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Introduction

Messrs. Haq Nawaz Talpur & Associates (“HNT & Associates”) is one of Karachi’s leading full-service independent law firms, with substantial representation in wide areas of law.

Our firm has an innovative and flexible law practice, focusing on delivering quick and reliable legal advisory and representation services to our clients. We tailor our services to the specific requirements of the client and provide comprehensive, along with being to the point, advice that the clients may rely and base their decision upon. We offer our clients unmatched performance with a competitive pricing policy.

Our team, together with their experience, enables us to provide professional legal services of the highest quality, combining technical excellence with commercial awareness, to deliver a practical and constructive solution to the client. The firm includes advocates/lawyers certified by the respective Bar Councils across Pakistan.

At the same time, our firm remains strongly committed to maintaining the traditional values of integrity, independence and professionalism espoused by the said regulatory bodies.

The firm’s members have years of experience at the Bar and an intimacy with the workings of the law as is applied by the Honourable Courts across Pakistan. Thus, we pride ourselves in being able to provide high standard legal services combined to a wide range of clients which may include corporations, government and public authorities, government-linked companies, as well as private individuals.

The firm’s practice spans across a wide array of legal subjects and our lawyers closely cooperate with each other in all matters wherever a comprehensive approach is required or recommended. We provide a one-stop shop service for our clients that wish to retain our services on a long term basis; we deliver timely and cost-effective solutions with thorough emphasis on each and every minute detail there is. When possible, matters are also concluded without the need to seek recourse to the Courts or other dispute-resolution forums. However, when facing trials, the firm aggressively pursues/defends the rights and interests of the client in all forms.

The firm values the trust that clients place in us and works hard in providing effective representation to solve their legal problems. With a foundation built on longstanding relationships with our clients, the firm offers personalized service and accessibility, attention to detail, and consistent favorable outcomes. At our firm, the client always comes first!



Cooperation

We welcome the opportunity to work with our clients and provide legal services throughout Pakistan. In this respect, our legal services encompass the following:

- Advice on interpretations of various laws and regulations.
- Drafting, reviewing, vetting and negotiating agreements, contracts and other legal documents.
- Providing legal assistance and advice on due diligence regarding contentious and non-contentious matters.
- Handling all sorts of litigation matters before Tribunals, Courts or any other judicial forum(s).

Mission Statement and Vision

Our mission statement reflects what we basically consider as our motto and is based on the five core values, which are: **integrity, diligence, responsiveness, care and synergy**. We firmly believe that successfully achieving our mission is only possible if we live by our core values and reflect these in all interactions with our clients and the community at large.

We render professional, efficient, expeditious and personalized legal services to our clients whilst maintaining the highest standard of integrity and excellence.

- We are a dynamic law firm, engaged in big commitments and with high managerial capacities for the same.
- Our objective is to become a point of reference for clients, who require legal assistance, solutions for complex conflicts within a short period of time.
- In our work, we are guided by the spirit of understanding and close professional collaboration by giving our clients an atmosphere that offers reliability and security. The members of our law firm are used to working as a team, thus, making an intellectual investment in solving the issues and fulfilling the set objectives to be more qualitative.

- While providing consultancy and resolution of several issues we guarantee fulfillment of sustainable professional standards.
- We provide effective service, with a strategy tailored appropriately and according to the specific case at hand.



Our Values

- We give utmost attention to our clients' concerns in order to provide sustainable solutions to them.
- We deliver what we promise; often, we give more than that. We are reliable, swift and flexible – able to adapt as per the client's requirements. We add values in every activity we do and in every undertaken initiative.
- We guarantee complete confidentiality and we commit not to give any kind of confidential information without the prior consent of the client.
- We offer loyalty to our clients during all our activities and in any action undertaken by us; we act, considering the best interests of the represented client.
- We are efficient in finding solutions that suit our client's best interests.
- We are available to the clients for continuous meetings and consultancy, in response to their needs.
- We offer legal consultancy in several languages. Representation, protection or any other legal assistance is also offered in, for which our firm is well equipped and qualified to do.



Areas of Practice

Our services include a wide area of expertise. We are a full-service law firm and pride ourselves with specializations in a number of legal areas including but not limited to:

- Acquisitions, Mergers & Takeovers;
- Admiralty, Maritime and Shipping law;
- Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Resolution;
- Banking and Finance law;
- Building laws;
- Civil litigation;
- Criminal litigation;
- Constitutional and Administrative law;
- Customs law;
- Corporate and Commercial laws;
- Construction law;
- Conveyancing;
- Defamation law;
- Employment and Labor laws;
- Energy, Oil, and Gas laws;
- Estates and Trusts;

- Family law and matrimonial matters;
- Industrial law;
- Intellectual Property law: Copy rights, Trademarks and Patents;
- Land/Property/Real Estate laws;
- Media and Entertainment laws;
- Medical Malpractice and Negligence;
- Non-Profit Organization laws;
- Rent laws;
- Taxation law (Income Tax, Excise and Sales tax);
- Telecommunication law;
- Probate, Succession and Inheritance laws;
- Election law; and
- Delimitation and Local Government laws.



Our Code of Ethics

- At any given time, we act with dedication and vigilance whilst representing our clients.
- We tell our clients, beforehand, about any potential conflict of interest, prior to advising them.

