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Wasif Majeed & Co. is managed by Mr. Wasif Majeed, an advocate admitted to practice in the High Courts of Pakistan. His qualifications include an LL.M in International Dispute Resolution from the University of London. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK, and an accredited mediator of the Center for Dispute Resolution (UK). Mr. Wasif has over eight years of experience, during which he was associated with Mr. Salman Akram Raja, partner at one of reputable law firms of Pakistan namely Raja Muhammad Akram & Co (“**RMA**”).

Wasif Majeed & Co. is engaged in rendering its expertise in the following areas of legal practice:

Business transactions & corporate advice:

Mr. Wasif also had the opportunity to work on various business transactions. Some of the prominent transactions included due diligence of the state owned oil company during its privatization process and setting up of independent power plants by the Leading Business Houses of Pakistan in or around the year 2007. Mr. Wasif also advised a major academic group of Pakistan during franchising of the Gymboree program in Pakistan and its joint ventures for setting up schools in Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Mr. Wasif frequently rendered advice to clients on matters involving setting up of companies as well as various corporate matters faced by the companies.

Intellectual property:

Mr. Wasif has recently been granted a certificate by the World Intellectual Property Organization in an IP Strategy and Management course. This makes Mr. Wasif one of the very few certified IP Strategists in Pakistan. Mr. Wasif also holds a diploma in intellectual property rights from the University of Punjab. Mr. Wasif help clients and business develop an IP strategy that aligns with their business strategy and is aimed at maximizing the value of their IP assets. He has dealt with numerous matters involving intellectual property rights (trademarks, service marks, domain names, copyrights, patents etc) including but not limited to the registration of such rights and their enforcement in the courts of law. Mr. Wasif is an approved IP Attorney by the Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan

Banking laws:

At RMA, Mr. Wasif had the opportunity to extensively work in the area of banking law. This included all possible areas involving banking law practice in Pakistan including rendering of legal opinions to various banks in financing matters, drafting and filing suits before Banking and High Courts in Punjab and Sindh and legal audits for various banks. As regards banking suits, Mr. Wasif has drafted and pursued suits involving large sums of money ranging between two hundred million and five billion rupees. One of the legal audits in which Mr. Wasif was involved related to audit of accounts with the exposure of between two hundred million and seven billion rupees. Mr. Wasif had the opportunity to work for the MCB Bank Limited, United Bank Limited, Allied Bank Limited, National Bank of Pakistan, Habib Bank Limited, Citibank Pakistan, Bank of Punjab and NIB Bank Limited. Mr. Wasif's success ratio in the banking cases was almost 100 percent.

Judicial Review of Public Actions:

RMA is renowned for its successful challenges before the Superior Courts of Pakistan to various administrative and quasi-judicial actions by the Public Authorities. At RMA, Mr. Wasif had the opportunity to extensively deal with such matters including drafting of writs and pleading them before the Courts. Some of the prominent successful judicial reviews related to the procurement of 150 locomotives by Pakistan Railways and imposition of electricity duty by the Province of Punjab. Mr. Wasif also rendered assistance to the firm in the historical 18th amendment case.

Dispute resolution, litigation & arbitration (local and international):

Mr. Wasif did his LL.M with specialization in International Dispute Resolution. Mr. Wasif is involved in a number of ad-hoc local arbitrations and an international arbitration being conducted under the auspices of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr. Wasif is member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK, and a founding member of the Institute of Arbitration and Mediation, Pakistan.

International trade and WTO law:

Mr. Wasif studies international trade and WTO law in his LL.M. He has a vast experience in international trade matters. He was involved in various international trade matters including suits against foreign parties in Pakistan and suits against Pakistani companies in foreign countries. He has a thorough understanding of international trade and WTO law. One of his articles ("Is there a sequencing problem in the DSU of the WTO") on WTO law has been published in Corporate Law Digest (CLD 2010 Journal Section 108).

Trusts, societies, non-profit entities and trade organizations:

Mr. Wasif dealt with matters involving registration of non-profit entities including trusts and societies. Some of such non-profit entities are the Aitchison Building Trust Fund, Aitchison College Endowment Fund and Institute of Arbitration and Mediation Pakistan. Mr. Wasif rendered advice to various trade organizations like All Pakistan Textile Mills Association, Travel Agents Association of Pakistan, The Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry etc on various legal matters involving trade organizations.

Energy laws:

Mr. Wasif drafted distribution license application for a client and provided assistance to the client in filing of the said application before the government authority. He also advised various captive power plants on matters regarding power generation and distribution license.

Labour laws:

Mr. Wasif has an extensive experience in Labour related matters. He has conducted numerous cases before various labour foras including the Wage Authority, Labour Courts, Labour Appellate Tribunal and the High Courts. Furthermore, Mr. Wasif frequently advised clients on labour matters so as to enable them to comply with the social audit requirements.

Civil laws:

Mr. Wasif handled civil suits involving almost all areas of civil practice. This included suits for declaration, injunction, specific relief, possession, cancellation of document, recession of contract, summary suits, damages as well as suits involving family, rent and revenue matters.

Tax laws:

Mr. Wasif also has the experience to deal with tax and customs matters. In this regard, he has pleaded matters before the departmental authorities and before the Courts.

Legal development:

Apart from handling private disputes, Mr. Wasif has also worked in the area of legal development. He rendered assistance to the firm in the review of the forthcoming Companies Act of Pakistan. In this personal capacity, he reviewed the forthcoming Arbitration Act of Pakistan. His review of the Arbitration Bill, 2009, has been published in the Corporate Law Digest (CLD 2010 Journal Section 52).

Academic coaching:

In addition to the legal practice, Mr. Wasif is active in the academic arena as well. He is a visiting faculty member of the Government College University, Lahore, and the National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Lahore.

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