

Biographical Sketches

Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry

Chief Justice of Pakistan

His lordship joined the legal profession as an Advocate in 1974, enrolled as Advocate High Court in 1976 and as Advocate Supreme Court in 1985, and practiced law in all fields/subjects, i.e. Constitutional, Criminal, Civil, Tax, Revenue, etc. He was appointed Advocate General Balochistan in 1989, Additional Judge High Court of Balochistan in 1990, as Judge in 1993 and as Chief Justice of that Court in 1999. He was elevated to the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2000 and became Chief Justice Pakistan on 30th June 2005.

He has been President High Court Bar Association, Quetta, Member Bar Council, Banking Judge, Special Court for Speedy Trials, Judge Customs Appellate Court and Company Judge. He was appointed as Chairman Balochistan Local Council Election Authority in 1992 and 1998, Chairman Provincial Review Board for the Province of Balochistan, Chairman of Pakistan Red Crescent Society Balochistan (twice), Chairman, Enrolment Committee of Pakistan Bar Council and Judge Incharge Supreme Court Staff Welfare Committee.

He has attended and has represented Pakistan at number of international conferences. He has been bestowed with Harvard Law School Medal of Freedom, Lawyer of the Year Award by the National Law Journal, US and Honorary Membership of the New York City Bar.

He has been awarded honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the Nova South-eastern University.

Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan

Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan

Justice Jan graduated from Islamia College, Peshawar and obtained law degree from the Khyber Law College, Peshawar University in 1972. He was enrolled as advocate of lower court in 1973 and of High Court in 1975. He was enrolled as advocate of Supreme Court in 1980. He was appointed Additional Advocate General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 1993. He was elevated as Additional Judge of Peshawar High Court in 1993. In 2000, he was appointed as Chief Justice of Peshawar High Court. He was elevated to the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2004.

He has been Vice president of Peshawar Bar Association (1977–1978), Secretary Peshawar High Court Bar Association (1979–1980), Secretary of Peshawar Bar Association (1984–1985), Vice President of Peshawar High Court Bar Association (1987–1988), Member of the Provincial Bar Council, NWFP Peshawar (1989–1993), and Member of the Executive Committee Supreme Court Bar Association (1993–1994).

Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali

Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan

Justice Jamali received his Bachelor's Degree in Law in 1973 from University of Sindh. As a lawyer his main focus was civil and constitutional. In 1988, he was appointed to be a judge in the Sindh High court, and was made Chief Justice of the same court 10 years later in 2008. Most recently, in 2009, Justice Jamali was appointed as a Judge in the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Justice Khilji Arif Hussain

Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan

Justice Khilji was enrolled as an Advocate in 1976 and as an Advocate of High Court in 1978, and admitted as an Advocate of Supreme Court in 1993. He was elected as Joint Secretary High Court Bar Association Karachi in 1984-85, and Secretary 1987-89, 1992-93 and 1993-94. He was elected as Member Pakistan Bar Council for the term 1995-2000 and elected as Chairman Executive Committee of Pakistan Bar Council in 1997.

He was elevated as Judge of the High Court of Sindh in 2002 and made member/Chairman of Rule Making Committee of Sindh High Court to draft Sindh High Court (Original Side) Rules, Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules. He was elevated as Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2009.

Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa

Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan

Justice Khosa did his Masters in English Language and Literature in 1975 and LLM from University of Cambridge in 1978. He was called to the Bar in 1979 and was conferred the degree of Utter Barrister. He was enrolled as an Advocate of the Lahore High Court in 1979 and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 1985. He was appointed as a Judge of the Lahore High Court in 1998 and elevated as Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2010.

He has authored three books, titled 'Heeding the Constitution' (1995), 'Constitutional Apologues' (1997), and 'Judging with Passion' (2009). He also edited and compiled 'The Constitution of Pakistan, 1973' (1989). He has regularly been writing articles on various aspects of the Constitution of Pakistan and the same had frequently been published in P.L.D., P.L.J. and major English Newspapers of the country.

He has lectured at the University Law College, Multan, the Punjab University Law College, Lahore, the Punjab Law College, Lahore, the Civil Services Academy, Lahore; the National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), Lahore; the National Police Academy, Islamabad; the Staff Training Institute of the Services and General Administration Department of the Government of the Punjab, and the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).

He is serving as a member of the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee for Pakistan since 2004. He was appointed as a member of the Board of Management of the Punjab Judicial Academy, Lahore in October 2009. He has regularly been delivering lectures at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad. He has attended number of international conferences and workshops.

Justice Qazi Faez Isa

Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court

After completing the Bar from the Inns Court School of Law, London in 1982, Justice Isa practiced law for over 27 years before all the Federal Shariat Court, the Supreme Court, and all the High Courts of Pakistan. He has served as a consultant for various organizations, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, and has also written extensively on law, the environment, Balochistan, and the constitution. He has been serving as the Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court since 2009.

