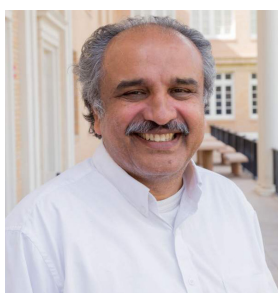


SAHSOL NEWSLETTER



Welcome Note



I am pleased to introduce this year's Newsletter on behalf of everyone at SAHSOL. Before you get a glimpse of what major events took place this year, let me just briefly introduce you to Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL).

SAHSOL is a pioneering Law program that for the first time introduced the five-year law degree in Pakistan (now the standard length of the degree across the country). Our endeavor is to prepare our students for careers in legal profession and related fields of service. Our vision is of creating an institution that offers rigorous legal education along with emphasizing scholarly research. It is a model that will help shape future legal education and practice in Pakistan.

Our five-year program is divided into a BA and LLB components. While the LLB focuses on specific core and elective courses in the broader field of legal education, the BA program is situated within a University system that allows our students to take advantage of courses from the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Syed Babar Ali School of Science and Engineering and the Suleman Dawood School of Business. This experience itself makes our students stand out in the legal profession as they have the combined breadth of a liberal arts education and the depth of a first-class legal education.

The rigorous and innovative training our faculty imparts, enables the students to succeed in the legal profession. After graduation many end up working in top law firms in the country or are accepted for higher training at some of the best universities abroad. All this is why we claim that SAHSOL at LUMS is the best place in the country to be a law student.

Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali
Acting Dean, SAHSOL

Khalid Ishaque Distinguished Lecture

Hina Jilani Stresses on Advocating Human Rights

Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL) organised the Khalid Ishaque Annual Distinguished Lecture on Thursday, April 25, 2019. This year's speaker was an esteemed member of the legal fraternity of Pakistan and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Ms. Hina Jilani who spoke on "Human Rights: A Pathway to Democracy, Justice and Social Progress".



The event started with an address by a Member of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Parvez Hasan who highlighted the evolution of the Khalid Ishaque Annual Distinguished Lectures at SAHSOL and commended the services of Mr. Khalid Ishaque, one of which was the donation of his entire library to the Law School. He introduced Ms. Jilani and shed light upon her unprecedented services in the promotion as well as advocacy for Human Rights in Pakistan. He was followed by the Acting Dean of SAHSOL, Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali, who also spoke about Ms. Jilani's commendable services on Human Rights issues. The lecture was well attended not just by students but people from all walks of life especially lawyers, judges of the Superior Courts as well as different NGO's representatives.



Ms. Jilani, spoke about her journey of Human Rights advocacy and discussed in detail the grave violations of human rights in the country. She presented the 'State of Human Rights in 2018' a report published by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and discussed in detail the matters published in the report, in particular about the treatment and fate of minorities in Pakistan. In the end the floor was opened for questions.

State Bank of Pakistan and LUMS Sign MoU to Launch Chair in the Field of Banking Law



Hussain, Rector LUMS, Dr. Kamran Asdar, Acting Dean, SAHSOL and eminent lawyer, Mr. Hasan Irfan.

Showing his strong support in favour of LUMS, Mr. Bajwa remarked, "We are signing this MoU with an educational leader and thus there is bound to be a positive impact. LUMS gets the brightest students and produces the best lawyers. If we are able to train them well, provide them with the necessary skills and give them the right academic base, then I'm sure they are going to positively contribute to the legal landscape of the country."

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) signed an MoU for the establishment of the SBP Chair in the field of Banking Law at the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL) at LUMS. To formalise the MoU, Mr. Tariq Bajwa, the then Governor, SBP and Dr. Arshad Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, LUMS, signed the agreement on February 18, 2019.

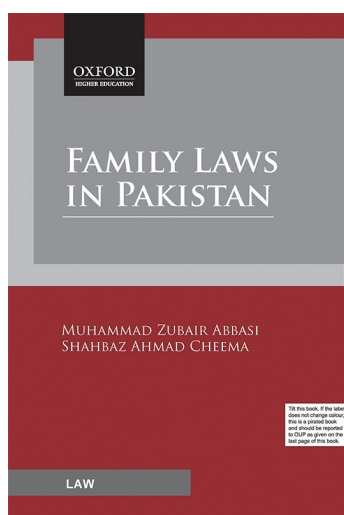
Since 2001, the State Bank, through its outreach programme, has been collaborating with public sector universities to regulate the educational aspects of the banking sector. LUMS is the first private sector university to have been chosen by SBP for such a collaboration.

