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Profile Summary

Accomplished legal professional, lecturer, PhD Scholar in Law with an LLM in International Law (Gold Medalist) and extensive experience in legal research, advisory, policy analysis and teaching. Served as Law Officer at General Headquarters (GHQ) and Assistant Manager (Legal) at SUPARCO, providing expert legal opinions on complex international and domestic issues. Experienced researcher with publications on international law, humanitarian crises, and regional policy. Strong skills in legal drafting, contract vetting, and comparative analysis of international legal frameworks. Dedicated to advancing scholarship and practice in international humanitarian law, human rights, space law, and environmental protection during armed conflicts.

Key Skills

- **Legal Expertise:** International Law, International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Human Rights Law (IHRL), Space Law, Environmental Law
- **Research & Writing:** Legal Research, Policy Analysis, Academic & Legal Writing, Case Briefing, Comparative Legal Analysis
- **Advisory & Drafting:** Legal Opinions, MoU/Contract Vetting, Advisory Notes, Policy Briefs
- **Teaching Skills:** Subject Matter Expertise, Active Learning Strategies, Lesson Planning
- **Professional Skills:** Critical Thinking, Problem-Solving, Analytical Reasoning, Teamwork, Communication
- **Technical Skills:** MS Office Suite, Legal Databases, Online Research Tools

Education

International Islamic University, Islamabad

- **PhD Law** | 2025-Present
- **LLM in International Law** | 2016 – 2018 | GPA 3.90/4.00
 - *Gold Medal & Distinction*
- **LLB (Hons) Shariah & Law** | 2010 – 2015 | GPA 3.85/4.00
 - *Distinction*
- **BA (General)** | 2010 – 2015 | GPA 3.85/4.00
 - *Distinction | 3rd Position*

F.G College for Women, Rawalpindi

- Higher Secondary Certificate (Humanities) | 2008 – 2010 | *1st Division*

Beaconhouse School System

- Secondary School Certificate (Science) | 2006 – 2008 | *Grade A*

Professional Experience

International Islamic University, Islamabad | Visiting Law Lecturer | 2025 – Present

- Teach *Introduction to Law* to undergraduate Psychology students, fostering an understanding of legal systems, fundamental rights, and ethical responsibilities.
- Design course material that bridges legal concepts with behavioural and social sciences.
- Encourage critical thinking and interdisciplinary engagement between law and psychology.
- Supervise student research and classroom discussions on contemporary legal and human rights issues.

Unite for Rights (International NGO) | Legal Intern | 2025 – Present

- Conduct legal research on the enforcement of the International Bill of Rights and regional human rights courts' decisions.
- Contribute to comparative legal analysis, including examining Shariah perspectives in relation to international human rights standards

Freelance Legal Researcher | 2024 – Present

- Conducted in-depth research on international law, humanitarian issues, and global legal developments.
- Produced analytical notes and briefs to strengthen expertise in IHL, IHRL, and environmental law.
- Continued professional development through advanced legal courses and self-directed research projects.

SUPARCO (Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission) | Assistant Manager – Legal | Feb 2024 – Jun 2024

- Drafted legal opinions and correspondence on diverse legal matters related to organizational programs.
- Reviewed MoUs, contracts, and tender documents; advised on compliance and legal risks.
- Monitored litigation, liaised with external counsel, and advised management on legal proceedings.

Law Directorate, General Headquarters (GHQ), Rawalpindi | Law Officer | 2021- 2022, 2023 – 2024

- Conducted legal research and authored papers on international law issues affecting Pakistan's national and strategic interests.
- Prepared case briefs, advisories, and legal opinions on complex matters such as war crimes, IHL violations, refugee law, and international extradition.
- Analysed evolving global legal developments, including conflicts in Gaza, Afghan refugee policies, international water law, and anti-riot legislation.
- Drafted and vetted legal documents, including contracts and MoUs; provided legal expertise to ensure compliance with international obligations.
- Delivered a guest lecture at EME College (NUST) on International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law.

Platform for Peace and Humanity | Researcher | 2022 – 2024

- Produced policy-focused research and analysis for the Central Asian Programme.

- Drafted policy recommendations and briefing notes for decision-makers on regional legal and humanitarian issues.

Punjab Bar Council, Rawalpindi | *Licensed Lawyer* | Since 2017

- Fellowship in Legal Education, Punjab Bar Council (2019).
- Participated in professional training, including the Crime Scene Investigation Workshop (2018).

International Islamic University, Islamabad | *Community Service Volunteer* | 2015

- Recognized as an *Outstanding Volunteer* for contributions to student coaching and community engagement.

Publications

- *Tracing the Durand Line: Assessing the International Border between Pakistan and Afghanistan* – Vol. 4 No. 11 (2025): Pakistan Journal of Law, Analysis and Wisdom (HEC Recognised Journal).
- *A Global Shift of Conscience: Palestine's Long-Awaited Recognition* – Islamabad Today Newspaper
- *The Central Asian Response to Sanctions on the Russian Federation* – Platform for Peace and Humanity
- *GCC-Central Asia Cooperation: A Window of Opportunity* – Platform for Peace and Humanity
- *The Expulsion of Afghan Refugees from Pakistan and Iran* – Platform for Peace and Humanity

Courses & Certifications

- AI for Legal Professionals (I): Law and Policy – *Future Learn*
- Introduction to Sustainable Development in Asia & the Pacific – *ADB Institute*
- Air, Space & Telecommunications Law – *ICIL, Turkey*
- Law of the Sea – *ICIL, Turkey*
- Postgraduate Training on Academic Research & Scientific Writing – *IRI, IIU, Islamabad*
- International Law Certification Course – *RSIL, Pakistan (2017)*
- Contract Law: From Trust to Promise to Contract – *Harvard University (edX)*

Conferences & Seminars

- Moot Court Competition – *IIUI (2014)*
- Seminar on Human Rights in Educational Institutions – *IIUI*
- Seminar on Terrorism & Cyber Terrorism – *SERL*
- Seminar on Consumer Protection Laws – *SERL*
- Seminar on Public Speaking – *OYD*
- International Conference on Fatwa as a Non-State Legal System – *IIUI*
- International Conference on Problems of Quran's Translation in the Subcontinent – *IIUI & HEC*
- Workshop on Housing, Land & Property Rights – *UN-Habitat*
- Essay Competition – *IIUI Cultural Exhibition*