Justice Riaz Ahmad Khan

Judge Islamabad High Court

Justice Riaz Ahmad Khan completed his Bachelor's degree in Law from Punjab University. After some time with the Pakistan Railway Transportation and Commercial Group, he took the PCS Judicial examination and served as a Civil Judge from 1981 to 1986, and then became a Senior Civil Judge in 1987. He resigned from the post in 1990 and went on to practice law in various arenas until being elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Islamabad in 2010.

Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah

Judge Lahore High Court

Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah completed a bachelor's degree in Law from the University of the Punjab in 1988. Soon after, he went to Cambridge University for further studies, and got a M.A. in Law in 1991. Upon returning to Pakistan, Justice Shah got involved in many environmental public interest litigation cases before the Supreme Court and High Courts of Pakistan. He was elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Lahore in 2009.

Justice Munib Akhtar

Judge, High Court of Sindh, Pakistan

Justice Munib Akhtar completed his B.A. from Princeton University, New Jersey, USA, and his LLB from Punjab University. He first enrolled as an advocate in 1990, and worked in the chambers of Mr. Khalid Anwer – former law minister of Pakistan – until 2009. Justice Akhtar was appointed to be a judge of the High Court of Sindh in September 2009.

Justice Yahya Afridi

Judge Peshawar High Court

After completing his bachelor's degree in law from University of the Punjab in 1988, Justice Afridi did his LLM from Cambridge University, UK in 1990. He started practicing law in the High Courts in 1990 and in the Supreme Court in 2005. Justice Afridi is a founding member of the Pakistan Environmental Lawyers Association, and was elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Peshawar in 2010.

Justice Professor Antonio Benjamin

Judge, Superior Court of Justice of Brazil

Professor Benjamin has been a member of the Superior Court of Justice of Brazil (STJ) since 2006. Prior to this appointment, he was an environmental public prosecutor in the state of São Paulo for over twenty years. He is a co-drafter of several Brazilian laws - including the Forest Code - and is the founder and emeritus editor of the Brazilian Environmental Law Review. Professor Benjamin is also the co-chair of the International Network of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, deputy-chair of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, and a member of President Dilma's Rio+20 National Committee.

Justice Takdir Rahmadi

Judge, Supreme Court of Indonesia

Prior to his appointment as judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia in 2008, Justice Rahmadi was a professor of environmental law at Andalas University in Padang, Indonesia. Since then, he has been appointed Vice Coordinator of the Judicial Reform Team at the Supreme Court. He was also assigned to be a legal expert in the drafting of the Environmental Management Act of 2009.

Justice Shiranee Tilakawardane

Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

Justice Tilakawardane has, among other things, the distinction of being Sri Lanka's first female Judge of the High Court. She has served as President of the Special Presidential Commission of Inquiry where she investigated corruption in the procurement of weapons and other military equipment by the Government of Sri Lanka from 2000 to 2005. She also instructs lawyers from SAARC member nations on environmental law, and recently spoke at the 2011 International Seminar for Judges on "Global Environment and Disaster Management" in New Delhi, India.

Justice Sangay Khandu

Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Bhutan

Justice Khandu received his LL.B. from Punjab University, Chandigarh in 1995, and his LL.M. from the University of Leiden, Netherlands in 1997. Currently, Justice Khandu is serving as the acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Bhutan, a position he was awarded in 2010.

Justice Tahir Ali Ansari

Judge, Supreme Court of Nepal

Justice Ali Ansari joined the Judicial Service in Nepal in 1972. In 1991 he was appointed Judge of the Appellate Court, Biratnagar, and in 2005 was appointed Ad-Hoc Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal. He was then made a permanent judge of the Supreme Court of Nepal in 2008, a position he has held since.

Justice Uz. Abdul Ghanee Mohamed

Judge, Supreme Court of Maldives

Justice Mohamed completed his Bachelor of Law and Sharia from Al-Azhar University in Egypt. He returned to Pakistan, and in July 2000, was chosen to be a Judge in the Civil Court. Justice Mohamed then served as a High Court Justice from 2004 until 2008, when he was appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court; a position he held until 2011.

Mr. Javed Jabbar

Vice President, IUCN and former Senator & Federal Minister of Pakistan

Mr. Javed Jabbar takes an active interest in a diverse range of fields including international affairs, voluntary work for rural and urban development, the environment, social issues and mass media. As minister, he drafted several laws and policies for development in different fields, including the PEMRA Ordinance 2000-2002, which introduced private radio and TV channels to Pakistan. In 2008, he was re-elected as one of the four global Vice Presidents of IUCN.

