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PRACTICE AREAS

Energy & Natural Resources • Corporate & Commercial • Mergers & Acquisitions • Ocean Innovation
• Defence & Security • Aviation & Aerospace • Small & Medium Sized Enterprises • Construction

BIOGRAPHY

Mohammad Ali has close to 20 years of experience in general corporate commercial advisory and transactional and regulatory work, both in private practice and in-house in Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Canada.

Mohammad Ali moved to Canada to reunite with his family in 2014 and was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2016. In his practice, he supports businesses in multiple sectors, most notably in energy, housing, infrastructure development, and ocean technology. From drafting complex contracts to advising on project structuring and financing, Mohammad Ali provides practical solutions to the challenges his clients face at every stage and aspect of their business operations. Mohammad Ali is experienced in fast-paced business environments and recognizes the importance of response times. He believes passionately in working hard to understand the business of his clients – a trait that he feels is a distinguishing characteristic of a successful business lawyer.

EXPERIENCE

Mohammad Ali is particularly interested in advising clients on mergers & acquisitions, financing transactions (equity/debt), structuring/restructuring, and business setup. He is engaged regularly by business clients in consumer intensive businesses as well as clients working in the renewable energy, housing, power and construction projects as well as clients operating in the ocean economy. He helps his clients develop and negotiate a variety of contracts for their business operations including agency, licensing and distribution agreements, shareholders agreements, limited partnership structures, investments and subscription agreements, joint venture agreements, service contracts, design, build and operate (DBO) and engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contracts.

Mohammad Ali is a leader both within and outside the firm. He is a member of the Cox & Palmer Halifax Executive Committee and Co-Chair of the Cox & Palmer Regional Energy Group. Outside the firm, Mohammad Ali is the Chair of Feed Nova Scotia, Chair of Marine Renewables Canada, and is on the Board of Directors at the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Named a 2023 Rising Star: Leading Lawyer Under 40 by the national publication Lexpert® Magazine, recognizing and honouring his outstanding contributions to the legal profession
- Recognized in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in Corporate Commercial Law and Energy (Electricity) Law
- Listed as a leading practitioner by the publication The Best Lawyers in Canada for his practice in the areas of Banking & Finance Law and Corporate Law

LANGUAGES

- English
- Urdu/Hindi

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

BAR ADMISSION

- Barrister, 2005, Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, UK
- Advocate High Court, 2008, Punjab Bar Council, Pakistan
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales, 2009, The Law Society, UK
- Barrister & Solicitor, 2016, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, Canada

LAW SCHOOL

- University of the West of England, Bristol

EDUCATION

- University of the West of England, Bristol (Bar Vocational Course-Post-graduate Diploma in Law, 2005)
- University of London, UK (LLB Honours, 2004)

PUBLICATIONS

- Harnessing AI in Wind Energy: Risks, Opportunities, and the Role of Contractual Clarity
- Nova Scotia Seeks to Stimulate Offshore Wind and Tidal Energy
- Green Hydrogen: Nova Scotia Leading Legislative Development
- New Investment Tax Credits for Clean Energy: Can Atlantic Canada Lead the Path to Net-Zero?
- Regional Assessment for Offshore Wind Development – Update
- Alberta Court of Appeal Decision: Impact on Nova Scotia Energy Projects
- Amendments to Nova Scotia's Marine Renewable Energy Act: Important Updates for Developers
- Charting Course on an Unmanned Ship: The Need for Regulatory Certainty to Autonomously Explore the Ocean

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- *The Energy Charter Treaty and its Role in Central and South Asia*– Columbia University, New York, USA-Harriman Institute (2007)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Past Chair, Canadian Bar Association National Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section (2022 – 2024)
- Honorary Member-at-Large, Canadian Bar Association National Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section (2024 –)

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Member, Halifax Executive Committee (2024 –)
- Co-Chair, Regional Energy Group (2023 –)
- Chair, Ocean Innovation Industry Group (2017 –)

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Chair, Feed Nova Scotia (2023 –)
- Chair and Director, Marine Renewables Canada (2023 –)
- Member, Board of Directors, Halifax Chamber of Commerce (2023 –)
- Member, Advisory Committee, Most Inspiring Immigrants Gala (2021 –)
- Past Vice-President & Director, Pakistani Canadian Association of Nova Scotia (2016 – 2022)
- Global Advisor to NS Exporters, NSBI International Connectors Program (2016 –)
- Halifax Partnership Connector Program, (2016 –)