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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 proceedings before the International Court of Justice, ad-hoc inter-State arbitrations, and investment treaty and commercial arbitrations under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC and LCIA Rules. Abdullah also has experience with post-award remedies 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, and has also acted in legal proceedings before Pakistani courts.

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

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

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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

- Representing the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in a proceeding under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 against the Republic of India, before a Court of Arbitration in which the PCA (The Hague) acts as Secretariat
- Representing the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in a proceeding under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 brought by the Republic of India, before a Neutral Expert in which the PCA (Vienna) acts as Secretariat
- Representing the Republic of Azerbaijan in two separate but parallel proceedings against the Republic of Armenia before the ICJ with regard to alleged violations of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
- Representing three Mauritian investors (Suffolk (Mauritius) Limited, Mansfield (Mauritius) Limited and Silver Point Mauritius) in an ICSID arbitration against Portugal brought under the Mauritius-Portugal BIT arising out of the collapse of one of Portugal's largest banks, Banco Espírito Santo

- Representing two Middle Eastern claimants in a claim against an African State relating to the State's unlawful expropriation of investments in the construction sector
- 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 a State on investor-State dispute settlement risks in relation to an offshore oil and gas concession
- Advice to a potential investor in Rockhopper Petroleum in connection with its substantial Award against Italy under the Energy Charter Treaty and related annulment proceedings
- Advising a sovereign State in relation to maritime claims with its neighbouring States
- 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 public sector company in an ICC arbitration brought by an Iranian contractor pursuant to an engineering, procurement, and construction contract for an electricity transmission tower project
- Advising a European power company regarding a potential investment arbitration claim against a South Asian state, in relation to a coal-fired power plant
- Representing a Pakistani public sector company in an LCIA arbitration brought by a private investor pursuant to a power purchase agreement
- Advising an Asian energy company operating regarding 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 (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), Hindi and Punjabi (conversational)