

Saqib Javaid

Barrister, Solicitor & Notary Public

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Alberta barrister and solicitor with 26 years in law and public service, from District Attorney, District Public Prosecutor to senior governmental roles as Under Secretary, Law Department and Parliamentary Affairs Department, and Additional Secretary, Home Affairs Department, in Pakistan, and for the past 8 years as a sole practitioner in Edmonton practicing real estate, corporate, and wills and estates law. I have seen prosecution, rule-making, public policy and regulation from the inside, and know the compliance load of an independent practice without a large back office.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

S. Javaid Professional Legal Corporation (SJS Law), Edmonton, Alberta

Principal Lawyer *April 2019 – Present*

- Act for buyers, sellers, lenders and owners in residential and commercial real estate purchases, sales, financings and leases;
- Advise on corporate and commercial matters, including incorporations, shareholder and commercial agreements, and corporate records;
- Prepare wills, powers of attorney and personal directives, and assist with estate matters;
- Serve as Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths;
- Manage all aspects of the practice, including client relationships, trust accounting, audits, insurance and Law Society compliance.

Jomha Skrobot LLP

Associate Lawyer *November 2018 – March 2019*

Articling Student *September 2017 – November 2018 (called to the Alberta Bar November 2018)*

- Worked under supervision of senior lawyers on client files and prepared legal documents, research and correspondence;
- Developed practical skills in Alberta law and practice, which led to the opening of my own firm in April 2019.

National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) Requirements *2014 – 2017*

Completed NCA examinations through independent study to obtain the Certificate of Qualification.

Government of Balochistan, Pakistan *2000 – 2014*

Law & Justice Department, Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Home Affairs Department, and Courts

Positions held, in order of progression:

- Additional Secretary, Home Affairs Department,
- Under Secretary, Law Department,
- District Public Prosecutor
- District Attorney, *October*
- Assistant District Attorney,

Senior government and legal roles

- Drafted and vetted bills, rules, regulations, bye-laws, contracts and agreements for government departments, and gave legal opinions;

- Handled parliamentary and legislative business for the department and coordinated with ministries and legislative bodies;
- Served as a member of committees of various ministries;
- Oversaw departmental administration, policy and coordination, including public-order and law-enforcement matters.

Prosecution and government litigation

- Conducted prosecutions for the Police before District and Sessions Courts (equivalent to Alberta's Court of King's Bench) and supervised prosecutors across the district;
- Reviewed Police files for fitness for prosecution, ensured timely disclosure to defence counsel, decided on withdrawals and appeals, and negotiated pleas and sentencing;
- Advised investigative agencies on criminal law;
- Acted as advocate and legal adviser to government departments in civil litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, and advised on commercial contracts, corporate agreements and compliance for state corporations.

EDUCATION

Certificate of Qualification, National Committee on Accreditation (NCA)- 2017

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), University of Balochistan, Pakistan, 1995–1998

Bachelor of Science (General Science), University of Balochistan, Pakistan, 1992–1994

LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES

- Called to the Bar of Alberta, November 2018; Member, Law Society of Alberta;
- Certificate of Qualification, National Committee on Accreditation, Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

LANGUAGES

English, Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi