



Nishtar & Zafar

ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS

Our Team

PARTNERS



Aziz Nishtar

LLM (Harvard), ITP (Harvard), LLB, MPA (QAU)

Aziz is a Harvard Law School graduate and is a former Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, which he held for almost 12 years. At Harvard Law School, in addition to his Master of Laws (LLM), Aziz completed a postgraduate certificate program in international taxation and participated in three extensive workshops on tax law formulation, international transfer pricing, and financial derivatives.

Recognizing his skill, experience and interest in public service, the government has appointed him on Boards of Privatization Commission and Board of Investment.

In addition to his civil service experience, Aziz has rich exposure of working with different companies in Pakistan and abroad including Tax Analysts, a Virginia, USA based tax law publishing company; Engro Chemical Pakistan Limited (formerly Exxon Pakistan); Pakistan International Airlines; Zarai Taraqiati Bank, and a brief stint at the World Bank in Washington, DC.

Aziz has advised numerous international and national clients on taxation, financial and corporate matters and has represented in mediation or litigation of controversies. His experience with Civil Service has exposed him to larger national and multinational corporations, whom he continues to serve as a law practitioner and advisor.

Aziz has advised governments and institutions on legislative process and drafting on various issues especially business, investment and international law. Currently he is working as Senior Legislative Drafting Expert with British Council to assist the National Assembly Secretariat in developing its legislative drafting capacity.

Aziz is a regular contributor and correspondent to the weekly Tax Notes International, and Worldwide tax Daily, USA based publications of global acclaim. He has extensively written on the legal issues for the prestigious international professional journals.

Aziz is also a professionally trained mediator accredited internationally by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, UK. He is part of an IFC-managed small core group of mediators to pilot modern commercial mediations in Pakistan.

His areas of interest in practice, writing, and teaching include public policy research and advisory, fiscal laws, international taxation, contracts, and corporate matters.

Atir Aqeel Ansari

LLM (LONDON), LLB (IUB), B.COM



Atir Ansari has done his LLM in Commercial & Corporate Law from Queen Mary College, University of London and his LLB from Islamia University, Bahawalpur. Admitted to practice in high courts of Pakistan his main areas of interest are corporate and commercial laws, legal research and interpretation of statutes. He has a strong interest in economic laws including the corporate governance, fair trade practices, competition, and contract obligations and breach.

He has an uncanny knack of understanding transactions and translating them into legal documents such as agreements and, operational manuals. He has worked on several complex commercial transactions. He knows the art of making a complex transaction doable and advises well on how to achieve a commercial purpose while completely abiding by law.

With strong research and language skills his ability to frame clear legal opinion on delicate and complex legal issues is appreciated well. He has an ability to deal with any legal issue appropriately and he reflects well with clear and solution oriented approach on diverse complexities.

He has a very strong command over taxation, company and contract laws in addition to general civil and administrative laws and has successfully represented the clients in a number of cases before the administrative authorities and the high courts.

Atir is based at Karachi.



Shafqat Rasool

LLM, LLB, BA

Shafqat has practiced at Bahawalpur and has a respectable standing over 5 years. He works on corporate and civil matters both at the regulator level as well as the litigation stage. In his earlier work he has handled both civil and criminal matters both at lower judiciary level as well as High Courts which gives him insight into the possible civil and criminal law problems in business transactions.

SENIOR ASSOCIATES

Hassan Mehmood

LLB (UK), LLM (UK)

Hassan is an experienced business lawyer with his previous legal experience in the UK handling domestic and international contentious and non-contentious commercial matters. He completed his LLM in commercial and economic laws from the University of Manchester in October 2014 and did his LLB from UK as well. Before embarking on his masters he worked with a couple prestigious law firms in UK for over 5 years.

Muhammad Bilal

LLB (IU), LLM(TOULOUSE)

Bilal handles matters of civil litigation at high court and district court level. He holds an LLM degree from USC, Toulouse and an LLB from International Islamic University, Islamabad. Bilal has a strong litigation background acquired under the able mentorship of Mr Aziz A. Munshi, the former Attorney General of Pakistan. Bilal has studied the EU Competition Law as one of his special interest areas.

Ajmal Khan

LLB (KARACHI)

Ajmal Khan is an experienced lawyer in lower court litigation and assists the senior lawyers in prosecuting cases at the high court level. He handles civil, tax and business law matters in Karachi office.

Muhammad Nadeem Zafar

LLB (BZU), BA (BZU)

Nadeem did his LLB from Bahauddin Zakrya University, Multan in 2006 and started practicing law immediately after completing his law education. He was admitted to practice in High Courts of Pakistan in 2009. He has been mainly a litigator and his main area of practice has been criminal law in which he represented the clients in over 100 cases. Lately he has started working on commercial and business laws especially with a view to help clients ensure compliance to the statutory framework on one hand and to defend them before the regulatory and judicial authorities. He is based at Islamabad

ASSOCIATES

Muhammad Nazim

LLM, LLB, BA

Nazim is a law postgraduate from S. M. Law College, Karachi and is very well versed litigation of civil matters at lower judiciary and high court level. He regularly appears before the Sindh High Court in cases on behalf of the firm.

Ejaz Ahmad

Ejaz is a recent hire at Islamabad. He holds an LLM from the Netherlands and has a very strong interest in tax and business law. He has worked as in-house counsel at Worldcall (Pvt) Limited where he acquired valuable experience in dealing with tax, company law, and contract law matters.

Sohail Riaz

LLB (LONDON)

Sohail is a budding civil and commercial law lawyer and practices in Islamabad at the lower judiciary level currently. He has a keen interest in consumer laws and regularly appears in courts of laws representing clients and also advising them on this.

Majid Khan

LLB (KARACHI)

Majid is an experienced tax and compliance specialist at our Karachi office and handles matters beyond Karachi office. He is with the firm for the last 6 years during which he has grown from a part time resource (being a college student) to a very dependable key compliance resource of great value.

Farhan Masood Khan

LLB, (PUNJAB), BA

Farhan has practiced in criminal matters at Chakwal and joined our Islamabad office as litigation associate. He deals with matters relating to criminal and civil litigation. Recently he has started working in taxation and commercial laws as well. Furthermore he intends to specialize in commercial & taxation law.

Behwal Rasul

LLB (LONDON)

Behwal is a recent law graduate of the London University with high achiever's grades and accolades. He is admitted to practice by the Punjab Bar Council. He is a junior associate in our corporate and commercial practice and is currently based at Lahore.

NON-LAWYER EXPERT SPECIALISTS

Ibrahim Farooqi

MSC (QAU)

Ibrahim Farooqi is a former senior officer of Pakistan's Inland Revenue Service, which he joined in 1979 after successfully competing in central superior services examination.

Ibrahim served in various parts of Pakistan implementing tax laws and assessing taxable incomes and taxes of a wide variety of taxpayer including big corporations, and other non-incorporated businesses of various sizes. He also authored a number of booklets and guides for the information of taxpayer and tax authorities. His keen interest and fine understanding of the taxation system afforded him an opportunity to teach various level tax officers on withholding taxes at the Directorate of Training, Federal Board of Revenue, Lahore and Rawalpindi.

Due to his keen interest in the judicial application of the tax laws and taxpayers' effective grievance redressal he has worked for 5 years as Secretary, Judicial Member Wing in the CBR, predecessor of the FBR.

After putting in more than twenty years of service he left the government and opted to join the profession of taxation and management consultant. Working as Senior Counsel he advises our clients on long spectrum of income tax compliance issues.