

# **Faisal Siddiqi**

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## **I. Educational Qualifications:**

- Bachelor in Arts (B.A.), from the University of Karachi, Karachi [1993 – 1994]
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.C.) in Sociology from the London School of Economics & Political Science, London, United Kingdom [1994 – 1998]
- B.A. in Law from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom [1998 – 2000]
- Masters of Arts (M.A.) from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom [2004]

## **II. Professional Qualifications:**

- Enrolled as an Advocate of the District Courts of Pakistan [2002]
- Enrolled as an Advocate of the High Courts of Pakistan [2004]
- Enrolled as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan [2016]

## **III. Professional Experience:**

- Associate of Mr. Makhdoom Ali Khan, Senior Advocate and former Attorney General of Pakistan [2000 – 2001]
- Associate of Mr. Khalid Anwar, Senior Advocate and former Law Minister of Pakistan [2001 – 2003]
- Presently a Partner in the Law Firm, 'MCAS & W Law Associates' formerly known as 'Malik, Chaudhry, Ahmed, Siddiqi & Waheed' [2003 till present]
- Former Advisor/Consultant to the Attorney General for Pakistan [August, 2013 to January, 2014]
- Appointed as Amicus Curiae by the Honourable Sindh High Court in more than fifteen cases. For example, see cases reported as 2007 Civil Law Cases (CLC) 1358 and Pakistan Law Digest (PLD) 2010 Karachi 182
- Numerous cases reported in Pakistani Law Reports

#### IV. Human Rights Work:

- Founder member of the Rasheed Razvi Centre For Constitutional and Human Rights (RCCHR). Website at: [www.rcchr.com.pk](http://www.rcchr.com.pk).
- Founder Trustee of the Legal Aid Foundation for Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault. Website at: <http://legallaidfoundation.com.pk>.
- Board Member of Pakistan Institute of Labour, Education and Research (PILER), Karachi.
- Board Member of Peace Niche T2F, Karachi.
- Involved in some important Public Interest and Human Rights Litigation which include:
  - i. Baldia Factory / Ali Enterprises Factory Fire Case. In collaboration with our partners in Europe, namely, European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) and Clean Clothes Campaign (CCC), we have also initiated litigation/court cases in Germany against the German buyer (i.e. KiK Textilien) of the Ali Enterprises factory. Link to Sewing Power: Labor Rights in the Garment Industry in South Asia seminar at University of California, Berkeley. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e24OBIJkvXY&t=7445s>.
  - ii. Two major Gang Rape cases i.e. Kainat Soomro Gang Rape case and Naseema Lubano Gang Rape case;
  - iii. Constitution Petition to stop the dumping of chemical waste in the SITE Area, Karachi;
  - iv. Constitution Petition for the enforcement of the Constitutional right to Food in relation to drought hit areas;
  - v. Constitution Petition for the enforcement of the Constitutional rights to free education for children in Sindh.
  - vi. Constitution Petition for Police Reforms and the depoliticisation of Sindh Police.
  - vii. Constitution Petition for the enforcement of the Constitutional right to Electricity in Karachi.
  - viii. Legal Proceedings regarding Hate Speech in the Media.
- On the abovementioned Kainat Soomro Gang Rape case, a documentary film Titled 'Outlawed in Pakistan' was broadcast by Frontline, PBS (USA).

#### V. Academic Experience:

- September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015: I was a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, London School of Economics and Political Science
- September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016: I was a Visiting Fellow at the McGill Centre For Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University.
- Have taught three (03) courses in the past three years at Sheikh Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST) at Karachi, which include:
  - i. Social Justice.
  - ii. Law and Human Rights.

- iii. Crime and Criminology.
- iv. Politics of Terrorism.

