

Duniya Stanikzai

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Masters of Law (LL.M.), International and Comparative Law, May 2021

GPA: 3.542 Legal Writing Grade: A-

Activities: Participated in International Commercial & Investment Arbitration Moot Competition, March 2021

Honors: Certificate of appreciation from American University Washington College of Law, March 2021

Kardan University, Masters in International Relations., December 2019

Honors: Academic Excellence Award, Winner of Educational Debate Club Competition

Activities: President of Students Club; and represented the university informal gatherings and debates

Kabul University, B.A., Law and Political Science, December 2014

Honors: Academic Excellence Award

Activities: Pre-Law Society, President; Trainer and Coach of Moot Court Teams

Study Abroad: Vis Moot Participation, Qatar, Hong Kong, February, March 2013

EXPERIENCE

Misbah Maher Legal Consultancy, Chicago, US

Legal Consultant, January 2020 – Present

- Represent Afghan clients litigating contract disputes against the U.S. Government
- Conduct legal research on Afghan law cases
- Draft memorandum for clients
- Translate relevant documents from Dari into English and vice versa
- Coordinate between Afghan clients and U.S. attorneys representing the case in the U.S.
- Provide a comparative analysis of Afghan and U.S. Law

Deputy Director, Shining Star Educational Organization of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan

Deputy Director, June 2019 – January 2020

- Assembled and led a strong and effective Management Team by supporting team development, empowerment, morale, and accountability
- Collaborated with the Executive Director, board, and staff to successfully implement the strategic plan through the development plan
- Defined and optimized organizational structure, policies, work culture, and work processes

Afghanistan Vis Moot Alumni-CLDP, United State Department of Commerce, Kabul, Afghanistan

Director, March 2013 – January 2020

- Assisted in Establishment of Afghanistan Center for Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Trained more than 100 students at law schools each year on how to perform legal research, write memorandums and represent clients
- Managed and organized national moot from the different province of Afghanistan
- Trained students to participate in national, regional, and international moot court

Resolute Support, Rule of Law (NATO), Kabul, Afghanistan

Attorney/Project Manager, December 2015 – May 2019

Duniya Stanikzai (Cont'd)

- Provided legal analysis of Afghan Law to the U.S. attorneys
- Translated legal documents such as Laws, Policies from English to Dari and Pashto and vice versa
- