of centre concentrated on human rights research and advocacy – namely prisoner rights, women & children rights, and peace & conflict studies.

April 2019 - Current

NOTABLE LEGAL CONTRIBUTIONS



Help draft following legislation that was passed into law in Pakistan:

- Mediation Bill 2014 (Passed in 2017)
- Anti-Honor Killing Bill 2016 (Passed in 2016)
- Anti-Rape Bill 2016 (Passed in 2016)



Led multiple public litigation efforts:

- In Supreme Court Suo Moto No. 11 2006 – Against Tobacco Use – argued for fundamental human rights.
- In Supreme Court Human Rights Cell Petition 2018 in high profile murder case – won in January 2018.



UNWOMEN Justice Sector Project:

- Drafted 240 page training manual for justice sector on Gender-based Violence
- Launch premier UNWOMEN's Women Protection Unit (WPU) in Karachi in December 2018

HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED EXPERIENCE



Samaritan Ministry Inc. (Houston, TX, USA)

Web Administrator

Maintained, operated, and updated main website for bereavement training organization.

Sept. 2004 – Oct. 2004



Islamic Relief (Dallas, TX, USA)

Human Rights Fundraising Coordinator

Helped coordinate fundraisers for international NGO for relief work overseas in Dallas, TX

January 2006 – November 2007



ICNA Relief and Helping Hand USA (Houston TX, USA)

Human Rights Volunteer

1998-2004, 2005-2007

Assisted International relief NGO in multiple events over a span of nearly a decade. Gathered funds to help relief work in war torn areas – fundraisers, bake sales, and etc. Feed homeless in Houston every weekend for 1.5 years – effecting providing nearly 3000 meals. Part of Katrina Hurricane Relief and coordinated refugee relief activities since the 90's with Bosnian Refugees to Somalian Refugees in 2007.



Federal Bureau of Prisons (Forrest City, AR, USA)

Adult Continuing Education Instructor

2010 - July 2012

Teaching GED, Keyboarding, and History to US prisoners and helping them get ready for rehabilitation.



DAWN News (Karachi, Pakistan)

Social Rights Blogger

Feb. 2015 – Dec. 2016

Writing about social issues prevalent in local society of Pakistan
www.dawn.com/authors/4000/

LANGUAGES

English and Urdu
Partial Arabic, German, Chinese, Russian

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- 1984: The murder of Pakistan's student unions*
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1162514/1984-the-murder-of-pakistans-student-unions> 2015
- Fake Guns, Real Terrorism*
<http://www.dawn.com/news/1203417/fake-guns-real-terrorism> 2015
- Back to the Future: Pakistani Cinema*
Focus PK Magazine, December 2016, Volume 1 Issue 1 2016
- Islamic Justice – Ibn Khaldun's Al-Muqaddimah – Legal Article
<http://courtingthelaw.com/2017/06/03/commentary/islamic-justice-ibn-khalduns-al-muqaddimah/> 2017

MEMBERSHIPS

SZABIST Rule of Law Center SRLC – Founding Member
Lawyers for Human Rights and Legal Aid – Member
Human Rights Commission Pakistan (HRCPP) – Member
Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (Oldest Political Think-tank in Pakistan) – Associate Member
FCCI Standing Committee on 'Women Legal Aid and Protection' – Member
International Iqbal Society –Karachi Head
Youth Intelligentsia – Advisor
Youth Circle – Advisor
KYMUN – Senior Advisor