



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective from May 15th, 2020, LMA (Liaquat Merchant Associates) is pleased to announce induction of two new partners, Syed Shayan Ahmed and Hassan Arif.

### **Syed Shayan Ahmed**

Syed Shayan Ahmed is an Advocate of the High Court and is a member of Karachi Bar Association, Sindh Bar Council, and Sindh High Court Bar Association.

Shayan has earlier worked with LMA as an associate lawyer and subsequently left LMA to establish Themis School of Law, a leading law school offering distance learning LLB (Hons) Program of the University of London, of which he is the Co-Founder and Director. Thereafter, Shayan set up an independent legal practice by the name of 'Ahmed and Partners' and gained experience and built a successful practice in the areas of banking, corporate finance, company, commercial, competition, international trade, insurance, labour, employment, conveyancing and intellectual property matters. Shayan also brings considerable litigation and dispute resolution experience in complex commercial, civil, and constitutional litigation matters, having represented clients such as All Pakistan CNG Association and Pakistan Pediatrics Association on some significant cases recently heard before the High Court of Sindh at Karachi. Shayan also has extensive experience of working with and representing foreign clients and regularly appears before various tribunals and quasi-judicial forums.

Shayan as a Partner at LMA will not only bring his legal corporate, commercial and litigation experience and expertise to LMA but also his expertise in mentoring legal students and his managerial and organizational skills which are an important skill set for a progressive law firm.

### **Hassan Arif**

Hassan is enrolled as an Advocate of the District and Sessions Court(s) and as an Advocate of the High Court(s) and is a member of the Honourable Society of Inner Temple, Sindh Bar Council and Karachi Bar Association.

Hassan has been in practice since 2013 and during this time he has represented a wide array of corporate clients, including financial institutions before the High Court of Sindh at Karachi for recovery of outstanding finances. LMA's entire clinical negligence litigation portfolio relating to the Aga Khan University Hospital is handled by Hassan, which includes drafting opinions, replying to legal notices and defending the Hospital as well as Doctors/Surgeons in civil, criminal and constitutional jurisdictions. Hassan has represented members of the steel re-rolling industry before the High Court of Sindh in Sales Tax matters as well as before the tax authorities including Commissioners for Inland Revenue and Commissioner Appeals and has appeared before Commissioners of the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan as well as its Appellate Bench in contentious matters relating to regulatory compliance. He has also represented a wide range of individuals, associations and corporations in various issues before all forums of dispute resolutions including, but not limited to, tribunals, courts and quasi-judicial bodies and officers. Hassan also has experience in rendering legal opinions to clients on various legal matters. Notable clients represented by Hassan include Continental Biscuits Ltd, Shell Pakistan Ltd, Pakistan Mercantile Exchange Ltd and All Pakistan Newspapers Society.

Hassan has also been active in legal education and has in the past lectured on European Union law at the Themis School of Law, Karachi and on Business and Labour law at St Joseph's College for Women, Karachi.

Both the newly inducted Partners will work in close coordination with the Senior Partner and Managing Partner at LMA.

We, at LMA, remain committed to provide quality legal services in an extensive range of practice areas through our highly experienced Partners and Associates.

We take this opportunity to wish you and your team good health and continued safety.

Liaquat H. Merchant  
Chairman and Managing Partner

Faresa Jafarey Ahsan  
Senior Partner and Head of Corporate