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EDUCATION

American University Washington College of Law **August 2025 – June 2026**
Fulbright Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship in Law and Human Rights *Washington, D.C.*

- **GPA:** 4.0 / 4.0
- **Research Paper:** "Mainstreaming Gender in Climate Governance: A Critical Legal Analysis of Pakistan's NDC 3.0 through the Lens of CEDAW's General Recommendation No. 37" (Course: Gender & Climate Change).
- **Activities:** Adjudicated the Semi-Final and Final round of the Marshall Brennan Moot Court Competition at American University Washington College of Law (Jan and February 2026).

International Islamic University **February 2016 – February 2018**
Master of Laws (LLM) in Corporate Law *Islamabad, Pakistan*

- **Honors:** First Position & Distinction (GPA: 3.95 / 4.0).
- **LLM Thesis:** Regulatory Capture of Environmental Protection Authorities: A Case Study of Pakistan — Examined Stigler's regulatory capture theory alongside judicial application of Public Trust Doctrine, Polluter Pays, Precautionary Principles, and international treaties (Stockholm Declaration 1972, Rio Declaration 1992, Paris Agreement 2015).

International Islamic University **September 2009 – June 2014**
Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Laws (B.A.-LLB Hons) *Islamabad, Pakistan*

- **Honors:** Second Position & Distinction in LLB Hons (GPA: 3.90 / 4.0); Second Position & Distinction in B.A. (General).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Federal Criminal Prosecution Service, Ministry of Interior & Narcotics Control **June 2024 – Present**
Deputy District Public Prosecutor (BS-18) *Islamabad, Pakistan*

- Representing the State in high-stakes appellate litigation before the Islamabad High Court, appearing in ~1,100 Single Bench hearings (arguing 3–5 bail/revision petitions daily) and ~675 Division Bench hearings (arguing 3 high-profile cases daily across Murder References, Anti-Terrorism, Anti-Rape, and Anti-Narcotics).

Prosecution Department, Chief Commissioner Office, Ministry of Interior **April 2021 – May 2024**
Deputy District Public Prosecutor (BS-18) *Islamabad, Pakistan*

- Represented the State before District & Sessions Courts and Magisterial Courts across ~881 court days, arguing 2,643+ applications and examining ~2,500 prosecution witnesses.
- Served as Special Public Prosecutor under the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021, in the dedicated Special Court (Anti-Rape), managing sensitive sexual offense cases through expedited procedures.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of Punjab **September 2020 – April 2021**
Deputy Director (Legislation) *Lahore, Pakistan*

- Furnished ~150 Drafts for Final Approval (DFAs) and legislative memoranda involving the drafting, vetting, and amending of Bills, Acts, Ordinances, and statutory rules.
- Drafted and vetted key provincial legislation including the kThal University Bhakkar Act 2020, Punjab Human Tissues Act 2020, and Punjab Forest and Eco-tourism Authority Act 2020.

Vellani & Vellani Advocates (Amalgamated with Amhurst Brown) **June 2019 – September 2020**
Associate *Islamabad, Pakistan*

- Advised corporate clients and financing consortia on project finance, corporate governance, and regulatory compliance for major renewable energy infrastructure projects.
- Key engagements: Advised Zhenfa Pakistan New Energy Co. on a 100 MW Solar Power Project (Layyah); Master Green Energy Ltd. on a 50 MW Wind Power Project (Jamshoro); and a lender syndicate led by CDC Group plc on a 50 MW Wind Power Project by Indus Wind Energy Ltd. (Jhimpir).

Kundi & Misbah: Lawyers & Corporate Consultants **February 2016 – May 2019**
Associate *Islamabad, Pakistan*

- Drafted pleadings, contracts, plaints, petitions, and appeals before Civil Courts, High Courts, and the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Hassan, Qureshi & Mamdot: Advocates & Legal Consultants **October 2014 – January 2016**
Associate *Islamabad, Pakistan*

- Represented clients before District Courts, Civil Courts, Banking Courts, and Administrative Tribunals in Environmental, Labor, Family, and Energy Law cases.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

World Bank Group — Legal Vice Presidency (LEGLA) **May 2026 – August 2026**
Short-Term Consultant / Professional Affiliation (PA) *Washington, D.C.*

- Served in the Legal Advisory Services and Knowledge Unit within the Legal Vice Presidency (LEGLA), contributing legal research and policy analysis to the World Bank Group's 'Empowering Women by Balancing the Law' initiative.
- Authored a comprehensive knowledge brief evaluating gender-transformative climate legal frameworks and international legal commitments across developing economies.

