

# 2026 FIRM PROFILE

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

## About The Firm

**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.

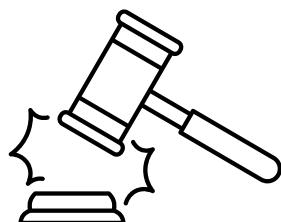
Our team of attorneys brings expertise across a broad spectrum of practice areas, enabling the firm to distinguish itself as a versatile partner in addressing complex legal challenges. With lawyers boasting both domestic and international legal experience we have successfully advised clients in Pakistan, 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, labour, and criminal disputes before all levels of Pakistan's court hierarchy. Our partners have represented major regulatory authorities such as the SECP, CCP, OGRA, and the PRA. On the advisory side, our team has played a pivotal role in drafting statutes, administrative rules, and regulations. Team members 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.



*"The life of the law has not been logic: it has been experience. The felt necessities of the time, the prevalent moral and political theories, intuitions of public policy, avowed or unconscious, even the prejudices which judges share with their fellow-men, have had a good deal more to do than the syllogism in determining the rules by which men should be governed."* - Oliver Wendell Holmes

## A Snapshot of Our Work in 2025



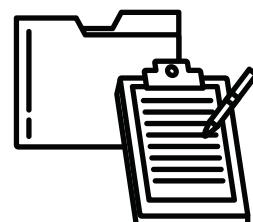
Our litigation team disposed off **more than 45 cases**, achieving major wins before election tribunals, the High Court, and the civil courts

We advised one of the **biggest gaming companies in the world** on regulatory compliance in Pakistan

Our transactional team, led by Malik Nousherwan, **closed over 40 financial transactions valued at over 1 billion PKR** for Pakistan's various banks



CLC is proud to have facilitated the **incorporation of one of the first not for profit organizations for autistic children**

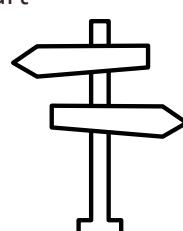


Our firm's partner, Hassan Abdullah Niazi, **represented a Bar Association in a major constitutional challenge to amendments to the Legal Practitioners Act** before the High Court

We advised one of **Pakistan's oldest sugar mills** on regulatory compliance with Pakistan's labour and tax laws.



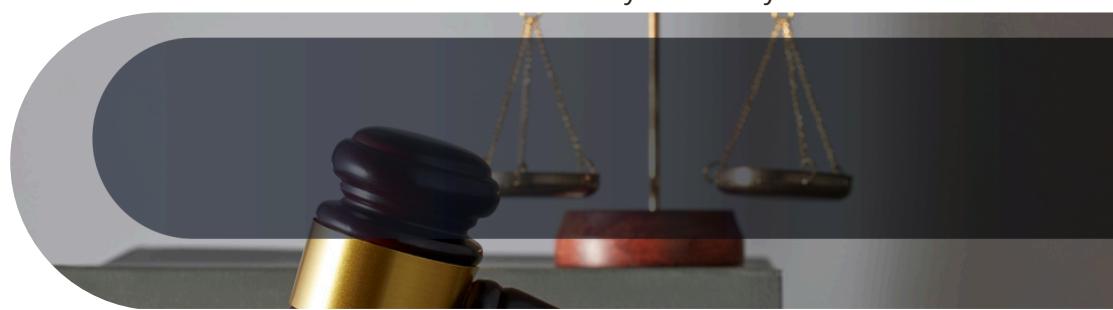
CLC successfully resolved a **longstanding dispute between a major real-estate company and the EOBI**



We **successfully facilitated the branch closure and exit of a Chinese steel company** from Pakistan



CLC authored **the exclusive Pakistan chapter for Lexology** on 'Competition in Digital Markets' & 'Data Protection, Privacy, and Cybersecurity.'



## OUR PRACTICE AREAS

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Competition

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Transactions

Real-Estate  
Transactions

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Privacy, and the  
Internet

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Disputes

Telecom, Media  
& Intellectual  
Property

Labour &  
Employment

Constitutional  
Law

Regulatory  
Advice



# S. Ali Raza Shah

**Partner | Advocate High Court**

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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 corporations;
- Successfully closed a major dispute between one of the largest real-estate companies in Pakistan and the EOBI;
- 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 Swedish company on the development of occupational health, 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 the United States Institute of Peace;
- Supported an IPP in raising a dispute over a sovereign guarantee;
- Served as the national legal consultant for the International Labour Organisation

# Hassan A. Niazi

**Partner | Advocate High Court**

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

Constitutional Litigation | Regulatory Disputes | Commercial Litigation | Technology Law | Antitrust & Competition

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Hassan has more than 12 years 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 before the High Courts;
- Successfully represented major corporations before regulators such as the Competition Commission of Pakistan, the Punjab Revenue Authority, and the SECP;
- Successfully argued a major telecommunications dispute on behalf of one of the largest telecom companies in Pakistan;
- Represented Meta Platforms Inc. before regulators in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan;
- 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;
- Advised one of oldest sugar mills in Pakistan on compliance with Pakistan's labour law regime;
- Currently a lead panel lawyer for a State Owned Enterprise in Pakistan;
- Authored the exclusive Pakistan chapter for Lexology on 'Competition in Digital Markets' and 'Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity';

# Wajahat Ali

Partner | Advocate High Court

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

Civil Litigation | Banking Disputes | Commercial Litigation | Tax Disputes | White Collar Crime | Labour & Employment

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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, labour, petroleum, and telecommunications disputes. He regularly appears before the Lahore High Court on behalf of major corporations, government regulators, and private individuals in a wide range of matters.

