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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2014	Admitted as a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association
2013	Enrolled as an Advocate before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.
2011	Admitted as a member of the Dhaka Bar Association.
2011	Enrolled as an Advocate by the Bangladesh Bar Council.
2009	Called to the Bar of England and Wales from the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London, United Kingdom

EDUCATION

2011	LL.M (Legal Professional Skills) City University, London, United Kingdom
2009	Bar Vocational Course City University, London, United Kingdom
2009	Post Graduate Diploma in Professional Legal Skills City University, London, United Kingdom
2008	LL.B (Hons) Queen Mary College, University of London, United Kingdom

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2011- Present	Associate Dr. Kamal Hossain & Associates.
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Practice areas: Administrative Law; Arbitration; Aviation; Insurance; Banking; Commercial and Corporate; Constitutional Law; Construction; Energy; Mergers and Acquisitions; Shipping; Technology; Telecommunications.

March 2010 - Present	Lecturer Contract and Company Law Bhuiyan Academy (Registered Centre of University of London) Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Nov 2009 – Apr 2011	Pupil Dr. Kamal Hossain and Associates.
Jun 2007- Jul 2008	Pro-Bono Advisor Legal Advice Centre Queen Mary College, University of London.

AWARDS AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2008	Received “The Company Law Award”, Queen Mary College, University of London.
2002	The Daily Star Award for outstanding performance in O-Levels.

MAJOR TRANSACTIONS

As part of a team at Dr Kamal Hossain and Associates:

1. Advised the largest multinational corporation (based in the US) specialising in Internet-related products and services in relation to a number of projects (online video/application platforms and mapping) in Bangladesh. (2012 and 2015)
2. Advised a Bangladeshi Telecommunication Services provider in relation to their proposed sale/transfer/assignment of telecom towers. (2015-present)
3. Advised an insurance company based in the US in relation to obtaining a license to carry out insurance business in Bangladesh. (2015)
4. Advised a Hong Kong entity regarding regulatory regime of EPZ companies and their bonded warehouse facilities. (2015)
5. Advising a Swiss entity which is engaged in accurately billing the Airlines for various charges (overflight charges, various airport charges etc.) and in collecting the payments from the airlines on behalf of the Airports/Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh. (2015)
6. Advising in relation to de-registration of an aircraft in Bangladesh. (2015)
7. Advised a French entity in relation to various contractual and fiscal matters involving a government contract with a statutory body in Bangladesh. (2015)

8. Advised a US entity engaged in developing software and internet related products and services in relation to launching its operating system for mobile devices and marketplace for mobile applications. (2014)
9. Advised a US entity which sells signalling, messaging, policy, and other solutions to telecom operator networks. These solutions include hardware, software, and services (such as installation services, maintenance and support services). (2013)
10. Advised and assisted a multinational company headquartered in the United Kingdom in respect of its proposed acquisition of a label manufacturing company in Bangladesh. (2013)
11. Advised the first search engine in Bengali in relation to intellectual property issues. (2013)
12. Advised a developer of gaming software in relation to issuance of virtual currency in PlayStation and Xbox 360 platforms. (2013)
13. Advised Swiss, Chinese and Singapore domiciled private banks in their strategic cross-border project on the nature and scope of their communications and services with clients who are domiciled (or physically present) in Bangladesh. (2012-2013)
14. Conducted legal audits of all corporate loan documentation of a multinational banking institution for two successive years. (2011 and 2012)
15. Advised an Indian bank in relation to an application for obtaining a banking license in Bangladesh. (2012)
16. Advised Chinese company in relation to the construction of the Double Line Track from Tongi to Bhairab Bazar including signalling on Dhaka-Chittagong Main Line. (2012)
17. Advised a US based global provider of internet connectivity services in relation to establishing local presence in Bangladesh for the purpose of installing and maintaining fibre optics cable in Bangladesh. (2011)
18. Advised a leading Internet Service Provider in Bangladesh in executing an Optical Fibre Lease Agreement with a company in Bangladesh. (2012)
19. Advised EPZ factories in relation to labour law issues. (2012-2013)
20. Advised a Canadian Corporation in relation to regulatory regime in Bangladesh. (2012)
21. Assisted as part of the legal team representing several multinational and local entities in relation to their tax disputes before the High Court Division. (2011-present)

22. Advised private and public companies on corporate governance and regulatory compliance. (2011- present)
23. Advised on structuring, establishing, regulatory and operational issues and incorporation of private companies and associations with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies. (2011- present)
24. Regularly advise multinational and local banks in their transactions. (2011-present)
25. Advised and represented Bangladeshi group of companies on a regular basis on different issues relating to fiscal matters and associated regulatory matters. (2011- present)
26. Acted for various multinational companies in relation to various employment issues and represented the client in courts. (2011-present)
27. Drafted Employment Manual/Handbook for various local and international clients. (2011-present)
28. Represented telecom service providers in fiscal disputes before Tribunals and the High Court Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh. (2011- present)
29. Represented several foreign clients in maritime disputes before the Admiralty Court, High Court Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh. (2011-present)
30. Represented various local and international clients in judicial review proceedings in the High Court. (2011-present)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 1) 'Politics of Judicial Appointment' *The Daily Star* (Dhaka, 2 April 2012) Forum <www.thedailystar.net/forum/2012/April/judicial.htm> accessed 3 April 2012.
- 2) 'Rethinking principles of natural justice' *The Financial Express* (Dhaka, 16 June 2012) Views and Opinion <http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/more.php?news_id=133126&date=2012-06-16> accessed 14 August 2012.
- 3) 'Epilogue: SEC's notifications regarding sponsor-directors' *The Financial Express* (Dhaka, 19 June 2012) Views and Opinion <http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/more.php?news_id=133493&date=2012-06-19> accessed 14 August 2012.
- 4) 'The Competition Act and controlling prices of essentials' *The Financial Express* (Dhaka, 24 August 2012) Views and Opinion <http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/more.php?date=2012-08-24&news_id=140820> accessed 24 August 2012.
- 5) 'A tale of two banks' *The Daily Star* (Dhaka, 16 September 2012) Editorial <<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=249873>> accessed 08 March 2013.

Contributions to professional guides

Contributor, *Doing Business 2011* (Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2011).

AFFILIATIONS/ MEMBERSHIPS

- 1) Alumni Contact person in Bangladesh for City University, London. <http://www.city.ac.uk/alumni/international-groups/asia/bangladesh> since 2009.
- 2) Founding member and Publicity Officer, Bangladesh Society, City University, UK (2008-2009).

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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| 2014 | Participant, Regional Conference of the Asian Society of International Law jointly organized by the Bangladesh Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law |
| 2013 | Trainer, “Advanced Arbitration Training” jointly organised by the International Law Institute, Washington DC and the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre. |

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

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| 2013 | “Introduction to Commercial Arbitration”, Dhaka jointly organised by the International Law Institute, Washington DC, and the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre. |
| 2013 | “Advanced Arbitration Training”, jointly organised by the International Law Institute, Washington DC, and the Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre. |