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Legal advisor, defense lawyer, and lecturer with more than a decade of experience in Afghan media law, criminal law, rule of law, and legal education. Author of *Law of Mass Media*, used as a core textbook in law and journalism faculties across Afghanistan.

EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Criminal Law and Criminology
Islamic Azad University, Kabul Branch

Bachelor of Arts, Faculty of Law
Kabul University

Advocacy and Attorney Certificate 2011
National Legal Training Center, Afghanistan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Advisor Mar 2019–Nov 2021
Afghan Journalists Safety Committee, Afghanistan
– Managed daily operations of provincial staff and collaborated with the technical department director to define organizational work plans and priorities.
– Developed action plans for provinces and prepared monthly progress reports.
– Analyzed and drafted media legislation in accordance with international principles, resulting in the cancellation of a legislative process.
– Trained journalists across the country on labour and media law; drafted the media professional component of the Afghan Peace Process Policy, focusing on female journalists' rights, internet law, and cybercrime.
– Provided legal advice and support on cases of violence against journalists under Afghan and international law.
– Helped halt restrictions on freedom of expression through amendments to the Mass Media Act by working with journalists, advocating with Members of Parliament, and writing letters and articles.

Consultant Oct 2019–Jan 2020
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)
– Wrote a qualitative research paper, "Interview Techniques in Law Enforcement Agencies (Detection and Investigation)," analyzing interviewing techniques used by law enforcement agencies in Afghanistan.

Project Manager Jun 2018–Jan 2019
Special Anti-Corruption Secretariat, Afghanistan
– Monitored implementation of anti-corruption plans and reviewed and analyzed plans prepared by ministries.
– Conducted capacity-building workshops for government institutions and developed policies, strategies, and evaluation tools for the Secretariat.
– Prepared the United Nations Convention against Corruption self-assessment report.

Program Officer Nov 2015–May 2018

Open Society Foundation–Afghanistan (OSFA)

– Built and maintained relationships with justice institutions and organizations working on rule of law, access to justice, and legal empowerment.
– Mapped the rule of law landscape in Afghanistan and developed strategies to support better policy making, reduced corruption, and indigenous justice development.
– Reviewed letters of inquiry, made funding recommendations, and monitored and evaluated grantee projects, including site visits.
– Assessed applicant organizations' governance, leadership, financial health, and reputation, and reviewed grantees' narrative and financial reports for compliance.

Lecturer Sep 2013–May 2018

Kardan University, Afghanistan

– Lectured on Media Law, Intellectual Property Rights, and Property Law.

Legal Advisor Jan 2010–Nov 2015

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– Wrote *Law of Mass Media*, adopted as a textbook in law and journalism faculties across the country.
– Paved the way for amendments to the Mass Media Act through analyses, articles, press releases, and open letters defending freedom of expression.
– Managed the media law moot court competition for law students, introducing hundreds of media lawyers in Afghanistan.
– Participated in legislative commissions on laws and regulations relevant to media and journalists.

TEACHING

Lecturer at private universities in Afghanistan: Media Law, Intellectual Property Law, Property Law, Criminal Law, and Introduction to Law.

Instructor, Staaj-e-Wakalat (Practical Training Program), Independent Afghan Bar Association: analysis of the Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Law.

PUBLICATIONS

Law of Mass Media. Core academic textbook used in universities across Afghanistan.

"Interview Techniques in Law Enforcement Agencies (Detection and Investigation)." Research paper, UNAMA, 2020.

Numerous legal articles published in newspapers and journals inside and outside Afghanistan.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CANADA)

Professional Excellence in Financial Services (EFS) Bridging Program 2023
Seneca College

Investment Funds in Canada (IFC) Course 2023
Seneca College

Occupational Specific Language Training, Professional Writing 2023
Centennial College

Certificate in Supply Chain Management and Project Management 2022
York University

Certificate in Advanced Project Management 2022
York University

Occupational Specific Language Training, Project Management 2022
Humber College

Occupational Specific Language Training, Workplace Communication Skills for Professional Managers 2022
Collège Boréal

LANGUAGES

Persian/Dari · Pashto · English · Arabic · Urdu