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# LAW, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & **CRIMINAL PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**

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"With faith, discipline and selfless devotion to duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve." Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah



**BARRISTER MURTAZA** WAHAB SIDDIQUI Advisor to Chief Minister, Sindh for Law, Enquiries & ACE, Information & Archives It is surely great initiative to highlight Legislative and other initiatives taken by the Law. Parliamentary Affairs and Criminal Prosecution Department. The Law Department is endeavoring strong to provide easy approach to all legislation being enacted in the Province of Sindh.

The Province of Sindh has so many distinctions to its credit. To be the first Assembly that passed the resolution for the creation of Pakistan till the enactment of Sindh Police Act, 2019, our Legislative and law making has always been remarkable and splendid.

Being the Advisor to Chief Minister, Sindh for Law, Enguiries & Anti-Corruption Establishment, Information and Archive Department we have adopted proactive approach to voice People's sentiments in the Assembly and to resolve them on permanent basis by legislation to provide a concrete legal coverage to mechanism of improved service delivery and relief. The attached departments of Law Department viz the office of Advocate General.Sindh Prosecutor General and Solicitor are fully well versed to represent and safeguard Government's interest in the Courts of Law as well provide legal help and guidance to all the Administrative Departments of Sindh. We have a capable team of lawyers who are quite aware of ever going legal happening.

I congratulate the team of Law Department specially its Information Technology (I.T) that took upon the task of highlighting our humble services through this newsletter not to disseminate our efforts and success but to show our keenness to seek other's guidance and co-operation in this regard. I hope this process will continue...

## FROM THE DESK



SHARIQ AHMED Secretary Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Criminal Prosecution Department

It gives me immense pleasure to publish the third newsletter edition of Law Department, Government of Sindh. I took over the charge of Secretary, Law Department on 13th March, 2018 with great pride and humility. It is matter of great honor for me and I feel humbled to have been given an opportunity to work for the people for Province of Sindh by participating in legislative initiatives taken by the Law Department and Social Sector Development.

As many initiatives of Government of Sindh are projected wryly and due to unfamiliarity about the existing laws, Law Department is striving for the progressive and inclusive society by strengthening the rule of law; by improving the prosecution, promulgating new essential laws, digitalizing the laws online in regional languages for easy understanding of people. The aim of publishing the newsletter is to highlight the recent time progress of Law Department. Even a glimpse of our website would reveal that how the access of justice is being made so easy. Our all attached Departments viz. Office of Advocate General Sindh, Prosecutor General Sindh, Solicitor Department and Official Assignee, Karachi are doing their best in dispensation of justice to the citizen of the Province of Sindh.



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#### **OVERVIEW**

The review of the whole year activities, since the issuance of last publication of newsletter, a number of meaningful happenings took place with regard to Government of Sindh. After the completion of the Assembly tenure the new government came to power in 2018, when the new cabinet was formed by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah kept the Department of Law, Parliamentary & Criminal Prosecution with himself as minister and appointed Barrister Murtaza Wahab Siddiqui as an Advisor. This change is quite positive as Mr. Murtaza is young Barrister who is devoting all his energies in the uplifting all spheres of Law Department and Criminal Justice System (CJS).

Number of laws have been enacted after due deliberation and observance of all legalities, after having been approved by the cabinet.

The Chief Minister, Sindh himself been pleased to reply of Questions during Assembly Session dated 22nd April, 2019, that shows his interest in the Law Department. The Secretary Law also made a tour to England on the request of Human Rights Commission Pakistan.During which he attended four days Seminar/ Workshop in University of Warwick. Similarly the Law Department is also playing role in Rule of Law (Roadmap), meanwhile Law Department entered into the agreement for three year with Legal Aid Society (LAS) to establish a call center for free of cost legal services by toll free number in which lawyers of High Court level respond to the public.

The Law Department also played full participation in Pakistan Prosecutor Forum in which Mr. Ayaz Tunio Prosecutor General, Sindh was chairperson and we recommended for enhance a number of rule of prosecutors in criminal justice system.

