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LANGUAGE(S)

- English
- Urdu
- Punjabi (Spoken)
- Hindi (Spoken)

PRESENT POSITION

I am a senior partner at Samdani & Qureshi, a *niche* entity providing, legal, tax, corporate advisory and Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) solutions from under one roof. Samdani & Qureshi is a collaborating firm of Andersen Global. I am the Chief Executive officer of the International Centre for Appropriate Dispute Resolution and Prevention (Pvt.) Ltd (an access to justice project).

I have been awarded the Best ADR Lawyer Award in 2021 by the Ministry of Law and Justice Pakistan, Group Development, Pakistan Women in Law Initiative, supported by Australian High Commission and the British High Commission.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Name of Company / Organization	City	Job Title	Date
Samdani & Qureshi (Law Firm)	Islamabad	Senior Associate/Partner	2002 – 2015; 2021–
Infrastructure Project Development Facility, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan (IPDF)	Islamabad	Legal Advisor	2009-2010
National Tariff Commission, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan (NTC)	Islamabad	Legal Advisor	2006-2007

PROFESSIONAL ENROLLMENTS

Solicitor Regulation Authority	England & Wales	Solicitor-Advocate	2014
Solicitor Regulation Authority	England & Wales	Admitted to the Solicitor Roll	2006
Islamabad High Court	Pakistan	Admitted to Bar	2005
Bar of Rawalpindi/Islamabad	Pakistan	Admitted to Bar	2003

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Institution	City	Degree/Qualification	Date
Executive Women in Leadership	New York	Certificate/Cornell	November 2021
The George Washington University Law School (before Committee consisting of Mr. Sean D. Murphy, Dean Rosa Celorio, Judge Charles N. Brower, and Mr. Stanimir A. Alexandrov)	Washington, D.C.	S.J.D.	2016-April 2020
Harvard Law School – Leadership and Negotiation	Cambridge, MA	Master Class in Negotiation and Emerging Leaders	2018
Harvard Kennedy School – Leadership and Negotiation	Cambridge, MA	Certificate, Emerging Leaders	2018
GW/Oxford Summer Program in International Human Rights Law	Oxford, U.K.	Certificate, Human Rights in the Market Place, Advocacy of Human Rights	2018
UC Hasting, International ADR Center	San Francisco, U.S.A.	Certificate, Court-Annexed Mediations	2018
Harvard Law School – Program on Negotiations	Cambridge, MA	Certificate, Mediating Disputes	2017

London School of Economics and Political Science	United Kingdom	LL.M. (International Business Law)	2005
Punjab University	Pakistan	LL.B.	2002

EXPERIENCE WITH CROSS BORDER TRANSACTIONS:

Case Name	Type	Role
Jordan Light Rail System involving Pakistani, Jordanian and Kuwaiti investors	Infrastructure	Counsel
Hycarbex Inc, Texas involving Pakistani and American investors	Infrastructure	Counsel
Bayindir Construction, Turkey	Infrastructure	Counsel
Astaldi, Italy	Infrastructure	
Pivato, Italy	Infrastructure	
Voith, Germany	Infrastructure/Energy	
Neelum Jehlum Hydropower Company (Private) Limited	Infrastructure/Energy	
Currentage International Marketing (Private) Limited	Infrastructure/Energy	
China Machinery Engineering Corporation	Infrastructure/Energy	
<i>China</i> Composites Group Co., Ltd. (<i>CCGC</i>)	Infrastructure/Energy	

EXPERIENCE IN ICSID PROCEEDINGS

Case Name	Type	Role
Raymond Charles Eyre (British), Montrose Developments (Private) Limited (Sri Lanka) v. Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)	Annulment Proceedings	Member

Agility for Public Warehousing Company K.S.C. v. Islamic Republic of Pakistan (ICSID Case No. ARB/11/8)	Arbitration	Counsel
Bayindir Insaat Turizm Ticaret Ve Sanayi A.S. v. Islamic Republic of Pakistan (ICSID Case No. ARB/03/29)	Arbitration	Counsel
International Company for Railway Systems (ICRS) v. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (ICSID Case No. ARB/09/13)	Arbitration	Counsel

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

Case Name	Type	Role
Chinese Company v Capital Steel	Arbitration	Counsel
Iflix v Pakistan Telecommunication Limited Company	Arbitration	Counsel
Catalyst v. National Telecommunication Company	Arbitration	Counsel
ICC Case regarding a dispute relating to the Jordan Light Rail System.	Arbitration	Counsel
ICC arbitration between a Turkish company and a German supplier	Arbitration	Counsel
ICC arbitration relating to a petroleum concession in Pakistan	Arbitration	Counsel
SCC arbitration relating to valuation of shares and matters of Competition law involving a Multinational Norwegian Company	Arbitration	Counsel
SIAC Arbitration between Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited and Iflix relating to contractual disputes	Arbitration	Counsel
A DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre (Dubai International Financial Centre) between Porsche and a Pakistani Company	Arbitration	Counsel
Ad hoc arbitration between the Government of Pakistan and an Italian firm, Astaldi	Arbitration	Counsel
Ad hoc arbitration between the Government of Pakistan and an Italian firm, PAVITO	Arbitration	Counsel
Ad hoc arbitration in Bayindir v Pakistan	Arbitration	Counsel
Ad hoc arbitrations Shaheen Pay Tv v. Telecom Foundation	Arbitration	Counsel
Ad hoc arbitrations Zahra v. National Telecommunications	Arbitration	Counsel
Ad hoc arbitrations Hakas v. National Highway Authority	Arbitration	Counsel

