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Lawyer, 16 years of professional experience
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Saima did her bachelors in law from the Punjab University in 1995 after which she worked as an associate at Surrige & Beecheno for a year before leaving for the Kings College London for an LLM in International Law and Finance. She returned immediately after her LLM to work in Pakistan. She worked as an associate at Afridi, Shah and Minallah where she was subsequently made partner in 2005. After the firm dissolved due to the two named partners being appointed as Judges of the High Court, Saima set up her own firm “Progressive Advocates & Legal Consultants”.

Her initial experience was in corporate and constitutional litigation which subsequently expanded to transactional work and consultancy relating to legal reforms and development. Her areas of interest include the Constitution, Corporate laws, Corporate Governance, Regulatory Laws, Taxation Laws, Environmental Laws, Not for Profit Laws and Public Interest Litigation. She has handled numerous development consultancies which vary from environment enforcement, development of SMEs, improvement in the Lower Judiciary, development in legal and regulatory framework for not for profit organizations, bringing in policy change in regulatory frame work of taxation regime, improving Urban development, Governance and corruption issues in water and sanitation and reforms in acquisition laws. She has received training in Environment laws from LEADs Pakistan and M.C Metha Foundation Rishkish, India. She has also been trained in mediation and is an accredited mediator. She has taught various subjects at TILS, UCL, LUMS, Civil Services Academy and the Judicial Academy. Consultancies she is currently working on include a consultancy on Mainstreaming Land Acquisition and Resettlement Safeguards in the Central and West Asia Region, Innovation in Teaching of Legal Education, and Development of Curriculum for the Law and Justice Commission Pakistan.

In her spare time, Saima does voluntary work for charitable organizations including The Citizens Foundation, Bali Memorial Trust and Gurmani Foundation.