## VI. Publications:

- **Public Interest Litigation: Predicable continuity and Radical departures**, by Faisal Siddiqi, published in book titled “*Politics and Jurisprudence of the Chaudhry Court*” edited by Moeen H. Cheema and Ijaz Shafi Gilani, Oxford University Press, 2015, p.77
- Read a paper on “Effective Judicial Interventions in Environmental Law” at a Conference held by the Honourable Baluchistan High Court at Quetta on the Environment in 2011.
- Read a paper on “Public Interest Litigation and the Supreme Court: Judicial Developments in the Post-March, 2009, period” at the International Judicial Conference, 2013, held by the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- Read a paper on “Access to Justice for the Poor” at the International Judicial Conference, 2014, held by the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- Speaker at an India-Pakistan Conference on ‘Judicial Activism, Public Interest Litigation and Human Rights’ held at Karachi in 2013, jointly by Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), India, in collaboration, with the Hamdard School of Law, Karachi and the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER), Karachi.
- Read papers on “Suo Moto Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court” and on “Fire and Safety Regulations: The 2012 Baldia Factory Fire as the case study,” at the National Continuing Legal Education Conference, held in Islamabad, on 21 October 2014.
- Numerous articles published in ‘Dawn’, Newspaper, [and ‘The News’, Newspaper, where specified] which are listed herein below:
  - i. **Pragmatic activism?** Published on Jan 13, 2010
  - ii. **Interpreting the Constitution**, Published on Feb 04, 2010
  - iii. **Supreme Conflict**, Published on Dec 19, 2011
  - iv. **The NRO Mystery**, Published on Dec 31, 2011
  - v. **Legal Empire**, Published on Jan 12, 2012
  - vi. **Supreme Visions**, Published on Feb 02, 2012
  - vii. **Supreme Contempt**, Published on Feb 26, 2012
  - viii. **The Immunity Mystery**, Published on Mar 18, 2012
  - ix. **Acid Attack: A Case of Injustice**, Published on April 01, 2012
  - x. **Judicialisation of Economics**, Published on Apr 26, 2012
  - xi. **A Defining Judicial Moment**, Published on May 21, 2012
  - xii. **Judicial Sovereigns**, Published on Jun 26, 2012
  - xiii. **Misguided Criticism**, Published on Jul 07, 2012
  - xiv. **Judicial Democracy**, Published on Jul 13, 2012
  - xv. **Kinship, Money and Justice**, Published on Sep 14, 2012
  - xvi. **Why is the SC so powerful?** Published on Oct 15, 2012
  - xvii. **Puritanical Democracy**, Published on Nov 05, 2012
  - xviii. **Can SC save Balochistan?** Published on Dec 02, 2012
  - xix. **Poor Man’s Justice**, Published on Jan 10, 2013

- xx. **The Judiciary & Military**, Published on Jan 20, 2013
- xxi. **The Supreme Court Debate**, Published on Feb 18, 2013
- xxii. **Public-Speaking Judges**, Published on Mar 15, 2013
- xxiii. **Legalizing Terror**, Published on Feb 08, 2014
- xxiv. **Constitutional Islam**, Published on Mar 02, 2014
- xxv. **An Avoidable Crisis**, Published on Mar 25, 2014
- xxvi. **Karachi Operations**, Published on Apr 03, 2014
- xxvii. **Lost in Transition**, Published on Jun 28, 2014
- xxviii. **Freedom of Belief**, Published on Aug 09, 2014
- xxix. **Constitution's Crooked Timber**, Published on Jan 26, 2015
- xxx. **Death Consensus**, Published on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.
- xxxi. **Constitutional Umpires**, Published on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- xxxii. **Missing Persons**, Published on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- xxxiii. **Judging Chaudhry**, Published on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- xxxiv. **Trying Terrorist: Myths and Reality**, Published on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- xxxv. **Rainbow Supreme Court**, Published on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- xxxvi. **Decolonising Judicial Thinking**, Published on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- xxxvii. **Human Rights and Violence: A forbidden love story**, Published on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- xxxviii. **Supreme Court on Blasphemy**, Published November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.
- xxxix. **The Rangers Mystery**, Published December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- xl. **Politics of Military Courts**, Published on January 11, 2015 in 'The News'.
- xli. **Killing for Peace**, Published on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- xl.ii. **Is Legal Reform Possible?**, Published April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.
- xl.iii. **Is Speedy Justice Possible?**, Published May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.
- xl.iiii. **Anti-Corruption Myths**, Published June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- xl.v. **Karachi's Paradox**, Published July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- xl.vi. **Judicial Accountability**, Published August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- xl.vii. **'Miracles' of Military Justice**, Published September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- xl.viii. **Path to Legal Reform**, Published October 8<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- xl.ix. **Secret Judicial Accountability**, Published October 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- l. **Judging the Chief Justice**, Published December 26<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- li. **Sharifs' Legal Games**, Published January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017.
- lii. **Ending Enforced Disappearances**, Published February 6<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- liii. **Paradox of Accountability**, Published July 24<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- li.v. **Imperfections of Accountability**, Published August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- li.vi. **Missing Persons Nightmare**, Published August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- li.vii. **Judicialisation of Leaders**, Published November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- li.viii. **Political Partisan**, Published December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- li.viiii. **The Heritage Dissent**, Published January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- li.x. **Legal Guillotine**, Published March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.