

ASSAD ULLAH JARAL



PROFILE

A practicing lawyer with eighteen (18) years of professional standing, and hands on experience of civil, corporate & commercial counseling, litigation, arbitration, legislative & regulatory affairs.

Currently working as Managing Partner of the firm. Has substantial and diverse experience in contentious and non-contentious matters pertaining to cooperatives and private housing societies, civil, corporate and commercial law, including contract negotiations, business organization, project financing, information technology, independent power projects, energy, oil & gas, telecommunication, media, intellectual property, joint ventures, corporate and financial restructuring, labour law and foreign exchange transactions. Advised clients on a number of regulatory issues and gains expertise on the overall regulatory regime in Pakistan.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July, 2008 to date

AUJ LAWYERS LLP

Managing Partner

Provide civil, corporate and commercial legal counseling to local and foreign clients on a wide range of legal issues including land acquisitions, cooperatives and private housing societies, e-commerce, information technology, intellectual property, telecommunication, legislative drafting, energy, petroleum and minerals, public private partnership, labor/employment, conveyancing and other disputes related to immovable properties, entertainment and media, drugs/pharmaceutical, international trade and finance, criminal law (white collar crimes), customs/border control, government contracts, public procurement, product liability & consumer protection and local government laws.

Drafted complex legal documents including acquisition of companies, shareholding agreements, technical support agreements, bank financing and security agreements, agreements for bank financing under Islamic modes, public private partnerships (BOT Agreements), transfer of technology agreements, investment agreements, joint venture agreements, construction and development agreements, consortium agreements for joint bidding of projects, management services agreements, interconnection agreements (telecom), intellectual property license/assignment agreements, franchise agreement, software development agreement, distribution agreements and conveyancing deeds for immovable properties.

Conduct commercial arbitration and litigation before courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction, administrative and regulatory authorities. Have conducted various kinds of civil, corporate, commercial, and administrative litigation including: recovery suits, declaratory suits, suits for damages, suits for permanent and mandatory injunctions, suits involving performance of contracts, suits involving breach of intellectual property rights, suits for declaration, recovery, partition and possession of immovable property; company petitions, proceedings relating to disputes concerning construction agreements, suits for recovery of bank finance in banking courts, criminal trials/appeals for white collar crimes, bail petitions, constitutional petitions and appeals before the appellate tribunals and High Courts.

Provide professional services for drafting of primary and subordinate legislation for federal and provincial legislature including acts of the parliament, rules, regulations, by-laws, policy guidelines, codes of conduct and other legislative instrument with regard to regulatory and policy affairs governmental organizations.

Developed Litigation Management, Legal Knowledge Management and Contracts Management solutions for corporate and commercial enterprises.

June, 2007 to June, 2008

Warid Telecom (Private) Limited

Assistant Manager Legal Affairs

Handled and managed complete litigation portfolio of Warid Telecom spreading all across Pakistan; drafting & vetting of varied forms of agreements with specific reference to telecommunication industry i.e. non-disclosure agreement, memorandum of understanding, value added services agreement, marketing agreement, service level agreement, supply agreement, operations and management agreement, interconnection and international roaming agreement etc; handling of legal issues relating to product and services, franchise and retail, and marketing departments; drafting of legal opinions relating to telecom regulatory affairs; and

provide legal input for the submission of bidding documents in public sponsored telecom projects.

March, 2004 to May 2007

Abmer Bilal Soofi & Company

Associate Counsel/Manager Coordination

Primarily involved in the drafting & vetting of agreements & contracts; incorporation of business entities; handling of corporate regulatory issues; drafting of legal opinions; handling litigation at courts; liaison with corporate clients/handling of client queries; legal work management; and distribution/follow up of legal assignments with in the firm.

EDUCATION

2009 – 2009 Lahore University of Management Sciences Lahore
Entrepreneurship Development Program

2001 – 2004 Quaid-e-Azam Law College Lahore
Bachelor of Law

1999 - 2001 Government College University Lahore
Bachelor of Arts

TEACHING & SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Regional contributor – Doing Business Project World Bank Group

Visiting Faculty Member of “Audit & Accounts Training Institute, of the Auditor General of Pakistan” and tutor the subjects of ‘Company Law’, ‘Income Tax Law’ and ‘Sales Tax Law’ to the ‘CSS Probationers’ of Pakistan Audit & Accounts Services Group.

Visiting Faculty Member of “STEP Institute” and instruct the subject of ‘Common Law’ to undergraduate students of UK Management Degree Course.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Lahore Bar Association;
Lahore High Court Bar Association;
Marketing Association of Pakistan “MAP”; and
The Indus Entrepreneur “TiE”

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