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Orientation Certification Program for Women Entering the Legal Profession

S&S Law Associates successfully organized Pakistan's First In-Person Orientation Program for Women Entering the Legal Profession from **18–22 August 2025**.

The *five-day* certification program combined lectures, training sessions, and court visits, including the Lahore High Court (Rawalpindi Bench), District Courts Islamabad, Federal Ombudsman Secretariat, and the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Esteemed speakers included Advocate Sarah Farooq (UK), Barrister Layla Dean-Verity (UK), Advocate Nida Usman Chaudhary, Advocate Qurratul Ain Ayesha, and Advocate Sibah Farooq.

The program provided participants with practical exposure, mentorship, and skills to face real-world challenges in the legal field, marking a milestone for women in law in Pakistan.

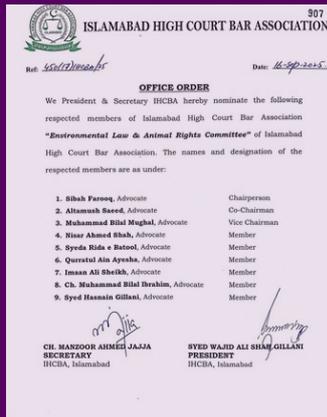


Adv. Sibah Farooq Appointed Chairperson, Environmental Law & Animal Rights Committee – IHCBA

The Islamabad High Court Bar Association has constituted its Environmental Law and Animal Rights Committee, appointing Advocate Sibah Farooq as its Chairperson.

This appointment reflects Ms. Farooq's notable contributions to environmental law. She was a speaker at Pakistan's first Environmental Law

Conference, held on 10th January in Lahore, and has filed a landmark public interest litigation on animal rights. Her active participation in various climate forums and environmental conferences highlights her continued commitment to advancing environmental justice and sustainable legal reform.



S&S Appreciated by Parliament as Pakistan's First all Women Law Firm

S&S Law Associates achieved a historic milestone when it was appreciated in the Parliament of Pakistan by the Honorable Speaker as Pakistan's first all women law firm. This appreciation stands as one of the firm's most significant achievements, reflecting its pioneering role in empowering women in the legal profession and shaping a more inclusive future for the practice of law in Pakistan.



Legal Public Awareness Activities

Advocate Sibah appeared on Public News to explain a landmark judgment by *Honourable Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah (CPLA No. 1107-L/2015)*. The Supreme Court held that a husband's obligation to provide maintenance does not depend on the consummation of marriage, a decision that reinforces women's rights and promotes fairness in marital relationships.

In another Public News segment, she discussed Pakistan's Mediation Movement, highlighting mediation as a simple and effective way to resolve disputes.

Representing S&S Law Associates, a women-led law firm, she also emphasized the growing role of women in the legal profession and the firm's mission to empower female lawyers across Pakistan.

Further, on Public News, Advocate Sibah explained the *Dowry and Bridal Gifts (Restrictions) Act, 1976*, while referring to a judgment by *Honourable Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah (CPLA No. 3284-L/2022)*. She clarified that dowry and bridal gifts remain the exclusive property of the bride even after the marriage ends, while gifts given to the groom or his family cannot be claimed by her.

These discussions reflect S&S Law Associates' continued commitment to raising public awareness about the constitutional rights of women and highlighting the key judgments that ensure their effective implementation and protection across Pakistan.



Guiding Future Legal Minds

An interactive webinar was organized by S&S Law Associates, where law students from different universities across Pakistan participated virtually and had their questions addressed.

The session mainly focused on

- CV building
- Career development

Students were guided on creating professional legal CVs, showcasing their achievements effectively, and selecting the right path for their legal careers.

The webinar concluded with an interactive Q&A session, during which participants received personalized guidance on internships, specialization choices, and strategies for professional growth in the legal field.



Noteable Legal Cases

S&S Law Associates remained actively engaged in a wide range of cases across Pakistan, appearing before various High Courts as well as the District Courts.

The firm represented international clients in a wide range of legal matters, including civil litigation, taxation disputes, medical negligence claims, and contractual as well as commercial issues.

It also represented clients in sensitive criminal cases such as rape and in family law matters including khula, dissolution of marriage and child custody.

A writ petition was also filed in Islamabad High Court regarding the free access to healthcare facilities for lawyers, reflecting the firm's continued commitment to the welfare and well being of the legal community.

