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Introduction

Maaz Waheed & Co is a full-service law Chamber with substantial representation in wide areas of law. Our team, together with their experience, enables us to provide professional legal services of the highest quality, combining technical excellence with commercial awareness, to deliver a practical and constructive solution to the client, as well as strong and effective representation before all legal forums to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Our Chamber has an innovative and flexible law practice, focusing on delivering quick and reliable legal advisory and representation to our clients. We tailor our services to the specific requirements of the client, working in a collaborative and an approachable manner, to provide comprehensive advice which suit the commercial and personal needs and interests of our clients.

We offer our clients unmatched performance with a competitive pricing policy, simultaneously, remaining strongly committed to maintaining the traditional values of integrity, independence, and professionalism. We provide a one-stop shop service for our clients that wish to retain our services on a long-term basis, delivering timely and cost-effective solutions. Our Chamber values the trust that our clients place in us and we work hard in providing effective representation to solve their legal problems.

Our Litigation Experience

Maaz Waheed & Co has established expertise and an unrivalled reputation in litigation, arbitration, and mediation. We draw together a team of well-qualified lawyers and paralegals to offer comprehensive and efficient services, relying on our strong analytical, legal research, and written and oral advocacy skills with real-world pragmatism. Our clients rely on our in-depth knowledge of the law, our strategic approach, and our strong advocacy and advisory skills to protect their rights in complex disputes.

Our practice is led by Mr. Maaz Waheed, Advocate of High Court of Pakistan, who possess a strong experience in litigation and arbitrations, and has represented multiple clients before various forums, across Pakistan.

Our team comprises of highly qualified and experienced lawyers who have prized skills and expertise in legal research and advocacy. We have advised and represented various private companies, prominent business groups and trade bodies for resolution of their disputes.

Our practice encompasses a broad range of civil and commercial disputes, and our lawyers have been engaged in the following prominent matters, amongst others:



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- Successfully represented numerous importers and distributors of paper and paper board challenging the anti-dumping duties imposed by the National Tariff Commission, before the Anti-Dumping Appellate Tribunal and the High Courts of Sindh and Islamabad.
- Successfully representing Mr. Khair Muhammad before the Honourable High Court of Sindh in a matter concerning his ownership rights over 3 acres of land. Mr. Khair Muhammad had been illegally deprived of his possession and ownership of the land on the basis of a forged conveyance deed. We have successfully obtained a restraining order against the Defendants, whereby the Defendants have been restrained from raising construction and creating third party interest in the property in question.
- Representing M/S Hyundai Nishat Motors, a private limited company, before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, challenging the vires of certain provisions of the Advertisement By-Laws 2003 (amended 2006) enacted by the City Government Karachi/ KMC, pursuant to which payment of shop board tax is sought by the District Municipal Corporation (South) Karachi; interim relief has been granted in favor of the client.
- Successfully representing Mr. Ali Jawaid before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi against the illegal attempts of encroachment on his land by private persons, and unlawful



interference on his land by the Anti-Encroachment Department. Interim relief has been granted in favor of our client.

- Representing M/S Hafiz Brothers Ltd, a money exchange firm incorporated under the laws of the United Kingdom, before the Honourable High Court of Sindh, challenging the continued unlawful retention of its funds by M/S Khanani & Kalia, a money exchange firm incorporated in Pakistan.
- Representing various textile mills operating in Pakistan, before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, challenging the amendments to Section 65B of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, dealing with the tax credits on investments in plant and machinery, vide the Finance Act, 2019; interim relief has been granted in favor of the clients.
- Successfully represented Taj Munawar & others before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, challenging the unlawful block/ suspension of land entries in their favor in Form VII, by the board of revenue. The Honourable High Court was pleased to allow the Petition. The judgment has been approved for reporting.
- Successfully represented M/S APL Logistics Pakistan and M/S Ravian International Agencies Pakistan before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, in challenging the levy of FED and SST on the



services provided by Freight Forwarding Agents. The Honourable High Court was pleased to allow the petitions in terms of directing FBR and SRB from demanding FED and SST from the petitioners.

