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26 years' experience as lawyer
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He is a lawyer by third generation practicing since 1986. One of the leading lawyers of Lahore, in Civil, Family, Rent, Arbitration, Banking and Company matters. Currently Senior Partner of law firm 'Zafar Kalanauri & Associates'. He has got training in Mediation, Case Management & other ADR Mechanisms, from U.S.A. He has got Mediation Skills Training & Accreditation by CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) U.K, He as an Accredited Mediator from U.S.A & CEDR U.K. He is also an Accredited Mediation Master Trainer from CEDR & in collaboration with IFC (International Finance Corporation). He has got Training in Advocacy Training Skills from Bar of England & Wales and Training on Human Rights & Criminal Justice Process from College of England & Wales.

He is a courageous leader in an area of critical importance: the Lawyers Community of Pakistan, their rights and their productive and humane integration into society. He was elected as President of Lahore Bar Association (1996-97), elected as Member Punjab Bar Council, (Session 2000- 05). He is an indefatigable and effective mobilizer and organizer of Stakeholders Reformists and Change Makers in the Pakistani Legal system.

As an Alternative Dispute Resolution Expert, for Technical Assistance Project of Strengthening of Institutional Capacity for Judicial and Legal Reform in Pakistan, the Asian Development Bank he drafted Rules of Mediation & Conciliation for Court Annexed ADR. He was Member ADR/Mediation Working Group ADR/Mediation Pilot Project at Karachi for Institutionalizing Mediation in Pakistan of International Finance Corporation IFC (World Bank Group) & Chief Justice of Sindh High Court. He drafted Model Rules of Business (RoBs) for 'Musalihah Anjuman' under Gender Justice Through Musalihah Anjuman Project (GJTMAP) of Government of Pakistan & UNDP for Constitution and Mobilization of the 'Musalihah Anjumans (Mediation at community level) in all Union Councils in the pilot districts. He was Member Steering Committee National Law University, a project of Higher Education Commission and Member Legal Education Commission formed by Supreme Court of Pakistan.

He has visited USA Four times on exchange programs to study the USA legal system. Especially with regard to the implementation of different ADR Mechanisms like Case Management, Court Settlement, Early Neutral Evaluation, Non-Binding Arbitration and Mediation for quick resolution of disputes, as an alternative to adversarial system. He is continuously involved (as leader of the core group) with the 'Civil Justice Reform Project' being carried by the ISDLS & USIS, Pakistan since 1997, which successfully ran Pilot Projects for expeditious disposal of Family cases and Commercial Cases by use of Case Management & Mediation Techniques Represented Pakistan in a number of Seminars, Workshops and Conferences in USA, UK, France, China, Bangladesh and Singapore.

He has is Teaching at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan College of Law, Human Resource Development Centre (Government of Punjab), Federal Judicial Academy & PILDOT, (Government of Pakistan) since 1997. As an independent, non-profit affiliate of National Legal Education Network he is working to improve Legal Education in Pakistan. He serves on committees at local, state and national levels dealing with legal education reform. Over 70 articles written by him have been published in leading law journals and newspapers on legal, political, human rights and social issues. He regularly takes part in Seminars, Conferences, and Talk Shows on the aforesaid issues. A Book on "Advocacy Training Skills" is under publication and he is also busy in writing another book on "ADR Mechanisms". Beyond his domestic impact, his international experience and visibility are extensive He has studied legal systems of seven countries of the World and wrote articles on the same. He has been Editor "Comparative Law Journal" (A publication of Lahore High Court Bar Association). He drafted Punjab Consumer Protection Act, 2005, Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act, 2005, model Drugs Act and Human Rights Act, Model ADR Rules for Court Annexed ADR.2005. Model Rules of Business 2005 for Musalihah Anjuman, under the Local Government Ordinance.