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PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate & Commercial • Mergers & Acquisitions • Ocean Innovation • Energy & Natural Resources
• Environmental • Defence & Security • Aviation & Aerospace
• Shipbuilding, Maritime & Transportation • Construction

BIOGRAPHY

Mohammad Ali has more than 10 years of experience of undertaking general corporate commercial advisory and transactional and regulatory work, both in private practice and in-house in a number of jurisdictions in Asia, Middle-east and Europe.

After moving to Canada to reunite with his family in 2014, Mohammad Ali was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2016. His practice is focused on supporting businesses in a wide variety of sectors, most notably in the energy, infrastructure development, and ocean technology sectors. From drafting complex contracts to advising on project structuring and financing, Mohammad Ali is keen to provide practical solutions to the challenges his clients face at every stage and aspect of their business operations. Mohammad Ali, having worked extensively in fast-paced business environments, is sensitive to the need to be responsive. 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, financings (equity/loan), 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, oil and gas, power and construction projects as well as clients operating in the oceans economy. He helps his clients develop and negotiate a variety of contracts for their business operations including agency and licensing agreements, shareholders agreements, investments and subscription agreements, joint venture agreements, service contracts, design, build and operate (DBO) and engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contracts.

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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.
- Listed in the publication the Best Lawyers in Canada as a leading practitioner in 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 Lower Court, 2005, Punjab Bar Council, Pakistan
- 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

- 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
- The Birth of Green Choice
- The Jones Act, Offshore Wind Projects and the Implications for Nova Scotian Ports

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

- Chair, Canadian Bar Association National Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section (2022 – 2023)
- Vice Chair, Canadian Bar Association National Environment, Energy and Resource Law Section (2019 – 2022)
- Member-at-Large, Canadian Bar Association National Environment, Energy and Resources Law Section (2018 – 2023)

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

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

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Member, Advisory Committee, Most Inspiring Immigrants Gala (2021 –)
- Vice-Chair, Feed Nova Scotia (2019 –)
- ISANS Workplace Placement Program, (2017 –)
- Vice-President & Director, Pakistani Canadian Association of Nova Scotia (2016 –)
- Global Advisor to NS Exporters, NSBI International Connectors Program (2016 –)
- Halifax Partnership Connector Program, (2016 –)