

# IBA Dispute Resolution Forum

The Institute of Business Administration (IBA) – Karachi through its Centre for Executive Education (CEE) has launched the IBA Dispute Resolution Forum to promote mediation as an appropriate means of resolving disputes especially in the civil/commercial space.

The IBA Dispute Resolution Forum will seek to implement non-court based practices of dispute resolution and negotiation, by working on real world disputes, improving conflict intervention methods, providing education and training, writing and disseminating conflict resolution techniques and practices.

## Mediation: Need Of The Hour

Mediation is an empowering and effective means of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) which can be used in many cases as an alternate to litigation.

In mediation, the disputing parties work with a neutral third party, the mediator, who facilitates the resolution of the parties' disputes.

The mediator does not decide the case, or provide any judgments. Their role is simply to supervise the exchange of information and the bargaining process between the parties and help them find common ground.

## Services offered by IBA Dispute Resolution Forum

The IBA Dispute Resolution Forum provides a platform for expert mediators to provide mediation services to any persons seeking the resolution of disputes, whether they are pending in Court or otherwise. Simultaneously, the IBA will be engaging with various stakeholders in Pakistan to proliferate mediation and the use of mediation services

- Mediation, conciliation and arbitration services for resolving commercial disputes
- R&D through industry-academia linkages
- Mediation, conciliation and arbitration training
- Thought leadership for the development of alternative dispute resolution International collaborations and industry forum membership

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The IBA Dispute Resolution Forum is spearheaded by the ADR Team at IBA. The ADR Team includes, industry and domain area experts and comprises of the following individuals:

**Navin Merchant (Convener)**

Navin practiced law as a litigating attorney in Pakistan for 18 years. Navin joined the World Bank Group in 2006 as a programme head for establishing Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) projects in the MENA countries. After 7 years stint at this job, Navin resumed law practice in Pakistan. Navin holds diploma in ADR from York University, Canada and is a CEDR accredited Mediator and a Master Trainer. Navin has served as a member on the “Aga Khan International Conciliation and Arbitration Board” and as an Honorary Secretary on the “Board of Governors of Aga Khan Hospital”. She is a Chair of the “ICC ADR Commission” and an Independent Director on the Board of “Otsuka Pakistan Ltd”.

**Nausheen Ahmad**

Ms. Nausheen Ahmad holds an LL.B. from Kings College, London, an LL.M. degree from the University of London and a degree in the Philosophy of Religion from Kings College, London. She is registered as an Advocate of the Sindh High Court. She was also accredited as a mediator and master trainer by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, UK. She currently serves as the General Counsel, Company Secretary & Head of Corporate Communication and Public Affairs at ICI Pakistan Limited.

**Barrister Altaf Qureshi**

Altaf is a barrister of England and Wales and an advocate of the High Courts of Pakistan. He is a partner at Ijaz Ahmed & Associates and an associate member of Hardwicke, Lincoln’s Inn, visiting faculty at IBA, a member of INSOL International, a member of the International Bar Association, a member of Select Counsel in San Francisco and a mediator with ADR ODR International. Altaf holds an LL.B from SOAS, University of London, an LL.M from Columbia University.

**Mohammad Sohaib Saleem (Focal Person)**

Sohaib is a lawyer and an Assistant Professor at IBA Karachi where he teaches corporate and commercial laws. He has worked as a corporate in-house counsel in large corporates such as Karachi Electric, Pakistan State Oil and Kalsoft. He has studied Negotiations and International Commercial Arbitration from UC Berkeley. Sohaib holds an LL.B from University of London and an LL.M from University of California, Berkeley.

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