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PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate & Commercial • Mergers & Acquisitions • Ocean Innovation • Energy & Natural Resources
• Defence, Security & Marine • Shipbuilding • Construction • Small & Medium Sized Enterprises

BIOGRAPHY

Mohammad Ali has more than 10 years of experience of undertaking general corporate commercial advisory and transactional and regulatory work, both in private practice and in-house in a number of jurisdictions in Asia, Middle-east and Europe.

After moving to Canada to reunite with his family in 2014, Mohammad Ali was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2016. His practice is focused on supporting businesses in a wide variety of sectors. His clients include SMEs, as well as, large scale businesses seeking advice and assistance on various aspects of business law. From drafting complex contracts to advising on consumer protection laws, Mohammad Ali is keen to provide practical solutions to the challenges his clients face at every stage and aspect of their business operations.

EXPERIENCE

Mohammad Ali is particularly interested in advising clients on mergers, acquisitions and business-setup. He is engaged regularly by business clients in consumer intensive businesses as well as clients working in the renewable energy, oil and gas, power and construction projects. He helps his clients develop and negotiate a variety of contracts for their business operations including agency and licensing agreements, shareholders agreements, investments and subscription agreements, joint venture agreements, service contracts and Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contracts.

Mohammad Ali, having worked extensively in fast-paced business environments, is sensitive to the need to respect timelines, to be efficient and to be responsive. He believes passionately in working hard to understand the business of his clients – a trait that he feels is a distinguishing characteristic of a successful business lawyer.

LANGUAGES

- English
- Urdu/Hindi

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

BAR ADMISSION

- Barrister, 2005, Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, UK
- Advocate Lower Court, 2005, Punjab Bar Council, Pakistan
- Advocate High Court, 2008, Punjab Bar Council, Pakistan
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales, 2009, The Law Society, UK
- Barrister & Solicitor, 2016, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, Canada

LAW SCHOOL

- University of the West of England, Bristol

EDUCATION

- University of the West of England, Bristol (Bar Vocational Course-Post-graduate Diploma in Law, 2005)
- University of London, UK (LLB Honours, 2004)

PUBLICATIONS

- Renewed potential: Regulation of offshore wind in Canada's ocean playground
- What federally mandated net-zero emission targets mean to Nova Scotia
- Nova Scotia: Duty to Consult in Large Infrastructure Projects and COVID-19 Impacts - A review of Nova Scotia Supreme Court's recent judgment in *Sipekne'katik v. Alton Natural Gas Storage LP*, 2020 NSSC 111
- Force Majeure Clauses and the Doctrine of Frustration: Flattening the Liability Curve
- Nova Scotia OKs Electronic Record Keeping, Corporate Practices
- Don't Be a Materiality Scrape Goat
- Nova Scotia: Can Offshore Aquaculture Be Our Culture?
- Cap and Trade Primer on NS Emissions

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- *The Energy Charter Treaty and its Role in Central and South Asia*– Columbia University, New York, USA-Harriman Institute (2007)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Communications Officer, Canadian Bar Association National Environment, Energy and Resource Law Section (2019-)
- Member-at-Large, Canadian Bar Association National Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section (2018 –)

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Chair, Ocean Innovation Industry Group (2017 –)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Board Member, Feed Nova Scotia (2019-)
- ISANS Workplace Placement Program, (2017 –)
- Vice-President & Director, Pakistani Canadian Association of Nova Scotia (2016 –)
- Global Advisor to NS Exporters, NSBI International Connectors Program (2016 –)
- Halifax Partnership Connector Program, (2016 –)

