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Research Interest

Immigration Law • Media Law • Entertainment & Sports Law • Intellectual Property Rights

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Muhammad is a practicing Lawyer/Barrister in Toronto, ON, Canada. He completed PhD Law from University of Glasgow, UK and LLM in Corporate Law and LLB from IIUI (Pak). He published first book by Oxford University Publishers (OUP) on Media Laws, a comparative study with US, EU, UK and Australia, articles in International journals and conference papers all over the world. Nowadays, he is working on a book and some immigration articles.

BOOK OXFORD PUBLISHER

- Muhammad A., 2016, "Pakistan Media Laws Enforcement and Regulation", Oxford University Publishers (OUP). Weblink: <http://www.oupcanada.com/catalog/9780199403455.html>

EDUCATION

- **PhD Law**, School of Law, University of Glasgow, UK
2007-12
Thesis is about Media Law's Legal and Administrative Issues
Supervisor: Rosa Greaves and Tom Guthrie
Thesis Weblink: Library of University of Glasgow Website: <http://theses.gla.ac.uk/3771/>
- **LLM (Corporate Law)** 2004-06
International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), Pak
Thesis is about Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights
Courses: Competition Law • Banking Law • Environmental Law • Comparative Jurisprudence
Corporate Finance • Intellectual Property Law • International Commercial Transactions
Conflicts of Laws • Company Law • Immigration Law • Refugee Law
- **Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education (CPLED)** 2017-18
The Law Society of Manitoba, MB, Canada
- **LLB** 2001-04
International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), Pak
- **Certificate of Qualification** 2013-15
Federation of Law Societies of Canada
- **Bachelor of Arts** 1998-00
Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pak

PUBLICATION

- Muhammad A., 2020, "Regional Differences in the Term of Barrister" (Forthcoming)
- Muhammad A., 2010, "Anti-Siphoning Laws and Pakistan Cricket", *Entertainment Law Review - SWEET & MAXWELL* Publisher UK, Vol.21 (2), pp.61-67.
- Muhammad A., 2013, "Mobile Broadcasting: Legal and Technical Issue Relevant to Media and Telecommunication", *Computer and Telecommunication Law Review- SWEET & MAXWELL* Publisher UK, 19 (5), pp 135-139.
- Muhammad A., 2010, "Piracy of Copyright in Pakistan and Its Effects", *Journal of US-China Law Review*, David Publishing USA, Vol. 7 (6), pp 42-47.
- Muhammad A. and Imtiaz A., 2014, "The Fiduciaries Duties and Investor Protection in Corporate Law of Pakistan", *Company Lawyers - SWEET & MAXWELL* Publisher UK, Vol.35(5), pp 146-157.
- Muhammad A., 2014, "Pakistan Electronic Media Legal and Regulatory System", *Journalism and Mass Communication*, David Publishing USA, Vol.4 (1), pp 36-41.
- Muhammad A. and Imtiaz A., 2013, "Terrestrial Broadcasting Financial Mechanism", *Entertainment Law Review - SWEET & MAXWELL* Publisher UK, Vol. 24 (8), pp. 275-279.
- Muhammad A., 2013, "WIPO Proposed Treaty Development and Critical Legal Studies", *European Intellectual Property Review- SWEET & MAXWELL* Publisher UK, Vol. 35 (12), pp 8-16.
- Muhammad A., 2013, "IS IPTV Really Smart? A View from Pakistan", *Entertainment Law Review - SWEET & MAXWELL* Publisher UK, Vol. 24 (6), pp 213-216.

