

Curriculum Vitae of ISHRAT MAHMUD

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Personal Profile

- Full Practice Certificate at the Bar of England and Wales including Direct Access.
- 12 years' practice at the Bangladesh Bar at all levels, up to and including Supreme Court.
- Called to the Bar, England and Wales in 1997.
- 12 years' experience as a Partner in firm "Legal Remedy", Dhaka, a firm rated in Legal Asia 500 undertaking large scale immigration, charity, commercial and construction related work including extensive international work.
- A track record of performing at the national and international level to the highest professional standards.
- Read, write and speak Bengali; speak Urdu and Hindi.

Education (Chronological Order)

- 1992-1995 **University of Wolverhampton** - WOLVERHAMPTON, UK
Honours degree in Law (LLB)
- 1996 **BPP LAW SCHOOL** – LONDON, UK
Bar final Course.
- 1997 **THE HON'BLE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN'S INN** – LONDON, UK
Called to the Bar of England and Wales.
- 2010-2011 **COLLEGE OF ESTATE MANAGEMENT** – UNIVERSITY OF READING, UK.
BSc in Quantity Surveying through RICS graduate route.
Completed required guided learning hours to become MRICS.

Experience (Chronological Order)

January 1998- To 2011 **LEGAL REMEDY, A LEGAL ASIA 500 FIRM** – DHAKA, BANGLADESH
(Associate / Partner)

- Worked as an immigration adviser of New Zealand Embassy and British High Commission in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Represented the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources of the Government of Bangladesh before international arbitration tribunals against international oil companies in relation to power plant projects.
- Advised a number of international organisations in the incorporation of non-profit organisations in Bangladesh, drafted memorandum and articles of association, reviewed contracts, monitored compliance of regulatory compliances, dealt with issues on share transfer.

Sept 2007-

To 2012

– HOGAN & LOVELLS LLP – WASHINGTON DC, US

- Instructed from time to time where issues arise relating to US companies or other contracting parties seek to set up projects in Bangladesh advising on appropriate business structures for establishing business to fit client strategy.
- Advised on all aspects of pre and post incorporation regulatory compliance, financial regulatory obligations, and occupational health and safety compliance.

May 2013 – 33 BEDFORD ROW – LONDON

To present

- Areas of practice: Immigration, Civil, Construction and Family on cross jurisdictional issues.
- Regularly appear before First-tier and Upper Tribunals in relation to immigration appeals, judicial review proceedings and bail applications.
- Appears in the Administrative Court and the Court of Appeal on immigration matters.
- Represent clients in all aspects of immigration law including but not limited to Tier 1 & 2, asylum, human rights and EUSS applications, applications for long residence, bail applications, deportation and removal, and naturalisation and citizenship.
- Assist clients with all initial immigration applications to Home Office including students' and visitors' visa applications.
- Give advice and expert opinion on immigration matters.
- receives instructions from Government Legal Department on immigration matters as an Off Panel counsel and represents Secretary of State for Home Department.
- Draft grounds of appeal, statement of grounds for judicial review proceedings, particulars of claim, defence and counterclaim, skeleton arguments and witness statements.

- Attend judicial review proceedings, injunction hearing including out of hour injunction, small claims and fast track personal injury cases, possession, housing disrepair and harassment hearing.
- Give opinion on merit of challenging local authorities' decisions by way of appeals and/or judicial review proceedings.
- Deals with Part 7 and interim support applications under the Housing Act and the Immigration and Asylum Act.
- Give expert opinion on cross-jurisdictional matters, i.e. enforcement of British orders in overseas territories and how mirror orders may be obtained.
- Give advice and opinion on Sharia law and laws of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan in relation to family, property and probate matters, children including custody, guardianship and ward, parental responsibility and child abduction.
- Extensive experience in personal injury matters; represent both Claimants and Defendants in road traffic accidents.
- Accept instructions at a short notice.

October 2013 – CARE Inc. - US

To June 2014

- Involved in the process of establishing a non-profit organisation in Bangladesh including share transfer and complying with regulatory compliances.

Experience (Other)

1997-1999 RESOURCE PERSON OF THE BANGLADESH BAR COUNCIL – Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Worked as a resource person in the advocacy training programme conducted by NSW Bar Association

1997-2009 Member of the Editorial Board Bangladesh Law Times

2003-2005 Executive member of Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh.

2001-2003 Executive member of Dhaka Handicrafts.

June 2009 – 2011 Worked as the solicitors' representative in London.

2010 – 2011 EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY, HAYES, MIDDLESEX.

MAY 2010-DECEMBER 2011 A NUMBER OF PRIVATE COLLEGES – Greater London

(LECTURER, LAW DEPARTMENT)

- Prepared lesson plans, handouts, delivering lectures, taking tutorial classes, assignment questions, mock examination papers, marking assignments and mock answer scripts of the University of London international programme for diploma up to final years of LLB(Hons) and business law of London Centre for Marketing (LCM).

Membership:

Member of Immigration Law Practitioners' Association;

Member of Free Movement;

Former executive member of Brookside Community, Hayes, Middlesex;

Former editor of Bangladesh Law Times;

Former executive member of Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh;

Former Board of Director of Dhaka Handicrafts.

Reference: References are available on request.