

Muhammad Abdullah Tariq Gulzar

Associate



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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Fietta LLP, associate (July 2022 onward), intern (January-July 2022)
- University of Bristol Law School, research assistant (2021)
- GST LLP (Miami), foreign associate (6-month secondment) (2019)
- Axis Law Chambers (Lahore), associate (2016-2019)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Abdullah Tariq is a Pakistani-qualified lawyer and Associate at Fietta LLP.

Abdullah has worked on a wide range of international disputes, including investment treaty and commercial arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC and LCIA Rules. Abdullah also has experience with post-award proceedings under the ICSID Convention, including revision and annulment proceedings. He advises on public international law matters, including the law of the sea and rights and obligations under international investment treaties. He has also acted in legal proceedings before Pakistani courts.

Abdullah holds a Master of Laws (LLM) (Distinction) degree from King's College London and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (Hons) degree from the University of London, International Programmes.

Prior to joining Fietta LLP, Abdullah worked at an international law boutique firm in Miami and in the dispute resolution department of a major Pakistani firm.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Highlights of Abdullah's contentious and advisory practice have included:

- Representing an individual investor in an UNCITRAL arbitration against a Gulf State under the OIC Agreement in relation to a real estate project.
- Representing more than 900 Greek and Luxembourgian investors in a pending ICSID arbitration brought under two bilateral investment treaties against Cyprus.
- Advising an Asian State on international jurisprudence and State practice with respect to the classification of baselines, and recognition of historic rights post-UNCLOS.
- Representing the Government of Pakistan in the revision phase of an ICSID arbitration brought by a Turkish investor under the Pakistan-Turkey bilateral investment treaty, in relation to a rental power project.
- Representing the Government of Pakistan in an ICSID arbitration brought by an Australian investor under the Pakistan-Australia bilateral investment treaty, in relation to a mining project.

- Representing the Government of Pakistan in the annulment phase of an ICSID arbitration brought by an Australian investor under the Pakistan-Australia bilateral investment treaty, in relation to a mining project.
- Representing a Latin American state-owned oil company in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought by an international oil services and production company.
- Representing a Pakistani state-owned company in an ICC arbitration brought by an Iranian contractor under an engineering, procurement, and construction contract for an electricity transmission tower project.
- Advising a European power company in connection with a potential investment arbitration claim against a South Asian state, in relation to a coal-fired power plant project.
- Representing a Pakistani public company in an LCIA arbitration brought by a private investor under a power purchase agreement.
- Advising an Asian energy company in connection with a potential investment arbitration claim against a South Asian state, in relation to a solar power project.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to practise in Pakistan – Advocate of the Lower Courts (2017), Advocate of the High Courts (2019)

LLM (General) (Distinction) (2020), King's College London (*Dickson Poon School of Law Prize for "The best dissertation/writing project on the LLM (General)"*)

Bar Professional Training Course (2016), University of Law, London (*President's Award Advocacy Scholarship*)

LLB (Hons) (2015), University of London, International Programmes

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Urdu (native), English (fluent), Hindi and Punjabi (conversational)