- Successfully represented an office bearer of a housing society in 2nd post arrest bail application, the client was arrested by the NAB authorities pursuant to a NAB reference against the office bearers of the housing society in view of an alleged embezzlement of the funds of the housing society; bail granted.
- Successfully represented M/S Shipco Transport Pakistan (Pvt) Limited before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, in challenging the levy of Super Tax vide the Finance Act, 2022.
- Successfully representing M/S Bolan Engineering before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, concerning the tender floated by DHA Marina Club for construction of Jetty and related works; interim order has been granted in favor of our client, the Defendants are restrained from awarding work contract to any third person.
- Successfully representing Mr. Yousaf Khan before the District Court of Sindh in a benami dispute. Stay Application has been allowed in favor of our client.



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- Successfully represented M/S Bazz Mobile Technologies (Pvt) Limited before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, in challenging the levy of taxes on mobile handset.
- Successfully representing M/S Logix Project Management before the High Court of Sindh at Karachi, challenging the unlawful call-up notice issued by the Anti-Corruption Establishment Sindh. The concerned department was restrained from taking any coercive action against our client.
- Successfully represented M/S Mansoor Engineering Services, challenging four Tenders/NITs floated by the Karachi Development Authority for construction of ten pedestrian bridges across Karachi; the procurement process in all four tenders was declared as mis-procurement and the procuring agency was directed to freshly initiate the procurement process.
- Successfully represented a paper merchant/ member of the All-Pakistan Paper Merchant Association challenging 36 bogus/sham voters included in the voters list issued in line with the elections of the association, regulated by the Directorate General of Trade Organization; all 36 voters were held to be ineligible to vote.
- Successfully defended the All-Pakistan Customs Agents Association in a petition filed against it before the Honourable Sindh High Court,



whereby nominations sent by association for the FPCCI elections were challenged; the petition was dismissed as not maintainable.

- Successfully defended an importer in a suit filed against him by a shipping line seeking detention charges for the container detained by the Export Processing Zone Authority allegedly on account of the fact that the imported goods are banned goods; the suit was dismissed.
- Successfully represented members of the executive committee of the Pakistan International Freight Forwarders Association, challenging the decision of the election commission to allow retired members of the executive committee to cast vote in the office bearer elections; the retired members were restrained from casting vote.
- Successfully represented Air Cargo Agents Association of Pakistan before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, challenging the decision of the Regulator Trade Organizations pertaining to the functionality of the association; the order passed by the Regulator Trade Organizations was suspended.
- Successfully represented multiple importers before the pertinent customs department and the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, challenging the incorrect assessment valuation applied by the customs on the imported goods.



- Successfully representing a contractor M/S Insaf and Brothers, before the Honourable High Court of Sindh, challenging the unlawful and mala-fide attempt by the procuring agency seeking encashment of the bank guarantee submitted by M/S Insaf and Brothers as performance security for the execution of civil works awarded in its favor; interim order granted in favor of our client, procuring agency and the bank restrained from encashing the bank guarantee.
- Successfully representing Mr. Muhammad Tahir before the Honourable High Court of Sindh at Karachi, in seeking cancellation of an unlawful/ illegal trademark registration against his mark Tahir Masala; interim order granted in favor of our client, the unlawful/illegal trade mark registration has been suspended.
- Successfully represented Mr. Muhammad Tahir before the Copyright Board, Karachi, in seeking cancellation of unlawful/ illegal copyright registration against his mark – Tahir Masala. The Copyright Board was pleased to suspend and remove the illegal copyright registration.
- Successfully representing multiple allottees of M/S Cantt View Lodges in challenging the unlawful cancellation of their allotments, and the unlawful 50% increase in the cost of units by the builder; Stay Application has been allowed in favor of our clients, the builder is



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restrained from cancelling the allotments and is restrained from seeking the increased amount from our clients.

Our practitioners appear on a regular basis before courts and tribunals at all levels across Pakistan, we fully appreciate and understand that different judicial and quasi-judicial forums require different skills and styles of advocacy. We build on the diversity of our experience to present our clients' case in the most persuasive manner to maximize their chances of obtaining the most beneficial outcome.

