

## Faisal Siddiqi

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### **I. Educational Qualifications:**

- M.A., Law, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, [2004]
- B.A., Law Trippos, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom [1998 – 2000]
- B.S.C., Sociology, London School of Economics & Political Science, United Kingdom [1994 – 1998]
- B.A., University of Karachi, Karachi [1993 – 1994]

### **II. Professional Qualifications:**

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

### **III. Professional Experience:**

- Founding/Managing Partner at ‘Siddiqi, Vawda, Usman & Memon Law Associates’ [July 2019- present]
- Founding/Managing Partner at ‘Faisal Siddiqi and Vawda Law Associates’ [November 2018-July 2019]
- Partner at ‘MCAS & W Law Associates’ formerly known as ‘Malik, Chaudhry, Ahmed, Siddiqi & Waheed’ [2003 – November 2018]
- Former Advisor/Consultant to the Attorney General for Pakistan [August, 2013 to January, 2014]
- Associate of Mr. Khalid Anwar, Senior Advocate and former Law Minister of Pakistan [2001 – 2003]
- Associate of Mr. Makhdoom Ali Khan, Senior Advocate and former Attorney General of Pakistan [2000 – 2001]
- 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.
- Over 40 cases reported in Pakistani Law Reports  
Details at: <http://www.svumlawassociates.com/landmark.html>)

#### IV. **Human Rights Work:**

- Founding Member of the Rasheed Razvi Centre For Constitutional and Human Rights (RCCHR), Karachi. 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, Karachi. Website at: <http://legalaidfoundation.com.pk>
- Board Member of Pakistan Institute of Labour, Education and Research (PILER), Karachi. Website at: <https://piler.org.pk/>
- Board Member of Peace Niche T2F, Karachi. Website at: <http://www.t2f.biz/>
- Involved in numerous landmark Public Interest and Human Rights Litigations in Pakistan.  
Details at: <http://rcchr.com.pk/litigation/> and <http://legalaidfoundation.com.pk/litigation/>
- Documentary Appearances:
  - Tentatively titled: ‘*Seashells*’, directed by Orlando von Einsiedel, Grace Media (UK) (Regarding the Parveen Rehman Case) (*forthcoming*)
  - Titled: ‘*The Rebel Optimist*’, directed by Mahera Omar (Regarding the Parveen Rehman Case), 2016
  - Titled: ‘*Outlawed in Pakistan*’, directed by Habiba Nosheen and Hilke Schellmann, 2013  
Frontline, PBS (USA). (Regarding the Kainat Soomro Gang Rape case)

#### V. **Academic Experience:**

- September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015: 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: Visiting Fellow at the McGill Centre For Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University.
- Spring 2014 to Spring 2018: Faculty of Law and Sociology, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST) at Karachi. Courses Included:
  - Social Theories I and II
  - Social Justice
  - Law and Human Rights
  - Crime and Criminology
  - Politics of Terrorism

## VI. Publications and Conferences:

- Book Chapter, tentatively titled: ‘Social Interventions and Legal Proceedings’ in Pakistan, in the book project titled, ‘*Ali Enterprise Case Legal Interventions and the Law of Global Supply Chains*’, Editor: Miriam Saage-Maaß (*forthcoming in 2020*)
- Read papers titled: “Judicial Activism: Inherent Incompatibilities of Power, Law and Justice” and, titled: “Has the Judiciary Failed us? Beyond Unreal Contentment and Irrational Criticism” at *Law, Judicial Intervention and Social Change; with a Special Focus on Labor Law*, held at IBA, in Karachi, on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019
- Speaker at *Adab Fest 2019* (National Literary Festival), for the Panels “Karachi: Encroachments and Demolitions” and “Ushering in a New Era of Youth Activism”, held in Karachi, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019
- Read a paper at Symposium titled: ‘*Sewing Power: Labor Rights in the Garment Industry in South Asia*’, held at University of California, Berkley (USA) in 2016
- Book Chapter, “*Public Interest Litigation: Predictable 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 “Access to Justice for the Poor” at the *International Judicial Conference*, 2014, held by the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan
- 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<sup>st</sup> October 2014
- 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
- Speaker at an India-Pakistan Conference on ‘*Judicial Activism, Public Interest Litigation and Human Rights*’ held at Karachi in 2013, jointly organized 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 a paper on “Effective Judicial Interventions in Environmental Law” at the Environment Conference held in Quetta in 2011, organized by Honourable Baluchistan High Court

- Articles published in the *Daily Dawn*, national Pakistani daily newspaper [and 'The News' 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 3rd, 2015
- xxxi. **Constitutional Umpires**, Published on April 18th, 2015
- xxxii. **Missing Persons**, Published on June 13th, 2015
- xxxiii. **Judging Chaudhry**, Published on July 13th, 2015
- xxxiv. **Trying Terrorist: Myths and Reality**, Published on August 11th, 2015
- xxxv. **Rainbow Supreme Court**, Published on August 25th, 2015
- xxxvi. **Decolonising Judicial Thinking**, Published on September 8th, 2015
- xxxvii. **Human Rights and Violence: A forbidden love story**, Published on October 27th, 2015
- xxxviii. **Supreme Court on Blasphemy**, Published November 3rd, 2015
- xxxix. **The Rangers Mystery**, Published December 19th, 2015
- xl. **Politics of Military Courts**, Published on January 11, 2015 in 'The News'
- xli. **Killing for Peace**, Published on January 25th, 2016
- xlii. **Is Legal Reform Possible?**, Published April 23rd, 2016
- xliii. **Is Speedy Justice Possible?**, Published May 3rd, 2016
- xliv. **Anti-Corruption Myths**, Published June 25th, 2016
- xlv. **Karachi's Paradox**, Published July 5th, 2016
- xlvi. **Judicial Accountability**, Published August 1st, 2016
- xlvii. **'Miracles' of Military Justice**, Published September 5th, 2016
- xlviii. **Path to Legal Reform**, Published October 8th, 2016

- xlix. **Secret Judicial Accountability**, Published October 29th, 2016
- l. **Judging the Chief Justice**, Published December 26th, 2016
- li. **Sharifs' Legal Games**, Published January 23rd , 2017
- lii. **Ending Enforced Disappearances**, Published February 6th, 2017
- liii. **Paradox of Accountability**, Published July 24th, 2017
- liv. **Imperfections of Accountability**, Published August 8th, 2017
- lv. **Missing Persons Nightmare**, Published August 28th, 2017
- lvi. **Judicialisation of Leaders**, Published November 11th, 2017
- lvii. **Political or Partisan**, Published December 25th, 2017
- lviii. **The Heritage Dissent**, Published January 1st, 2018
- lix. **Legal Guillotine**, Published March 2nd, 2018
- lx. **Judicial Chemotherapy**, Published July 06th, 2018
- lxi. **Guilty Without Proof**, Published July 20th, 2018
- lxii. **Courage to do Justice**, Published November 3rd, 2018
- lxiii. **Chief Justice's Challenges**, Published March 31st, 2019
- lxiv. **2007 Déjà vu**, Published June 10th, 2019
- lxv. **Judicial-Military Conundrum**, Published June 29th, 2019