Global Toxics & Human Rights Project — American University Washinton College of Law **October 2025 – June 2026**

Research Assistant to UN Special Rapporteur/ Professional Affiliation (PA) *Washington, D.C.*

- Served as Research Assistant to Prof. Marcos Orellana, UN Special Rapporteur on Toxics and Human Rights; contributed research for the thematic report 'Forever chemicals and human rights' (A/HRC/53/27) submitted to the UN Human Rights Council. (Available at https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/thematic-reports/ahrc6327-forever-chemicals-and-human-rights-report-special-rapporteur)

Council for Court Excellence (CCE), **Washington, D.C.** ***February 2026 - March 2026***

Professional Affiliation (PA)

Authored a 6,143-word research report titled "Peer Support Specialists in Reentry Courts: Best State Practices and Lessons for Washington D.C." evaluating state best practices and judicial integration model strategies for criminal justice reform in D.C.

Transnational Legal Research Collaborations **2024 – 2025**

Research Collaborator *London, UK / Saudi Arabia*

- Assisted Dr. Zubair Abbasi (Royal Holloway University of London) with translating the newly promulgated Personal Status Law 2022 of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Assisted Dr. Beata Polok (Al-Hekmah University) on a project regarding Saudi Personal Status Law, researching child custody judgments in favor of mothers in transnational marriages and translating Arabic judgments into English.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

- **AMA's Comprehensive Project Management Workshop (May 4–8, 2026):** Completed 5-day intensive group-live training in Arlington, Virginia, the United States; awarded 35 Professional Development Units (PDUs) / 3 CEUs / 30 CLPs by American Management Association (PMI Provider # 1294, PDU# 1294OCLGDN).
- **Driving the Future: A Humphrey Workshop on Emerging Technologies, Innovation, and Community Impact (March 3-6, 2026):** Completed 4-day intensive workshop in TechTown, Detroit, MSU Apple Developer Academy, and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- **Yale / NUS Conference (June 2018):** Presented 'The Application of the Public Trust Doctrine in Pakistani Superior Courts' at Climate Change Litigation Scholarship Workshop, jointly organized by Yale Law School and APCEL at NUS.
- **IUCNAEL 23rd Annual Colloquium of Environmental Law (December 2026)**: Paper titled "Mainstreaming Gender in Climate Governance: A Critical Legal Analysis of Pakistan's NDC 3.0 Through the Lens of CEDAW's General Recommendation No. 37" accepted for Oral - In Person presentation, hosted by the Institute of Marine and Environmental Law (IMEL) at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- **Governing Algorithms for Care (5-6 October 2026):** Abstract titled *"Regulatory Frameworks for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: A Comparative Analysis of the United States and the European Union for Governing Algorithms for Care"* accepted for a 15-minute oral presentation (University of Amsterdam).
- **George Mason Colloquium (2017):** Abstract accepted for book review presentation on 'The Politics of Islamic Law' by Iza R. Hussin, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.
- **UNICEF Conference (2017):** Presented 'Rights of Juvenile Offenders in Pakistan and Islamic Criminal Law' at UNICEF / Shariah Academy International Conference.
- **Advanced AML/CTF Training (DOJ ICITAP):** Completed two 5-day specialized courses on AML/CTF organized by U.S. Department of Justice ICITAP (Jan 2025 & July 2025).
- **Specialized Workshops:** Contract Drafting Workshop with Prof. Steven Shapiro (WCL, Sept 2025); National Sex Offenders Register Workshop (UPSCALE II, Feb 2025); Anti-Rape Crisis Cell Consultation (Legal Aid Society / UK Dev, June 2025); Professional Development for Prosecutors (Federal Judicial Academy, 2022).
- **Conference Delegations:** Humphrey Global Leadership Forum (DC, Oct 2025); 6th Development Impact Initiative Conference (World Bank, Nov 2025); 80th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Nov 2025).

