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*“Reason is the life of the law; nay, the common law itself is nothing else but reason.”
- Edward Coke*

OVERVIEW

Common Law Chambers (CLC) is a full-service law firm based in Lahore, Pakistan, dedicated to delivering a comprehensive suite of legal and policy services. The firm's name draws inspiration from the rich tradition of common law, which evolves through precedent and serves as the foundation for numerous legal systems worldwide. At CLC, we embrace this tradition by ensuring our practice remains adaptable and forward-thinking, committed to securing the most just outcomes for our clients.

Our team of attorneys brings expertise across a broad spectrum of practice areas, enabling the firm to distinguish itself as a versatile partner in addressing complex legal challenges. With lawyers boasting both domestic and international legal experience we have successfully advised clients in Pakistan, China, the United Kingdom, USA, UAE, Singapore, Qatar, KSA, and Turkey.

In Pakistan, our litigation team has successfully represented clients in major constitutional, commercial, civil, banking, and criminal disputes before all levels of Pakistan's court hierarchy. On the advisory side, our team has played a pivotal role in drafting statutes, administrative rules, and regulations. Our partners have served as advisors to members of Pakistan's Federal and Provincial Government and political leaders. Our attorneys also counsel major corporations on commercial transactions, including public-private partnerships, property due diligence, establishing corporate entities, and drafting complex agreements. This experience has earned recognition from numerous multinational corporations and public sector institutions.



OUR PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial
Litigation

Banking
Disputes

Antitrust &
Competition

Civil
Litigation

Corporate
Transactions

Real-Estate
Transactions

Arbitration
Disputes

Taxation
Disputes

Telecom
& Media

White -
Collar Crime

Constitutional
Law

Regulatory
Advice



S. Ali Raza Shah

Partner | Advocate High Court

Draper Hills Fellow (Stanford) | LL.M. (National University of Singapore)

Regulatory Advice | Legal Compliance | Corporate Advisory |
Legislative Drafting | Law Reforms
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Ali heads CLC's legal advisory practice and has over 15 years of experience in advising domestic and international clients on a broad range of matters including regulatory compliance, human rights, corporate governance, and legislative frameworks in Pakistan. He is considered an expert in advising on matters pertaining to legislative drafting, having advised both government and private clients on key legislative initiatives. Some of his notable accomplishments in this field include finalising legislation regarding the conservation of heritage sites, youth and sports development, wildlife conservation, and accountability laws.

Ali has previously served as a legislative fellow in the U.S. Department of State, as a member and legal advisor for the Public Affairs Unit under the Chief Minister of Punjab, and legal consultant of the Punjab Solicitor's Department. He is also serving as an Independent Director on the Boards of a public sector company and a prominent listed company.

Along with his legal practice, Ali is a visiting faculty member at Pakistan College of Law where he teaches corporate governance, and has been involved with the training of judges at the Punjab Judicial Academy.



KEY REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

- ✓ Drafted legal feasibility reports for a prominent Turkish corporation;
- ✓ Conducted a legal due diligence report for the establishment of a Software Technology Park in Pakistan;
- ✓ Prepared a regulatory mapping report on the energy sector in Pakistan to revamp a major electric supply company;
- ✓ Advised a major Swedish company on the development of occupational health and safety and environmental compliance in Pakistan;
- ✓ Finalised legislation on wildlife conservation in Pakistan;
- ✓ Comprehensively advised a major corporation based in the Netherlands on Pakistan's labour law regime;
- ✓ Drafted the legislative framework for the local government landscape in Pakistan for United States Institute for Peace;
- ✓ Supported an IPP in raising a dispute over a sovereign guarantee;
- ✓ Served as the national legal consultant for the International Labour Organization.



