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Summary: 7-8 years of corporate, commercial and transactional experience, understanding of commercial law and practice, and drafting of trade and industry related agreements, and legislative enactments.

## Representative Experience

Senior Associate & Corporate Counsel

June 2012- Present

*Mian Nisar Ahmad & Co.*

*Barristers & Corporate Counsellors*

- Assisted in advising a mega-construction conglomerate in respect of a multi-million dollar claim regarding the imposition of idling charges, and the enforcement of an arbitration clause in a FIDIC contract [in the matter of construction of the New Benazir Bhutto International Airport (NBBIAP) at Islamabad] before the London Court of International Arbitration;
- Assisted in advising a national gas transmission and distribution company in respect of a multi-million dollar claim regarding outstanding dues payable on account of RNLG against two mega-conglomerates before the London Court of International Arbitration;
- Assisted in advising a major Independent Power Producer [IPP] in respect of a claim (worth more than PKR 1 Billion) relating to Energy and Capacity Payments on a Delayed Payment Rate [and its compounding], and the grant of an anti-suit injunction, before the London Court of International Arbitration;
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- Drafted, reviewed, and negotiated trade and corporate contracts: employment contracts, terms and conditions, service agreements,

independent contractor agreements, non-compete agreements, licensing agreements.

- Managed corporate compliance matters for Gourmet Foods and prepared related regulatory, business, and corporate governance filings with the SECP, CCP and PSQCA.
- Advised Monteva Holdings Inc., Canada, in respect of the share acquisition of Japan Power Generation Company Limited, Lahore. The project entailed conducting legal due diligence and analysis, preparing a comprehensive due diligence report, drafting, negotiating and advising on the Memorandum of Understanding, the Offer to Purchase and the Non-Disclosure Agreement, and advising on key corporate, banking, foreign exchange and competition laws.
- Advised and drafted a Memorandum of Understanding and Fuel Purchase Agreement to be executed between Nishat Power Limited and Bakri Trading Company Private Limited.
- Prepared and reviewed finance and security documents: Limited Partnership Agreements, Loan Agreements and Syndicate Finance Agreements for MCB Bank Ltd. and The Bank of Punjab.
- Drafting legal notices and replies in matters related to employment/labor/unions, recovery suits, consumer laws and disputes relating to contracts.

Legal Associate

Aug 2012-May 2013

*Irfan & Iran*

Part of a team of lawyers drafting intellectual property (IP) based litigation. Main responsibilities included:

- Supervising trademark and copyright licensing and assignment and advising on legal issues such as passing off etc. arising in infringement and enforcement litigation;
- Drafting intricate suits for infringement of trademarks, copyrights and patents;

- Drafting legal notices and opinions for MNCs like BPP Holdings Ltd, Marks & Spencer, McDonalds, Pfizer, Novartis, Cartier International, Inditex, The Cartoon Network, Mattel Inc., Adidas and local corporate entities like Sefam, Services Group, MCB and Samsol;
- Drafting arbitration agreements and clauses and advising clients on the recognition and enforceability of arbitration clauses.

Law Clerk  
*Justice Mansoor Ali Shah* May 2012-Aug 2012

Research Assistant  
*Dr. Ali Qazilbash* Jan 2011-Dec 2011

Teaching Assistant June 2010-June 2011

#### Education

*At Lums*  
LL.M  
*University of the Punjab* Jan 2015-Jan 2017

BA-LL.B  
LUMS June 2005-June2010

#### Publications

“*Arms and the Man: The Political Homicide*”, an article published in the Pakistan Law Journal (PLJ Mag. 76);

“*The Jadhav Case*”, an article published in the Express Tribune published on 22.12.2017 (<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1589808/6-the-jadhav-case/>).