BAR ADMISSIONS, MEMBERSHIPS & HONORS

- **Bar Admissions & Memberships:** American Bar Association (ID: 06354169, 2026–Present); High Court License, Punjab Bar Council (2017–Present); District Bar Association Rawalpindi, Punjab; Islamabad Bar Association.
- **Language Skills:** English (C2 - Proficient / Native); Arabic (C1); Urdu (Native); Punjabi (Native); Seraiki (C2).
- **Advocacy & Declamation Awards:** First Position / Best Speaker across 10+ National Declamation and Moot Court Competitions, including 4-time Winner of HEC All-Pakistan Inter-University Declamation Contests (2010–2014) and Best Speaker at NUST & Pakistan Law College Moots (2013).

PUBLICATIONS

- **Book Chapter:** Munir, M. W., & Ghouri, A. (2025). 'Environmental Justice in Pakistan: Bridging International Law and Domestic Implementation.' In A. Ghouri (Ed.), Pakistan and International Law: Dynamics of Identity and State Practice (1st ed., Chap. 8). Routledge Taylor & Francis Group.
- **Book Review:** Munir, M. W. (2023). Review of 'Rediscovery and Revival in Islamic Environmental Law: Back to The Future of Nature's Trust'. Manchester Journal of Transnational Islamic Law and Practice, Vol. 19, Issue 3.
- **Journal Article:** Munir, M. W. (2018). 'Putting Public Trust Doctrine to Work: A Study of Judicial Intervention in Environmental Justice.' LUMS Law Journal, Vol. 4, pp. 96–119.
- **Book Review:** Munir, M. W. (2019). Review of 'The Politics of Islamic Law: Local Elites, Colonial Authority, and the Making of the Modern State'. LUMS Law Journal, Vol. 6, pp. 186–192.

ANNEX: COMPLETED ONLINE COURSES & CERTIFICATIONS

World Bank Group (eLearning & Institutional Training)

- AI Fundamentals@WBG (eLearning)
- Climate Change and Development
- Climate Change and Health
- Inclusive Communication in the Workplace (LGBTQI+ focus)
- Fostering a Culture of Security and Accountability
- World Bank Access to Information Learning Program
- Ethical Conduct and Compliance: Delivering with Decency
- Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention in Disaster Response
- Adaptive Leadership Program (ALP) - Leadership
- What's Your Role? Preventing and Addressing Sexual Harassment at the World Bank Group
- Unconscious Bias: Gender
- Our Core Values and Code of Ethics
- Inclusive Communication in Performance Management
- FY26 Personal Data Privacy at the World Bank (IBRD/IDA)
- Adaptive Leadership Program (ALP) - Women's Inclusion
- Social Media Engagement

University of Cambridge

- Key Essentials: The Global Biodiversity Framework, Sustainable Development and the Law
- Key Essentials: The Sustainable Development Goals and the Law
- Key Essentials: The Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development and the Law

The United Nations Environmental Law and Conventions Portal (InforMEA)

- Introductory Course to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and Regional Instruments on Hazardous Wastes
- Introductory Course to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

LexisNexis Professional Legal Research Certifications

- Applied Legal Research for Transactional
- Applied Legal Research for Corporate/M&A
- Applied Legal Research for US Civil Procedure
- Applied Legal Research for Statutory Law
- Applied Legal Research for Secondary Sources
- Applied Legal Research for Litigation
- Applied Legal Research for LLM
- Applied Legal Research for Case Law
- Applied Legal Research for Artificial Intelligence
- Applied Legal Research for Rule of Law, Public Interest & Pro-Bono

American Bar Association (CLE Credits)

- Addressing Human Rights Crimes in U.S. Courts (Webinar - CLE Credit 1)
- The Whole Lawyer: A Mental Health Master Class (Webinar - CLE Credit 1)

LinkedIn Learning — AI, Productivity & Research Strategy

- Automate Your Workflows with Generative AI
- Custom GPTs for Creative Problem Solving
- Introduction to Gemini for Google Workspace
- Learn AI Agents in 15 Minutes
- Nano Tips to Use AI for Better Work-Life Balance with Ashley Herd
- Using AI in Research Projects