Mr. Zahid Hamid

Advocate Supreme Court, MNA and former Minister for Law & Parliamentary Affairs

A lawyer by profession, Mr. Zahid Hamid completed both his BA and MA degrees from Cambridge University, UK, and his LL.B. from University of the Punjab, Lahore. As the principal draftsman for PEPA 97, he is a renowned expert in environmental law, and in this capacity has served as a consultant for the World Bank and ADB. He is currently an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Dr. Adil Najam

Vice Chancellor, Lahore University of Management Sciences

Dr. Najam is a globally renowned Pakistani academic and intellectual, and a leading expert on issues related to the environmental policy of developing countries; especially climate change. He was the Director of the Frederick S. Pardee Centre for the Study of the Longer-Range Future at Boston University before taking a position as Vice Chancellor of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). He is also the founding editor of the blog "Pakistaniat: All Things Pakistan" and a highly sought after public speaker.

Professor Dr Shahbaz Khan

Chief, Water and Sustainable Development Section, UNESCO

Dr Khan is based at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France. He was previously the Director of Irrigated Systems and Rural Water Use at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, and Director of International Centre of Water for Food Security at Charles Sturt University, both in Australia. He is currently leading a new Flood Forecasting and Management Project in Pakistan.

Mr. Shiva Prasad Paudel

Staff Attorney, Pro Public, Nepal

Mr. Paudel works for Pro Public – a non-profit public interest NGO – in Kathmandu, Nepal. As a legal expert and human rights advocate, Shiva is a critical player in promoting access to justice by lobbying and organizing with stakeholders on issues of judicial compliance and good governance. Mr. Paudel is currently pursuing a PhD at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, through which he is studying the enforcement of public interest law in Nepal.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan

Chief Executive, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association

In addition to being a lawyer with the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Syeda Rizwana Hasan is also the Chief Executive of the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA). Her main focus is to promote the notion of environmental justice in Bangladesh. In 2009, Ms. Hasan received the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for her outstanding contribution in protecting and conserving the environment of her country.

Mrs. Ashraf Jahan

Chairperson, Environmental Protection Tribunal, Karachi

After completing her LL.B. from Jinnah Law College, Hyderabad in 1983, Mrs. Jahan started work as a lawyer in 1986. She was selected to serve as a civil judge and judicial magistrate through the Sindh Public Service Commission in 1987. Over the last 25 years, Mrs. Jahan has served at a variety of different posts including working in the Law Department of the Govt. of Sindh, as a Member Judicial of Customs, Excise and Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, and her current position, Chairperson of the Environmental Protection Tribunal Sindh.

Ms. Marie-Anne Birken

Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Asian Development Bank

Ms Birken is a dual-qualified lawyer (England & Wales, and The Netherlands) with more than 23 years of legal experience. She was a partner in two international law firms and has also worked in the legal department of Barclays Bank Plc., based in Dubai.

Dr. Werner E. Liepach

Country Director, Asian Development Bank's Pakistan Resident Mission

Dr. Liepach received his PhD in 1992 in International Finance from the University of Konstanz in Germany. He earned his European Masters in Business from the European School of Management Studies (Paris-Oxford-Berlin), and a Master's Degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Nice in France.

Ms. Irum Ahsan

Legal Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Asian Development Bank

Ms. Ahsan completed her legal education from London School of Economics and Political Science. She practiced as a contentious and non-contentious legal counsel in Pakistan for about 7 years before joining the Asian Development Bank. She works as the legal counsel

with the Office of the General Counsel at ADB and is the team leader for the project under which today's conference is organized.

Ms. Wanhua Yang

Programme Officer, UNEP

A Master of Law and Doctor of Juridical Science, Wanhua Yang is the Officer in Chief responsible for environmental law and conventions in UNEP's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) in Bangkok, where she co-ordinates environmental governance programmes, and provides legal assistance for strengthening environmental legislation in the region. Before joining UNEP, Ms. Yang worked with Canada-based International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), managing its China Programme.

Mr. Hamid Sarfraz

Programme Coordinator, IUCN Pakistan

Mr. Sarfraz holds MPhil degree in Sociology from the University of Balochistan with his master's degree also in Sociology from University of the Punjab. He has attended extensive courses on management at the Lahore University of Management Sciences. During the last 20 years, he has been contributing to sustainable development through programmes' coordination, project management, writing and teaching. Of these, more than 13 years have been with IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature during which he has had the responsibility for programme's planning, implementation, financial sustainability, monitoring and evaluation, and relationship management. His recent academic interest is in environmental policy and governance, specifically in the water sector for which he has attended international water law module at the University of Dundee, UK.

Before joining IUCN, he has been teaching Social Psychology, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Population and Research Methodology to postgraduate students at the University of Balochistan for about seven years. He is regularly invited for lectures at various universities in Pakistan. He has written number of research articles, monographs and has compiled/edited a number of documents which are available at <http://hsarfraz.webs.com/>.