Wajahat's 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 ranging from complex trials and appellate work. This includes Mohsin Tayebaly & Co, RIAA Barker Gillette, and Axis Law Chambers



## KEY REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

- Successfully argued and concluded over 45 complex disputes before various courts across Pakistan in 2025.
- Successfully represented a prominent multinational petroleum company in a major tax dispute before the High Court.
- Successfully represented multiple politically exposed persons in white-collar crime trials across Pakistan.
- Represented domestic and foreign clients in disputes concerning the application of foreign arbitration agreements in Pakistan.
- Currently representing major political figures before Election Tribunals in Punjab.
- Has concluded numerous civil trials, having represented clients at all stages of civil litigation on complex questions of law.
- Successfully represented a major trust in tax proceedings in the Lahore High Court.
- Successfully represented a major national corporation in a labour law dispute before the High Court.

# Malik Nousherwan Awan

**Partner | Advocate High Court**

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

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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.

## KEY REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

- Advised major financial institutions on corporate, commercial, and consumer financing. Successfully closing approximately more than 1000 financing deals.
- Conducted 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 a 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.
- Conducted a major settlement involving multiple families, corporations, and high net worth individuals.
- Advised numerous foreign corporation 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 the firm's expert in intellectual property matters, having represented a broad range of clients in complex disputes across Pakistan. Salman has worked with a number of high profile clients including telecom operators, charitable organizations, multinational companies, startups, fashion houses, and the entertainment industry. Additionally, Salman has successfully handled 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, gratuity funds, and compliance with the employees old-age benefits regulations.

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## Noshad Chaudhry

Associate | Advocate

*LL.B. (Hons) (University of Central Punjab)*

Civil Litigation | Criminal Litigation | Tax Disputes | Real-Estate & Property | Intellectual Property Disputes | Contract Disputes

Noshad is currently an Associate in the firm's litigation practice. He is responsible for assisting the firm's litigation partners in representing clients before the various trial courts, drafting pleadings and research. Noshad has developed experience in tax filings, corporation registrations, and intellectual property advice. Over the course of 2025, Noshad has succeeded in independently handling and arguing cases before the trial courts.

In addition to his legal practice, Noshad actively participates in leadership and professional development activities such as the Youth Parliament Pakistan. He is also an ethical ambassador for the United Nations on Drugs and Crime reflecting his dedication to ethical practice.

Noshad graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Central Punjab where he studied on a merit-based scholarship.



## Hamza Mudassir

### Associate | Advocate

*LL.B. (Hons) (Punjab)*

Constitutional Law | Regulatory Disputes | Civil Litigation | Legal and Policy Advice | Internet & Technology Regulation

Hamza is currently an associate in the firm's litigation practice, where he assists the firm's partners in research and litigation in constitutional, administrative, civil, corporate, and commercial litigation. He was recently part of the firm's team that challenged the 2025 amendments to the Legal Practitioners' and Bar Councils Act and assisted his seniors with research on fundamental rights jurisprudence in India and Pakistan.

Before joining Common Law Chambers, Hamza interned at the Advocate General's Office, where he assisted with research, drafting, rule-making, and other constitutional matters.

Hamza holds an LLB degree from the University of Punjab. He also holds a postgraduate diploma from Punjab University Law College in Constitutional and Environmental Law. Hamza has a keen interest in Constitutional law, history, and intersectional theory.



## Ali Shahab

### Associate | Advocate

*LL.B (Hons) (London)*

Constitutional Law | Civil Litigation | Competition Law | Tax Disputes | Commercial Transactions | Labour & Employment Advice

Ali is an associate at CLC where he assists the partners across several practice areas. His work spans both contentious and non-contentious matters. He regularly contributes to the firm's extensive legal research and drafting demands across diverse subject areas.

Ali has notably been involved in achieving settlements for an international corporation, and advising a sugar mill in Pakistan on labour law and tax compliance.

Before joining CLC, Ali was an intern at Axis Law Chambers. He has also gained experience as an intern at the Federal Tax Ombudsman's Secretariat. Currently Ali is a teaching assistant at Universal College Lahore (UCL) for criminal and administrative law.

Ali holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of London where he graduated with a 2:1, earning one distinction and multiple merit-based scholarships.



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