Ad hoc arbitration National Logistic Cell v. National Highway Authority	Arbitration	Counsel
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Dispute before a DAB appointed by ICC in relation to a dispute between the Government of Jordan and Pakistani, Kuwaiti, Jordanian and Mauritian companies.	Dispute Arbitration Board	Counsel
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EXPERIENCE IN WTO PROCEEDINGS

Case Name	Type	Role
Assistance to a Panelist on the review board in <i>Argentina v. United States of America</i> (the “OCTG Case”)	WTO Disputes	Assistant to Panel Member
Anti-Dumping Investigations in Master Tiles against China	WTO Disputes	Legal Counsel at NTC
Anti-Dumping Investigations in polyester filament yarn against the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, and the Kingdom of Thailand	WTO Disputes	Legal Counsel at NTC
Advising NTC on issues about various WTO agreements and applying trade remedy laws, e.g., anti-dumping, countervailing duties, and safeguard measures	Consultation	Legal Counsel at NTC
Investigations by the NTC in imposing anti-dumping measures	Investigator	Legal Counsel at NTC
Litigation between exporters/importers and the NTC	Litigation	Legal Counsel at NTC

EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Project Name	Type	Role
Developing legal framework of the Jordan Light Rail System based on PPP model	Legal Consultation	Legal Counsel
Karachi Circular Rails based on PPP model	Legal Consultation	Legal Counsel at IPDF
PSDP tourist village Project based on PPP model	Legal Consultation	Legal Counsel at IPDF
PTDC Corporate Complex Project based on PPP model	Legal Consultation	Legal Counsel at IPDF

CNG environmental friendly buses in Karachi and Islamabad based on PPP model	Legal Consultation	Legal Counsel at IPDF
IT Park Project in Islamabad based on PPP model	Legal Consultation	Legal Counsel at IPDF
Review of procedures to conduct new shipper reviews under WTO laws for the NTC	Legal Consultation	Legal Counsel at IPDF
Review of various bills proposed relating to ADR in Pakistan	Legal Consultation	Legal Counsel

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Member, Pakistan High Court Bar Association.

Life Member, Islamabad Bar Association.

Solicitors Regulatory Authority, Solicitor-Advocate – England & Wales.

Fulbright Scholar since 2015.

Weinstein JAMS International Senior Fellow 2018.

Panel of Distinguished arbitrators and mediators of Centre for Dispute Resolution and Prevention (CPR)

Ambassador of the IBA Asia Pacific Arbitration Group (APAG).

Nominated by the Government of Pakistan as Arbitrator on the ICSID Panel of arbitrators.

Nominated on the panel of mediator by the International Court of Arbitration under the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz.

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Member International Bar Association (IBA).

Member Arbitral Women.

Member International Law Association.

Member American Society of International Law (ASIL).

Country Representative for Asia-Pacific Forum for International Arbitration.

Member Institute of Transnational Arbitration.

Country Reporter for Kluwer International Arbitration.

Country Reporter for OGEMID.

Rotary, Pakistan.

Mediators Beyond Borders.

PUBLICATIONS

Toward Uniformly Accepted Principles for Interpreting MFN Clauses: Striking a Better Balance between State Sovereignty and the Protection of Investors (Published in June 2021 by Kluwer International Arbitration).

Chapter on MFN clauses in the book International Investment Law & Arbitration in Central Asia

Theory and Practice of Islamic Financing in Pakistan – A legal insight of national and international issues for Investments in Pakistan based on hybrid financing structures and banking systems

Tethyan Copper Company Pty Limited v. the Islamic Republic of Pakistan – liability under a BIT despite domestic court’s findings of corruption and illegality, Blog, 2017.

Updated all the cases and laws of Pakistan on the Kluwer website/ International Transnational Arbitration Website.

The Award of the ICJ in the Kishan Ganga Dispute, Kluwer Blog, 2012.

The Award in Riko Dik Case, Asia Pacific Forum, 2017.

Case Reports on Pakistani case laws, Kluwer Arbitration, 2012.

Reports on various arbitration and investment-related legislation of Pakistan, Kluwer Arbitration, 2012.

Reports on various Bilateral Investment Treaties of Pakistan, Kluwer Arbitration, 2012.