- We inform our clients about the progress of our activities in any initiative or action taken by us in connection with their matters.
- We accept or allow the signing of any document, only in cases where, our client's requirements are specifically and easily understood.
- We ensure our clients, complete confidentiality regarding the information, plans, economic assets, signed contracts and any other information that may constitute confidential information or a trade secret.
- We objectively assess the legal problems of our clients, to find them an appropriate solution.



Responsibilities and Commitment to Clients

- We strive to maintain the highest standards of integrity, efficiency and responsiveness in all the work we turn in.
- We always endeavor to balance our professional judgment with economic considerations when determining what step should be taken.
- We work as diligently and zealously as possible while maintaining the quality of our work in order to minimize the time required to perform a given task.
- We earnestly endeavor to limit the costs associated with any legal work as much as possible.
- We explain to the client, the law and procedure that should be followed along with all the possible risk – legal or not – associated with them.
- We inform the clients as to how they can protect themselves, and can exploit the opportunities provided by the law, including any settlement offered by the other party.
- We treat all clients with respect and courtesy.
- We guarantee our clients prompt and detailed communication regarding specific issues and advise them on time in a professional and constructive manner.

- We act in the best interest of our clients, for the most suitable and conclusive solution of their problems and/or conflicts.
- Our relationships with the clients are guided by trust, honesty and integrity that we boast due to a strong commitment in standing up to the necessary and appropriate ethical standards.



Our Team

Haq Nawaz Talpur Senior Partner

Mr. Talpur is the firm's Senior Partner and Head of Chambers, having over a decade of experience in the legal profession. He read law at Hamdard University, Karachi, where-after, he joined one of the leading litigation chambers / firms in Pakistan, namely Rasheed Razvi & Associates (headed by Justice (Retd.) Rasheed A. Razvi) and gained extensive experience in civil and criminal litigation as well as corporate matters. He has extensive experience in both civil and criminal trials and is known for his jurisprudential approach towards all areas of law.

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Mr. Aziz has around nine years of experience in the legal profession. He – by and large – looks into matter falling within the jurisdiction of the Sessions' Court, Magistrates Court and other lower, judicial and quasi-judicial, forums of the country.

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Wasim ur Rehman Memon
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Mr. Memon is a senior lawyer and Partner of this firm. He regularly appears before the higher and subordinate courts of Pakistan and specialises in Land Revenue matters. He has represented, both, domestic and multi-national, companies and organizations before the revenue authorities such as the Aga Khan Hospital and College Foundation, Coca Cola, various financial institutions, and also regularly advises the National Foundation for Resources Development in their legal and revenue matters.

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Mr. Kharal did his LLB (Honors) from the University of London and has completed the Bar Professional Training Course from the University of the West of England, Bristol, and was thereafter called to the Bar of England and Wales from the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. He regularly appears before the higher and sub-ordinate Courts throughout Pakistan; has previously worked with one of the leading litigation chambers / firms in Pakistan, namely Rasheed Razvi & Associates (headed by Justice (Retd.) Rasheed A. Razvi), and possesses extensive experience in civil, criminal, and constitutional matters.

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Mr. Rahu did his LLB (Honors) from University of Kent, England. He has also previously been associated with one of the leading litigation chambers/firms in Pakistan, namely Rasheed Razvi & Associates (headed by Justice (Retd.) Rasheed A. Razvi), and has extensive experience in civil and criminal litigation as well as various types of corporate matters.

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Asad has previously worked with leading names in the profession; his legal expertise span over a range of subjects such as, inter-alia, banking and finance law, civil laws, criminal law, constitutional law, administrative law, family law, corporate law, commercial law, and taxation law.



The Legal 500, 2019 Edition, recommends Asad in the area of **Dispute Resolution**, wherein he is listed as an “*experienced, knowledgeable and hardworking lawyer*”.

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Mr. Inayat Malkani did his LLB (Honors) from Queen Mary, University of London, he further acquired an LLM in Commercial Law thereafter completed the Bar Professional Training course from BPP University, London, and was called to the Bar of England and Wales from the Honorable Society of Lincoln’s Inn. He appears regularly in higher and subordinate courts of Pakistan. He has previously worked in chambers of Mushtaq A Memon & Associates under the supervision of Justice (R) Mushtaq A Memon and has keen interest in civil and constitutional matters.

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Fee Structure

The following is the methodology for calculation of our professional fee for both litigious and transactional (non-litigious) work:

- (i) Litigation is charged on a case-to-case basis. Typically, the entire fee for the case along with estimated expenses is paid up front. The flat fee (excluding court expenses) covers the entire handling of a case from filing to its final disposal, irrespective of the time involved or the number of court hearings required for the conclusion of that particular case. Appeals or other legal proceedings, e.g. arbitration and mediation proceedings, arising from a case are treated as separate cases.

The actual fee charged varies accordingly. The factors considered whilst calculating the fee to be charged in any case include the complexity of the legal and factual issues involved therein and the time and efforts required to be put in by the lawyers of the firm.

- ii) Transactional (non-litigious) work is charged on a flat-fee basis. The factors considered whilst calculating the fee include the legal and factual complexities involved and the hours consumed in fulfilling the requisite task(s).

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