

Ms. Laila Asmat
(Associate – Legal Wing)

Advocate High Court
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Ms. Laila Asmat is the Associate at Capital Consultants. Her main responsibilities include:

- Attending High Court, Civil Court and the Banking Courts.
- Provides legal consultancy to clients in matters ranging from issues pertaining to both substantive and procedural laws of Pakistan.
- Independently deals with clients on issues pertaining to Family Matters, Corporate, Constitutional and Banking laws.
- Works on all tiers of advisory work ranging from legal research, legal opinion and analysis to legal drafting and conveyancing.
- Pleading litigation cases at the District courts, the High Courts, and Banking Courts etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION

- ***PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION AND SAVING OF A CHRISTIAN GRAVEYARD:***
Challenged and stopped the shifting of Christian Graveyard from Garden Town Lahore to another locality for road widening purposes. The challenge was based on the action being discriminatory and violating the rights of minorities. As a result, Lahore Development Authority recalled its notification for shifting of graveyard.
- ***CHALLENGED IMPOSITION OF TAX THROUGH DELEGATED LEGISLATION:***
Challenged vires of Parks & Horticulture Authority Regulations by which tax was imposed on display of sign boards. The challenge was based on the tax being imposed in violation of the Constitution as only the legislature could impose tax on the subjects and no tax could be imposed through delegated legislation.

CORPORATE LITIGATION

- Filed the petition against Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan for imposition of costs of Insurance Ombudsman's office on the Insurance Companies through delegated legislation being ultra vires the Constitution and parent Act.

Conferences/Short Courses

- Advance level Certificate in Islamic Jurisprudence at IISU, Islamabad in 2008
- Attended Judicial Conference in 2011
- Attended Intellectual Property Rights Seminar in 2011
- Attended Curbing Human Trafficking Through Law Seminar in 2013
- Attended Course of UNDP Master Trainer of Election Commissioning in 2013

Skills

- Excellent interpersonal, collaborative and problem-solving skills
- Strong written, communication and public speaking skills
- Proficiency in specific legal and writing techniques
- Thorough understanding of legal terminologies and interpretations
- At ease interfacing with senior level management, colleagues, and clients
- A versatile legal expert with vast legal and commercial knowledge base and varied experience in different areas of law.
- Special expertise in drafting legal documents including all kinds of commercial contracts, deeds, petitions and legal opinions.
- A considerable experience in litigation in matters related to Civil and Family laws.

Enrolments and Affiliations

- Member Punjab Bar Council
- Member of District Bar, Islamabad
- Member of High Court Bar, Islamabad
- Member of Human Rights Commission Law Reforms Committee, Islamabad High Court Bar Association
- Member of Agha Khan Social Welfare Board
- Member of Agha Khan Economic Planning Board
- Member Islamabad Women Volunteer Association

- Secretary Regional Education Centre