Present at the ceremony were Syed Babar Ali, Founder and Patron of LUMS, Dr. Parvez Hassan and Ms. Saima Khawaja, Members of the Board of Trustees of LUMS, Mr. Shahid

LUMS strives for excellence in teaching and research and this initiative will set the path to a progressive direction in Banking Law.

Dr. Ahmad stated, "We are confident that this Chair will create a research programme that will positively impact society. The establishment of the Chair is one of the highest honours for our Law School and the University is honoured to partner with the State Bank of Pakistan."

The role of Banking Law in promoting economic growth in the country cannot be underestimated. The signing of this MoU is bound to transform the Banking Laws in Pakistan. Mr. Bajwa was also impressed with the large pool of trained economists at LUMS and assured that the State Bank will soon be signing another MoU where both the institutions will be collaborating on research.



FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Family Laws in Pakistan - Dr. Zubair Abbasi

This book provides the latest and updated account of the principles and practices of family laws in Pakistan. It is primarily based on the latest case law and statutes. The authors not only present systemically organised case law but also critically evaluate leading judicial precedents. Various chapters of the book cover general principles of family law, demonstrate their application based on the facts of each case, trace patterns of developments in case law, rationalise conflicting judicial authorities, and propose law reform, wherever required. This is the first book that takes into account personal laws of non-muslims in Pakistan and covers important issues related to conflict of personal laws.

LUMS Team Awarded Runners Up at the Phillip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, 2019 Pakistan Regional Round



LUMS Team was awarded as the Runners Up team for the Phillip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition, 2019 Pakistan Regional Round. The Moot problem was concerning appropriation of traditional knowledge for commercial purposes, state responsibility for corporate environmental degradation and human rights violations, and majestic herds of migratory yaks. This year's Pakistan National Round had 32 teams competing. In addition to the Runners up award, the team from LUMS also won the award for the Second Best Memorial and the Second and Third Best Oralists Awards.

The Jessup is the world's largest and most prestigious moot court competition with a history of nearly 60 years and with teams from more than 100 jurisdictions competing. The Pakistan National Round this year was the second largest Jessup National Round in the world - second only to China. The team from SAHSOL, LUMS will be representing Pakistan at the International Rounds in the beginning of April in Washington D.C.

SAHSOL Organises Career Talk to Acquaint Students with Law Practice in USA

Sabreena Khalid, a corporate finance associate resident in the New York office of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, a Vault Top 50 law firm, conducted an interactive session with BA. LLB students on 'Law Practice in USA: Recruitment and Networking' at LUMS on March 27, 2019.

Ms. Khalid graduated from LUMS with a B.A.-LL.B. in 2014 and completed her LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2015. She has experience in a range of financing transactions repre-

sending financial institutions, public and private companies and private equity sponsors, primarily in connection with acquisition financing, subscription facilities and asset-based facilities. Her work includes establishing facilities with cross-jurisdictional security arrangements and multi-currency facilities.



Ms. Khalid used the challenges she faced in the US job market to elaborate on how SAHSOL graduates should prepare for working in transactional practices in the USA. She recommended students to gain practical legal experience during their studies through different internships, and robust work experience before embarking on their LL.M studies. She emphasised the importance of networking and leveraging contacts made during law school education and afterwards. Finally, she gave advice on resume writing and shared interview tips ending her talk with an interactive question and answer session.

The students enjoyed the chance to gain insight into an area of legal practice that is very different from legal practice in Pakistan.



SAHSOL Alumna, Shanza Faiq, Achieves the Highest Merit in CSS Exams

LUMS alumna, Shanza Faiq, BA-LL.B graduate of 2016, has topped the Central Superior Services (CSS) exam and has been inducted into the Foreign Services of Pakistan Group. In 2018, over 11,887 candidates appeared for the CSS exam from all over Pakistan, out of which only 567 were able to qualify. To not only top the list of qualified candidates but to also do it on her first attempt is no easy feat, and undoubtedly is a milestone we are all proud of here at LUMS.