Areas of Practice

Our lawyers have the qualifications, experience, and knowledge to advise our energy and power sector clients on the following areas:

- Admiralty, Maritime and Shipping law
- Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- Banking and Finance law
- Building and Town Planning laws
- Civil and Constitutional Litigation
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Corporate & Commercial Laws
- Corporate Governance and Securities Regulations
- Customs Laws
- Defamation Law
- Estates and Trusts Laws
- Election Laws
- Family and Inheritance/ Succession Laws
- Intellectual Property law: Trademarks, Copy Rights and Patents
- Joint Ventures and Public-Private Partnerships
- Procurement Laws
- Documentation & Negotiations
- Labour & Employments Laws
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Medical Malpractice and Negligence
- Mental Health Laws



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- Power Engineering & Financial Business Management
- Property, Land and Revenue Laws
- Service Laws
- Tariff Applications
- Taxation & Regulatory Laws
- Trade Organization Laws
- Telecommunication Laws

Our practitioners appear on a regular basis before courts and tribunals at all levels across Pakistan, as well as outside the country, in disputes relating to diverse areas of law and industries.

We fully appreciate and understand that different judicial and quasi-judicial forums require different skills and styles of advocacy. We build on the diversity of our experience to present our clients' case in the most persuasive manner to maximize their chances of obtaining the most beneficial outcome.



Our Team

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Mr. Waheed is an Advocate of the High Courts of Pakistan, and is a Certified Civil/ Commercial Mediator accredited by the Singapore International Mediation Institute and the ADR-ODR Group (UK). He began his practice of law in the year 2014 as an associate at MCAS&W Law Associates (formerly known as Muneer A. Malik & Co.), with a particular focus toward civil, commercial and criminal (white collar crime) litigation. Prior to establishing this chamber, Mr. Waheed was a Partner at Raja Mohammed Akram & Co.

Mr. Waheed maintains expertise in disputes in relation to civil and commercial transactions, property and land revenue laws, intellectual property law, public procurement laws, tax laws, customs laws, and constitutional matters. Over the years Mr. Waheed has been engaged in and has successfully handled infringement and passing off proceedings pertaining to intellectual property disputes and has represented numerous parties before the Intellectual Property Tribunal and the High Court, as well as before the Trademark and Copy Rights Registry, Karachi, for purposes of seeking trademark and copyright registrations. Further, Mr. Waheed has successfully represented multiple clients before the High Court of Pakistan in disputes concerning illegal occupation and use of land. Further, Mr.

Waheed has successfully handled disputes concerning numerous clients before the High Court of Pakistan handled disputes in relation to tenders floated by the federal and the provincial governments under the public procurement laws, and has represented numerous parties before SPPRA and the High Courts of Pakistan. Moreover, Mr. Waheed also possesses significant experience in cases of constitutional importance, and particularly in challenging the vires of various laws, including certain provisions in the Advertisement By-Laws 2003 (amended 2006) enacted by the City Government Karachi/ KMC dealing with the shop board tax, the Finance Act, 2019, where provisions of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, dealing with tax credit on investment in plant and machinery, were amended, levy of the Super Tax inserted vide the Finance Act, 2022, levy of taxes on mobile handsets, and the levy of FED and SST on the services provided by Freight Forwarding Agents.

Mr. Waheed has been engaged in and has successfully handled trade organization disputes, in specific the election disputes of trade organizations regulated and governed under the Trade Organization Act, 2013, and the Rules made therein under, and has represented various individuals as well as trade organizations before the Directorate General of Trade Organization and the High Courts of Pakistan. Further, Mr. Waheed has successfully handled commercial and shipping cases pertaining to short landing of cargo, ownership of cargo, and disputes in relation to valuation rulings, arbitrary and wrong assessment of consignment, retention of containers and the demurrage charges. Additionally, Mr.

Waheed has successfully represented multiple clients in land revenue matters, before the commissioner revenue as well as the High Courts of Pakistan. In Furtherance to the above, Mr. Waheed has a wide civil law practice in other areas of law such as the labour and employment matters, mental health matters, election matters, anti-dumping duties laws, family laws, amongst others.

Additionally, Mr. Waheed has also successfully represented numerous clients in white-collar criminal litigation including bail and trial proceedings in relation to NAB, FIA, Anti-Narcotics and Anti-Corruption Establishment. Further, Mr. Waheed is also actively involved in corporate, transactional and regulatory matters, including but not limited to, incorporation of companies with SECP, sales tax and income tax filing, contract management including conducting due diligence of property documents, employment contracts, shareholders agreements, amongst others.