- Muhammad A. and Imtiaz A., 2013, "State Aids Scrutiny in the Electronic Media Sector: the Position between the EU and Pakistan Compared", *European Competition Law* - SWEET & MAXWELL Publisher UK, Vol. 34 (8), pp 429-433.
- Muhammad A., 2010, "Future Prospects of 'Webcasting Recognition'", *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, Common Ground Publisher USA, Volume 5, Issue 4, pp 45-53.
- Muhammad A. and Wahe H. Balekjian., 2010, "The Economic Significance of Overseas Access to Pakistan Media Sector", *Entertainment Law Review* - SWEET & MAXWELL Publisher UK, Vol. 21 (8), pp 304-310.
- Muhammad A., 2013, "The WIPO Cablecasting Treaty: Enforcement and Regulation", *Computer and Telecommunication Law Review*- SWEET & MAXWELL Publisher UK, Vol.19 (7), pp.199-205.
- Muhammad A. and Michele M., 2016, "Procedure: How a Canadian Bill becomes a Law", LinkedIn Canada
- Muhammad A. and Michele M., 2016, "Update- Bill C-6 Summery", LinkedIn Canada.
- Muhammad A. and Michele M., 2017, "A Canadian is a Canadian is a Canadian.", LinkedIn Canada.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Barrister & Solicitor - Lawyer** 2019- Present
The Law Society of Ontario, ON Canada
- **Barrister & Solicitor - Lawyer** Apr-Jun 2019
The Law Society of Manitoba, MB Canada
- **Member-at-Large "Entertainment, Media & Communication Law Section"** 2017-18
Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
- **Reviewer in PJSS Journal** 2017
Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan
- **Member of the Canadian Bar Association** 2017-18
Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
- **Member of the Manitoba Bar Association** 2017-19
Manitoba Bar Association, Canada.
- **Member of The Law Society of Manitoba** 2016-19
(Articling Student-at-Law) Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- **Articling Student-at-Law** 2016-18
Michele Madick Law Corporation, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- **Free Preparatory Classes for NCA students** 2013-Present
Provided free tuition to NCA Student especially Canadian Constitutional Law, Criminal Law and Evidence Law, Professional Responsibility and Administrative Law
- **Lecturer in Law (Visiting) IIUI** 2005-07
 - Conducted research activities and prepared and delivered lectures to undergraduate law students
 - Provided guidance to undergraduate students researching term papers
 - Counseled students experiencing difficulties in the course
 - Graded term papers, final examinations, and student tutorial participation
- **Program Coordinator, IIUI** 2005-07
 - Performed academic coordination for LLM Programs
 - Managed research activities
 - Assisted with formulation and implementation of the academic program
- **Member Advocate High Court** 2007-Present
Punjab bar Council
Rawalpindi bar Association
- **Member Advocate Lower Court** 2005-07
Punjab bar Council
Islamabad bar Association

CONFERENCE PAPER/PRESENTATION

- **Ontario Education System** 2017-19
Community Education Awareness
- **Neighbouring Rights and Public Interest** May 2009
Second Antwerp-Glasgow Doctoral Colloquium
University of Antwerp, Belgium
- **Related Rights and Their Development** 2009
PhD discussion group
The School of law, Glasgow, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Anti-siphoning Laws and Cricket** March 2010
Fourth Summit on Communication and Sports

- Kent State University and Youngstown State University, USA
- **International Intellectual Property Alliance Fifteen Years (1995-2009) Report on Pakistan (Poster Presentation)** April 2010
The Fourth International Graduate Legal Research Conference (IGLRC) 2010
King's College London, UK
- **Public Interest and Electronic Media** Jun 2010
The Westminster Graduate Conference
The School of Law, University of Westminster, UK
- **Future Prospects of 'Webcasting Recognition'** Aug 2011
International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
University of Cambridge, UK
- **Satellite Signals Ignore Sovereign Borders** Oct 2010
MediAsia2010, The Asian Conference on Media and Mass Communication
The International Academic Forum, Japan

ACHIEVEMENT

- **Postgraduate Research Representative** 2009-10
The School of law, Glasgow, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **PhD Scholarship** 2007-11
HEC, Islamabad, Pakistan
- **Conference Travel Grants (Cambridge)** 2010
The School of law, Glasgow, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Conference Travel Grants (US)** 2010
HEC, Islamabad, Pakistan
- **Conference Travel Grants (Belgium)** 2009
The School of law, Glasgow, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIE

- **PhD Students Representative** 2005-06
The School of law, Glasgow, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Community Services** (Thorncliffe Park Drive, Toronto, Canada) 2013-16
Leadership, teamwork, event planning, budgeting, fundraising and other highly valued skills
Working with our community
- **General Secretary** 2005-06
Precedent Forum for Lawyers, IIUI
- **Joint Secretary** 2004-06
Precedent Forum for Lawyers, IIUI
- **LLM Class Representative** 2004-06
IIUI
- **LLB Class Representative** 2001-04
IIUI