SAHSOL Holds Annual Career Fair



The Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL), along with the Career Services Office (CSO), organised the Annual Law Career Fair and Networking for BA-LLB students (freshmen to super seniors) on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at Asifa Irfan Moot Court Room.

Several law firms participated in the event including Axis Law Chambers, M. Legal Law Firm, Ijaz & Ijaz Law Associates, Khan & Associates, Mandviwalla and Zafar, Raja Mohammad Akram & Co., Mohsin Tayebaly & Co., Lexium Attorneys at Law, and MMJ Law Associates.

Dr. Kamran Asdar, Acting Dean SAHSOL, introduced the school and shared his experience of working there. Dr. Faiza Ismail explained how the core purpose of the session was to allow students and law firms to interact with each other and discuss future career prospects in the field of law.

Representatives of the law firms were invited to share details of job opportunities and internships in their respective companies. They also recalled their life experiences, discussed the opportunities in the law sector, and shared tips for success. The session concluded with an interactive Question and Answer session.

At the Networking Dinner at the Executive Dining Hall super senior year students networked with law firm representatives to discuss their career prospects and also shared their resumes.

Business Human Rights and International Law - Our Professors at Kinnaird Law School

Nadira Hassan Law Department was honoured to host Professors Sikander Ahmad Shah and Uzair Kayani from the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan Law School at LUMS, on 15th May 2019 at Kinnaird. Together, they delivered a lecture on Business Human Rights and International law.

Professor Shah examined the scope and applicability of International Law in Pakistan, along with the status of and nexus between Human Rights and Business therein. Students of NHLD were engaged in an interactive session with both professors, during the Q&A session. They were deeply interested about how to best realize business human rights within Pakistan.



Professor Uzair Kayani further enlightened our students with his knowledge of law and economics; he also discussed the prospects of internships which would enhance professional development and also promote a deeper understanding of business human rights.

2nd LUMS International Moot Court Competition

The 2nd LIMCC was held on April, 25th – 28th, 2019. It hosted a total of 14 teams, national and international included. The Moot Court – hosted in collaboration with UNHCR – was the second of its kind hosted by the society in the current year, but incomparable to the previous editions due to the intense competition between the talented teams and the remarkable judges honoring the competition with their presence. Another distinct point was the theme of the competition which highlighted the issue of refugees. The competition itself was preceded by a talk on the same issue and the moot problem revolved around the refugee problem as well.



Different teams of various esteemed universities from all over Pakistan took part including: TMUC Karachi, Punjab University, TILS, UMT, Indus College of law, Quaid-e-Azam Law University and BSOL. The international teams from Nepal belonged to Kathmandu School of law and Prithvi Narayan Campus.

Day zero started with the opening ceremony, in which refugee crisis was discussed in a panel talk. The speakers included two highly qualified representatives from UNHCR, Mr. Ian Hall and Mr. Peter Stockholder. They were joined by the vice-president of RSIL, Mr. Ali Sultan, and the patron of the Law & Politics Society and Professor of SAHSOL, Mr. Uzair Kiyani, served as the moderator. The talk focused on the personal research of UNHCR representatives and international law regarding refugees and ended with questions from the audience.

On Friday, LUMS was hustling with enthusiastic participants, running to their assigned auditoriums in the business school, law school and academic block. After the day's rounds, LPS had tirelessly with the help of the CCA, arranged a Qawali night for the participants' entertainment. This was nothing less than a success and it was of great importance as it reflected a part of Pakistani culture to the international teams who assuredly enjoyed it.

TMUC Karachi and UCP qualified towards the final. This match was particularly enthralling because of the continuous questioning of the judges to the participants. However, the participants were not easily intimidated and it ended with TMUC Karachi taking the victory home. The best speaker was from the winning team, Umer Ather. The best memorial for the applicant was submitted by TILS and the best memo for the respondent was by Kathmandu School of Law.



After the final, a closing ceremony was arranged followed by an outdoor dinner to officially end the event. It also provided the participants and the society members a chance to socialize with law students from across Pakistan and qualified professionals in the legal arena. The acting dean of the Law School, Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali presented awards to the honorable judges who presided the sessions along with the faculty and staff who made the event possible through their continuous guidance. The finalists were also presented award for their zealous efforts. At the end Hiba Zakai presented shields to the Executive Council – Muhammad Oneeb Afzal, Ali Hussain Gilani, Momal Malil, Hassan Kamal, Malik Hamza Mahmood, Hassnain Raza – and General Council members of the Law & Politics Society.