Mr. Salman Talibuddin is appointed as Advocate General, Sindh recently, he belongs to minority which shows no discrimination in the Province of Sindh. Lastly in this tenure 52 Civil Judges & 1 Judicial Magistrates (BS-18) and 1 Additional District & Session Judge (BS-20) were appointed.

#### TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE QAZI KHALID ALI



Former Justice Qazi Khalid Ali did MA, LLB & LLM from the University of Karachi and started practice of Law at Karachi in March 1980 he was enrolled as an Advocate of High Courts in May 1982 & then as an Advocate of Supreme Court of Pakistan in January 1996. He was placed on the panel of approved advocates of Habib Bank Limited, United Bank, National Bank, Muslim Commercial Bank, National Development Finance Corporation, Karachi Electric Supply Corporation Pakistan, Augaf Department, Evacuee Properties Trust, Customs Department since 1982. He was elected twice as

a Member of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh in 1993 and 1997 from the constituency of PS-96 Landhi, Karachi East. He also served as the Minister of Education for the Province of Sindh since March 1997 to October 1998.

He has been elevated as Additional Judge of High Court of Sindh on 4th Nov 2007. He has been nominated as Chairman Board of Governor Institute of Business Administration Karachi for three years on 12.11.2007.

He was appointed permanent Judge of Sindh High Court in March 2009 and relieved from the Bench on 2.8.2009 and resumed his legal practice and teaching of legal education. He was appointed as Dean Faculty of Law, University of Karachi in October 2012 and Director Law School University of Karachi in January 2013.

He was appointed as first Vice Chancellor of the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi on 20 March 2013 and relinquished the charge on 23rd April 2019 and assumed charge of the Chairman, Federal Service Tribunal on 23rd April 2019 (AN).

# **NGOS' VISIT OF CALL CENTER (LAS)**



On May 02, 2019, the members of the civil society including Justice (R) Majida Razvi - Chairperson of the Sindh Commission of the Human Rights, Ms. Anis Haroon -Chairperson of the National Commission of the Human Rights visited the Sindh Legal Advisory Call Center, Ms. Nuzhar Shirin - Chairperson Sindh Commission on the status of Women, Mr. Kapil Dev from UN Women, Ms Nisha Rao - Transgender Lawyer attended the event. They appreciated the efforts of SLACC in order to empower

citizens of Sindh.

Ms. Anis Haroon and Justice Majida Razvi appreciated the efforts of the SLACC. Ms. Nuzhat Shirin said the SCSW has been referring women to seek legal assistance from the SLACC and Ms. Nisha Rao highlighted the issues faced by transgender individuals and also said she would recommend the SLACC to her community.



LAW SECRETARY OFFICIAL VISIT of U.K



MR. SALMAN TALIBUDDIN ADVOCATE GENERAL, SINDH



MR. AYAZ HUSSAIN TUNIO PROSECUTOR GENERAL, SINDH



DR. CH. WASEEM IQBAL OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE, KARACHI



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# ACTIVITIES OF LAW DEPARTMENT

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Wahab: The Sindh government's vision is to serve humanity without any discrimination



IG SINDH POLICE MR.KALIM IMAM PRESENTING SHIELD TO ADVISOR LAW BARRISTER MURTAZA WAHAB SIDDIQUI ON THE EVE OF 41st ELITE FORCE PASSING OUT PARADE RAZAQABAD



ON THE EVE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE BARRISTER HAYA ZAHID OF LEGAL AID AND ADVISOR TO CHIEF MINISTER ON LAW, INFORMATION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION BARRISTER MURTAZA WAHAB ALONGWITH TV JOURNALISTS.



WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING OF LAW DEPARTMENT OFFICERS BY EX-LAW SECRETARY SAYED GHULAM NABI SHAH



DINNER HOSTED BY S.M. LAW COLLEGE IN HONOR OF QAZI KHALID ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN FEDERAL SERVICES TRIBUNAL



CHIEF MINISTER WITH ADVISOR FOR LAW AND MINISTER EXCISE & TAXATION DURING PRESS CONFERENCE



VISIT OF DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND PROSECUTION, HYDERABAD



ADVISOR TO CM VISITS LEGAL ADVISORY CENTER WITH JUSTICE RTD NASIR ASLAM ZAHID AND JUSTICE KHILJI ARIF HUSSAIN SENIOR BOARD MEMBER OF LEGAL ADVISORY CALL CENTER



OFFICIAL VISIT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE, SUKKUR

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### **RULE OF LAW (ROADMAP)**



The document was presented in a meeting held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister and was attended by two delegations, a Mission from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and British High Commission. The UNODC delegation included Ms Jouhaida, retired IG Niaz Siddiqui, Syed Waqas Shah, Ghulam Ali, and

the BHC delegates were Ms Susan Loughhead and Eram Zehra. The Chief Minister was assisted by Secretary Law, Advocate General Salman Talibuddin, IG Dr Kaleem Imam, Principal Secretary to the CM Mr. Sajid Jamal Abro, Home Secretary Kazi Kabir and others. The rule of law road map is a vision document that describes how specific challenges related to the justice delivery system in Sindh needs to be addressed in a collaborative fashion in the next five years.

# USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BY LAW DEPARTMENT

#### 1. OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE WEBSITE (officialassignee.sindh.gov.pk)

This department has developed new official portal which makes easy access for people to fetch information regarding insolvency properties advertisements and valuation reports which are now available on its website.

#### 2. ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (Office of Official Assignee)

Office of Official Assignee has developed new software namely Accounts Management System to computerize all Official Liquidator data which include data of more than 60 Companies.

#### 3. MEDICAL RE-IMBURSEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Law Department has created application to computerize all medical budget and each and every bill record of medical throughout head office and all attached Department with field offices.

#### 4. IOS Mobile Application namely \*SINDHLAWS\* at (Appstore)

Apple mobile user app also launced by Law Department to download and view all legislation through its application which was previously available for android users only.





### **INFORMATION BOX**

Feedback and comments are welcomed and appreciated

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### **CONSUMER COURTS**

The Sindh Assembly has passed the Sindh Consumer Protection Act, 2014 and the Government of Sindh has been pleased to establish 29 courts in all the districts of Sindh. These courts will safeguard the rights of every consumer in the province.

Under the Law, complaints can take their claims to these courts against a very broad array of products and services. The product includes electronics, house hold items, food,water, beverages, agriculture, automobile, construction material, medical products and stationary among other items and the services fall under the purview of the consumer courts are list as public utilities, banking, hotels, restaurants, marriage halls, cable TV, vehicle tracking, transport airline & visa consultancy.

# **LEGISLATION IN THE YEAR OF 2019**

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The Sindh Zakat and Ushr (Amendment) Act, 2018.
The Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Institute of Trauma at Karachi Act, 2018.
The Sindh Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases Act, 2018.
The Code of Civil Procedure (Sindh Amendment) Act, 2018.
The Sindh Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2019.
The Sindh Local Government (Second Amendment) Act, 2019.
The Sindh Institute of Child Health and Neonatology Act, 2018.
The Sindh Injured Persons Compulsory Medical Treatment (Amal Umer) Act, 2019.
The Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (Amendment) Act, 2019
The Sindh Prisons And Corrections Services Act, 2019
The Sindh (Repeal of the Police Act, 1861 and Revival of Police Order, 2002) (Amendment
Act, 2019

## JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN LAW DEPARTMENT AND LEGAL AID SOCIETY

The Law Department Government of Sindh has launched a toll-free helpline service called "Sindh Legal Advisory Call Centre (SLACC) under the project of the Legal Empowerment of People Programme in Sindh (LEPPS).

The SLACC provides free of cost legal advice and information to citizens on a toll-free number managed directly by experienced and well-trained High Court Advocates.



Bilkul Muft Qanooni Mashwaray k Liyea Rabta Karain 0800-70806. Civil,Criminal,Public Service Matter ke disputes k Hull Janyea.

Muft Qanooni Mashwaray k Liyea Rabta Karain 0800-70806 Family Property Electricity Gas CNIC aur deegar masayel ka Hull Janyea.

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