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Doctoral Student**, University of Glasgow, UK 2007-12
 - Researched and wrote a thesis on copyrights and electronic media issues
 - Conducted a comparative study between Pakistan and UK, USA, Australia, EU
 - Identified the challenges to the Pakistan public and private electronic media sectors
 - Pointed out some prospective electronic media challenges such as IPT and Mobile TV
 - Analyzed about traditional TV broadcasting through internet "Webcasting".
 - Discussed some current issues such as anti-siphoning law, cablecasting, satellite and territorial broadcasting
- **Master Student**, IIUI 2004-06
 - Researched and wrote a term thesis on intellectual property rights enforcement
 - Wrote a dissertation to improve the IPR enforcement situation
 - Focused of Institutional arrangements
 - Discussed some regulatory and enforcement issues

WORKSHOP

- **Representing Refugee Claimants at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada** Aug 2017

- IRB-UNHCR and Legal Aid, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- **Write Your Business Plan: Market Research Tools by Sherri Cairn** Feb 2017
Winnipeg World Trade Center, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- **MPNP Information Session (Skilled Worker), Manitoba Education and Training** Dec 2016
Manitoba Provincial Government, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- **Geographical Indication** 2005
Intellectual Property Organization Pakistan and European Union
- **Media Law in Pakistan** Oct 2005
Internews Islamabad Pakistan /USAID
- **Edinburgh local GRADschool** 2008
Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK
- **Research Training** 2007-08
Law PGR Research Methods Course 2007/8, The School of Law, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK
- **Writing a PhD** 2007
A short course (2007) by Daniel P.J. Soule, Arts and Humanities Graduate School, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **IRCC Economic Immigration Update- What's New and What's Ahead** Apr 2017
Presented by Employer Liaison Officer, International Region, Citizen and Immigration Canada
Manitoba Bar Association, Immigration Section, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- **Taylor McCaffrey's Legal Start** Mar 2017
Taylor McCaffrey LLP Law Firm, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- **MPNP Information Session (SW), Manitoba Education and Training** Dec 2016
Organized by Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP), Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- **Write Your Business Plan: Market Research Tools** Feb 2017
Winnipeg World Trade Center, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- **Business Start-Up Information Session** Dec 2016
Entrepreneurship Manitoba, Growth, Enterprise and Trade, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- **Understanding Non-Profit Organization, Social Enterprise & Co-op as a Business Model** Feb 2017
Winnipeg World Trade Center, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- **7th Annual "Lawyers for Literacy"** Mar 2017
Volunteer, Law Society of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

VOLUNTEER

- **Free Preparatory Classes for NCA law students** 2013-Present
Mentor: Dr. Muhammad Abrar
Teaching is my passion. So, I am taking NCA students' free classes from last 2 years.
- **Volunteer Sport Person** 2013
Canadian Para Track & Field Championship, New Brunswick, Canada
- **Volunteer Sport Person** 2013
ParaSport Ontario, Kingston, ON, Canada

LANGUAGE

- **English, Urdu, Punjabi and Arabic** (Arabic reading or little bit speaking)

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

- **IT Standard Course** Courses between 2007-13
IT Services, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Dissertation Layout**
IT Services, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Vitae Preparation**
IT Services, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Presentations with PowerPoint**
IT Services, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Web Search Skills**
IT Services, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- **Spreadsheets and Reference Manager**
IT Services, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK

HOBBY

- **Intro to Digital Photography, Instructor: Roger Buchanan**

April 2017

Winnipeg Leisure Program, Organized by City of Winnipeg, MB, Canada

- **Basics of Buying a Home, Instructor: Lesley Kondratuk**

May 2017

Winnipeg Leisure Program, Organized by City of Winnipeg, MB, Canada

- **Learn to Fish**

June 2017

Winnipeg Leisure Program, Organized by City of Winnipeg, MB, Canada

- **Professional Bodybuilding**