Spotlight LUMS Service Award

Mr. Khalid Mahmood Siddiqi, Assistant Manager in the School of Law, was granted a Service Award for completion of 10 years of University service.



Columns in 'The Nation'

Mr. Muhammad Imran, Assistant Manager in the Law School, frequently writes for 'The Nation'. Few of his latest columns are :

- 1- BAPI-TAPI: Way forward in the Region
- 2- Middle East Crisis: Iran is not an easy target
- 3- Article 184 (3) and its impact
- 4- A burden on Judiciary's Shoulders



LUMS-ABA-RSIL Conference on Business and Human Rights, Held On 28-30th March 2019 At LUMS

This event was held to operationalize the LUMS-ABA project on Business and Human Rights. The event took place in collaboration with the ABA ROLI (American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative) and their colleagues from Herbert Smith Freehills and Professor Marcia Narine Weldon from the University of Miami.



The event was graciously funded by the US Department of the State.

Day 1

This session was conducted by Professor Marcia Narine Weldon. The session was designed in two segments. The first part of the session was aimed at student participants as well as academics. The latter half of the session was primarily for academics and professors.

Professor Weldon began the session by providing an overview of the context of Human Rights within business and corporate world. She shed light on the corporate responsibility to protect human rights and stressed the importance of due diligence, disclosures, associated policies and Human Rights clauses as part of contracts in this process.

This session was followed by a very interactive Q&A that touched upon the necessary steps for engaging human rights with businesses and how students can take part in this process. Professor Weldon concluded with the thought that small, incremental steps make all the difference; therefore, students must take part in this process by learning how to advocate what they think. They can only do this, once they understand how businesses think and operate.

Day 2

Day two of the event was conducted in collaboration with the ABA and Mr. Stephan Brabant, Mr. Oliver Elgie and Mr. Benjamin Guthrie from Herbert Smith Freehills. This particular session was aimed at introducing legal practitioners to emerging trends in the realm of Business and Human Rights. The session was divided into three broad categories, listed below, followed by a case study for attendees:

- 1) Why do human rights matter to businesses?
 - 2) Overview of Business and Human Rights landscape
 - 3) The Role of Lawyers
- Case Study: Incorporating Human Rights into your Advice

Mr. Brabant opened the session by referring to what he sees as a “new way of conducting business”. Businesses are meant for profit-making and can therefore easily disregard human rights as being beyond their scope. Mr. Brabant went on to talk about understand human rights through common sense and by ‘de-mystifying’ human rights. For instance, he spoke about the near

universal acceptance of fundamental rights and how each of us (be it states of businesses or individuals) should avoid having a ‘negative impact’.

The next part of the session was conducted by Mr. Oliver Elgie. Mr. Elgie began by giving an overview of existing international instruments on human rights and an increasing body of law and standards around human rights compliance and reporting. Mr. Benjamin Guthrie focused on the relevance of Business and Human Rights for lawyers. He spoke about the progression from soft law to hard law in the form of local/ domestic legislation (Public regulation) as well as the existing and developing international instruments and processes in tackling human rights issues (such as the Bali process on tackling forced labour, where Pakistan is also participating). Mr. Guthrie also discussed private regulation (regulation by business partners) in the form of terms to comply with international human rights standards.



The session was followed by a case study and a very interactive Q&A. The case study highlighted the HR impacts through various levels and stages of business activities and the need for accountability for such actions by multi-national companies. The participants put forth a number of engaging questions such as the compromise of due process in utilizing both hard law and soft law instruments. Similarly, they questioned what the position of a legal practitioner would be towards its client, the contrast between profit maximization and respect for human rights? The speakers responded by outlining a more holistic approach to the area and stressed the importance of both civil society and states in creating an environment for businesses to have more regard and respect for human rights.

The activity reflects the overall aim of the ABA ROLI, as it furthers collaboration and cooperation between various institutions and research networks in association with the ABA-ROLI. Particularly in the context of the Business and Human Rights project, the event had a country-wide impact in terms of developing an understanding of Business and Human Rights through engaging the various stakeholders involved in these disciplinary areas.