Hassan A. Niazi

Partner | Advocate High Court

LL.B. (Hons) (London) | LL.M. (NYU) (Hauser Global Scholar)

Constitutional Litigation | Regulatory Disputes |
Commercial Litigation | Internet and Technology Law |
Antitrust & Competition
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Hassan has more than a decade of diverse legal experience in litigation and legal advice. He is the firm's expert on constitutional, regulatory, internet, and technology law. Hassan has represented clients in major disputes before the High Courts and has assisted senior advocates before the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He was part of the legal team that successfully defended the constitutionality of the Competition Act, 2010 and the Punjab Revenue Authority before the Lahore High Court. He has also advised domestic and international clients on Pakistan's antitrust regulation, successfully appearing in matters relating to deceptive marketing and price fixing. On the advisory side, he has advised a number of clients on successful Phase 1 merger clearance applications before the CCP.



From 2020-2025, Hassan served as the lead regulatory counsel for the South and Central Asia (SCA) region for Meta Platforms Inc. (formerly Facebook) and was based in Singapore. As Meta's in-house counsel, he advised the company on growing its business in the SCA region while mitigating legal risk. He represented Meta before the highest levels of government and routinely counselled on complex freedom of expression and data protection issues.

Along with his legal practice, Hassan is passionate about legal academia and has been part of the visiting faculty at the Lahore University of Management Sciences. His views on the law are often published in Pakistan's leading newspapers such as DAWN and The News International.

KEY REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

- ✓ Part of the legal team that successfully defended the constitutionality of major federal and provincial legislation.
- ✓ Represented Meta Platforms Inc. before regulators in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Uzbekistan.
- ✓ Successfully represented major corporations in disputes before the Competition Commission of Pakistan.
- ✓ Successfully argued a complex commercial dispute on behalf of one of the largest telecom companies in Pakistan.
- ✓ Advised and closed a major acquisition of an investment bank and a brokerage house.
- ✓ Advised a major transportation company in international arbitration proceedings on the laws of Pakistan.



Wajahat Ali

Partner | Advocate High Court

LL.B. (Hons) (Punjab) | B.A. (GCU)

Civil Litigation | Banking Disputes | Commercial Litigation |
Tax Disputes | White Collar Crime

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Wajahat is the firm's head of litigation with more than a decade of experience. He is considered an expert in civil litigation having successfully represented clients in a range of contentious matters across Pakistan's court hierarchy. Along with his civil practice, Wajahat has built extensive experience representing clients in commercial, banking, constitutional, taxation, petroleum, and telecommunication disputes. He regularly appears before the Lahore High Court on behalf of major corporations, government regulators, and private individuals in a wide range of complex matters.



His experience also includes advising and representing clients in major white-collar crime disputes, where he has successfully argued trials before the National Accountability Bureau.

Wajahat has previously worked at some of the biggest law firms in Pakistan where he was instrumental in managing their litigation portfolio. This includes Mohsin Tayebaly and Co, RIAA Barker Gillette, and Axis Law Chambers.

KEY REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

- ✓ Successfully argued and concluded over 60 complex disputes before various forums across Pakistan in 2024.
- ✓ Successfully represented a prominent multinational petroleum company in a major tax dispute before the High Court.
- ✓ Successfully represented multiple prominent politically exposed persons in white-collar crime trials across Pakistan.
- ✓ Part of the legal team that successfully defended the constitutionality of the Punjab Revenue Authority.
- ✓ Represented domestic and foreign clients in disputes concerning the application of foreign arbitration agreements in Pakistan.
- ✓ Currently representing major political figures before multiple Election Tribunals.
- ✓ Has concluded numerous civil trials, having represented clients at all stages of civil trials on complex questions of law.
- ✓ Currently representing a major corporation in an antitrust dispute before the Competition Commission of Pakistan.
- ✓ Successfully represented a major trust in tax proceedings in the Lahore High Court.



Malik Nousherwan Awan

Partner | Advocate High Court

LL.B. (Punjab) | Diploma (Intellectual Property Laws)

Corporate & Commercial Transactions | Real Estate |
Banking Transactions | Mergers & Acquisitions
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Nousherwan heads the firm's corporate and commercial transactions practice. With over 17 years of experience in advising on corporate and commercial transactions he has advised clients on a broad range of issues ranging from project finance, real estate, corporate compliance, intellectual property, land acquisition, and the drafting of complex commercial agreements. With a strong portfolio of clients consisting of multinational corporations, financial institutions, startups, and foreign companies, Nousherwan has distinguished himself as an experienced professional that clients' can rely on for all their corporate legal queries.



