

# Vishal Shamsi

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## Education

2014-2015	LLM in Professional Legal Skills City Law School – City University London
2012-2013	Bar Professional Training Course City Law School – City University London
2009-2012	LLB (Honours) University of London International Programmes

## Certifications and Memberships

Member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn  
ADRgroup UK Accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator  
Sindh Bar Council  
Karachi Bar Association

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## Work Experience

### Mediator, Trainer & Representative

*March 2014 - Present*

#### *National Centre for Dispute Resolution (NCDR), Karachi*

- Mediator in a wide range of issues including civil, commercial and family disputes.
- Instructor and principal trainer in mediation at basic and advanced levels.
- Involved in the drafting of 'Alternate Dispute Resolution Bill, 2017' passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan.
- Speaker at World Mediation Summit 2017 in Madrid, Spain.
- Presenter at Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) annual conference 2016 held in Baltimore, USA.
- Trainer of peace builders on Strategic Conflict Management organized by NCDR in collaboration with Sustainable Peace and Development Organization (SPADO), part of the Community Mediation Project 2015.
- Presenter at 'Dispute Settlement' seminar held in Faisalabad in May 2015 organized by Trade Dispute Resolution Organization (TDRO), Ministry of Commerce Pakistan on 'Why businesses need mediation?'
- Part of the training team that trained Judges from all over Pakistan at Federal Judicial Academy Islamabad in 2014.

### Law Lecturer

*Sept 2016 - Present*

#### *L'école for Advanced Studies, Karachi*

- Deliver lectures and seminars for the subject 'Legal System and method' for the University of London International Programmes.
- Develop and implement new methods of teaching to reflect changes in research.
- Design, prepare and develop teaching materials.
- Assess students' coursework, and set and mark examinations.

### Case Administrator

*Aug 2014 - Nov 2014*

#### *National Centre for Dispute Resolution (NCDR), Karachi*

- Arranged mediations and provided office support to mediators, lawyers and clients.
- Visited courts ensuring timely referral of cases to NCDR and collected data from the judges practising mediation.
- Prepared mediation reports for NCDR.
- Maintained mediation database on cases being mediated by NCDR and the judges in all of Karachi.

### Legal Department Intern

*June 2012 - July 2012*

#### *State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Karachi*

- In-house work, with extensive focus on research on the core functions and operations of the State Bank of Pakistan.
- Worked with Bank's research, Monetary Policy and Economic Analysis Departments to explore economic and financial system policy issues related to Pakistan.
- Individual project focused on research in the Legal Department and Banking Policy & Regulations Department.

### Legal Intern

*July 2011*

#### *Mandviwalla & Zafar Pakistan - Legal consultants & Advocates*

- Drafted and vetted various legal documents including mortgage deeds, terms and conditions of a promotional campaign, sale agreements and relinquishment deeds.

- Drafted legal opinions for Pakistan International Airlines, National Investment Trust Limited and Askari Bank.
- Researched for the famous case of Shahid Khan Afridi against Pakistan Cricket Board.
- Conducted legal research concerning various formalities required to be complied with before incorporating a company in Pakistan.

#### **Legal Intern**

*June 2011*

##### ***Surridge and Beecheno Pakistan - Advocates and Corporate Consultants***

- Conducted research on the code for corporate governance in Pakistan in light of the Companies Ordinance 1984 and the role of Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).
- Drafted and vetted several legal documents and assisted in the process of due diligence for the firm.
- Provided legal assistance in cases related to a wide range of matters including money laundering, proceeds of narcotics, suicide and life insurance policies, and many basic corporate disputes.

#### **Summer Intern**

*June 2007 - Aug 2007*

##### ***National Centre for Dispute Resolution Pakistan (NCDR), Karachi***

- Performed a comparative research on mediation related laws in different parts of the world.
- Developed a deeper understanding of the prospects and nature of a career in mediation.
- Wide-ranging tasks including taking meeting minutes and drafting e-mails for clients and mediators.

#### **Awards and Activities**

##### *Mooting:*

- Winner of interschool (SZABIST- L'école) Moot court competition 2010
- Winner of L'école (Undergrad) Annual Mooting competition 2010

##### *Writing:*

- Author of 'Fake, Flight & Found' – mystery novel – currently in editing
- Editor, designer and compiler of L'école law journal – 2010

##### *Public Speaking and other Social Skills:*

- Group representative for the BPTC for the academic year - 2012-2013
- Member of Staff and Student Liaison Committee, City University - 2012-2013
- LLB Class representative at L'école (Undergrad) - 2009-2010
- Participated in Model United Nations organised by LUMS - 2006 & 2007
- Member of the school event management committee at L'école for Advanced Studies - 2006-2008

#### **Languages**

- Urdu: Native
- English: Fluent/Bilingual Proficiency [IELTS 8.0 overall]
- Turkish: Basic - Yunus Emre Institute London level A2

#### **Computing Skills**

- Microsoft Office, Graphic and webpage designing & Visual Basic courses - Petroman Training Institute Karachi

#### **Voluntary Work & Charity**

- Volunteer at Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT) Karachi
- Completed North-London Half Marathon 2015 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity
- Supervised Quaidabad branch of The Citizen's Foundation for Summer Camp 2014

#### **Interests**

- Fictional and Nonfictional Writing, Freelance Graphic Designing, Running and Traveling