Mr. Waheed had also been affiliated with the Szabist School of Law - LLB - University of London, International Program, as a visiting faculty for Commercial Law.

Mr. Waheed is the Head of Chambers, and is based in Karachi.



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Mr. Khan is an Advocate of the High Courts of Pakistan. He began his practice of law in the year 2019 as an associate at Dr. Shahnawaz Memon & Associates, with a particular focus towards tax and customs law. Prior to joining Maaz Waheed & Co., Mr. Khan was affiliated with Shah & Co. as an associate, where under the mentorship of Mr. Ovais Ali Shah, Mr. Khan continued the practice of law with particular focus on constitutional, taxation, customs, civil, service, intellectual property rights and criminal (white collar crimes) matters.

Mr. Khan maintains expertise in disputes pertaining to civil laws, criminal laws, intellectual property laws, tax laws, customs laws and constitutional matters. Over the course of legal practice, Mr. Khan has represented and successfully handled complex tax issues ranging from applicability of tax to illegal use of powers by the tax officers before tax departments, Appellate Tribunal and High Courts. Mr. Khan has earned experience in customs laws by representing various clients in complex disputes such as classification and valuation of goods before Customs Departments, Collector of Customs (Appeals), Customs Appellate Tribunal and High Courts.



Mr. Khan has been engaged in and has successfully handled complex constitutional issues relating to a variety of parliamentary laws. Mr. Khan was part of the legal counsels, who successfully pleaded vires of “Super Tax”, enacted through Finance Act 2022, before the High Court of Sindh. Mr. Khan has further been trusted to pursue issues of vires of various provisions of Income Tax laws and Sales Tax laws before the High Courts of Pakistan.

Further, Mr. Khan possesses experience of intellectual property laws as he has successfully represented various clients in complex issues such as cross-border trademarks ownership claims before Intellectual Property Rights Tribunal and High Courts. Additionally, Mr. Khan has successfully represented in cases pertaining to Revenue (Land) before the Board of Revenue Authorities and High Courts.

Apart from his law practice, Mr. Khan writes academic papers on various issues of law and is pursuing to get those papers published in renowned academic journals.

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Mr. Khan is an Advocate of the Subordinate Courts of Sindh. He began his practice of law in the year 2022 as an associate at Maaz Waheed & Co. Mr. Khan works on a wide range of civil, commercial and constitutional matters, and assists the senior members of the firm in case preparation, and arguments before the High Courts of Pakistan. Mr. Khan is known for his meticulous work and is an ace legal researcher. Further, Mr. Khan actively appears and pleads cases before the Subordinate Courts of Sindh.

Further, Mr. Khan is actively involved in corporate, transactional and regulatory matters, including but not limited to, incorporation of companies with SECP, sales tax and income tax filing, contract management including conducting due diligence of property documents, employment contracts, shareholders agreements, amongst others. Additionally, Mr. Khan is also involved in registration of Trademarks, Copyrights and Patents.

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Mr. Khan began his career as a paralegal in the year 2017 at MCAS&W Law Associates (formerly known as Muneer A. Malik & Co.). Mr. Khan has over five years of experience in handling and managing cases before the High Courts of Pakistan. Mr. Khan is well-known for his ability to efficiently and effectively manage the filing and processing of cases before the High Courts of Pakistan. Prior to joining the chamber, Mr. Khan was a paralegal at Haider Waheed & Partner.

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Mr. Shaikh began his career as a paralegal in the year 2011 at Arfeen & Co (headed by Senior Advocate Mr. Mansoor-ul-Arfeen). Thereafter, in the year 2014, Mr. Shaikh joined MCAS&W Law Associates (formerly known as Muneer A. Malik & Co.) as a paralegal. Mr. Shaikh has over ten years of experience in handling and managing cases before the District Courts and various Tribunals of Sindh, as well as, has significant face value before various registrar-offices across Sindh, enabling him to efficiently process land sale/purchase/mutation transactions. Mr. Shaikh is well-known for his ability to efficiently and effectively manage the filing and processing of cases before the District Courts of Sindh. Prior to joining the chamber, Mr. Shaikh was a paralegal at Raja Mohammed Akram & Co.

Mr. Shaikh is a Paralegal at the Chamber, and is based in Karachi.