Nousherwan has also advised clients on a wide range of regulatory issues, including before OGRA, PEMRA, NEPRA, PRA, FBR, LDA and the SECP. On the real estate side he has advised on some of the biggest real estate transactions in Punjab. Mr. Malik is a registered intermediary with the SECP and is therefore authorized to make filings on behalf of corporations. He serves as a panel legal advisor for multiple financial institutions and has led CLC's corporate advisory services in this regard.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

- ✓ Advised major financial institutions on corporate, commercial, and consumer financing. Successfully closing approximately more than a 1000 financing deals.
- ✓ Conducted successful due diligence and completion of acquisitions for multiple financial institutions and corporations across the country.
- ✓ Advised a financial institution on a major PKR 3 billion mortgage financing transaction.
- ✓ Successfully advised a major corporation on merger clearance before the Competition Commission of Pakistan.
- ✓ Has advised leading CSOs/NGOs on all aspects of registration and compliance.
- ✓ Successfully advised on major restructuring of multiple corporate entities across Pakistan, including a major textile client.
- ✓ Over 15 years of experience providing high quality advice on property acquisition, transfer, ownership, and due diligence for both buyers and sellers.
- ✓ Successfully concluded a major settlement involving multiple families, corporations and high net worth individuals.
- ✓ Advised numerous foreign corporations on establishing their business in Pakistan.
- ✓ Routinely advises startups on establishing and running all aspects of their business.



Salman Ali Mohsin

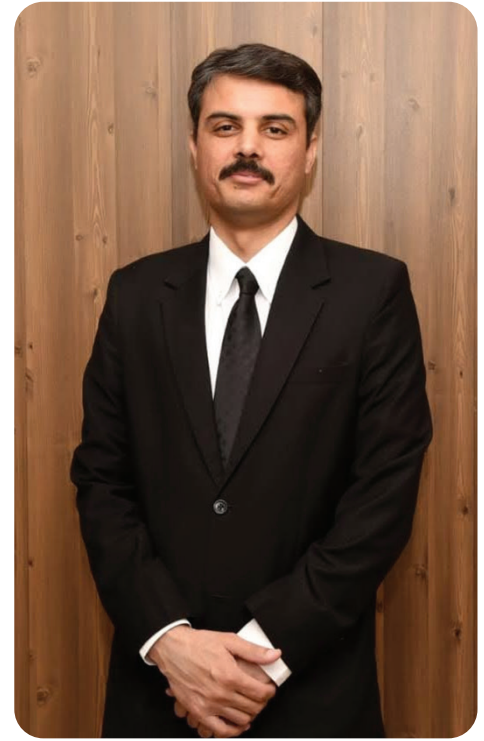
Senior Associate | Advocate High Court

LL.B. (Hons) (Punjab)

Civil Litigation | Intellectual Property |
 Commercial Litigation | Labour Disputes

Salman has over 10 years of experience in general corporate, civil, intellectual property, consumer protection and insurance. Salman is an expert in intellectual property matters having represented a broad range of clients in complex disputes across Pakistan. His clients includes telecom operators, charitable organizations, multinational companies, startups, fashion houses, and the entertainment industry.

He has successfully handled, independently, multiple disputes before the Intellectual Property Tribunal, including disputes concerning copyright, trademarks, patents and designs. In the field of labour law, he has advised on aspects such as social security, workers welfare, and employees old-age benefits.



REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Integrity | Experience | Diligence

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 HASCOL PETROLEUM LTD.

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SPORTS BOARD PUNJAB

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 سلامتی... ہمیشہ کے لیے

CHINIOT POWER

SHARIF GROUP

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 MCB Islamic Bank Ltd.

DOHA BANK
 بنك الدوحة

ZTE

OLYMPIA
 Chemicals Ltd.

faysalbank

THE BANK OF PUNJAB

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Contact us today to discuss how we can assist you with your legal needs.

We look forward to working with you.

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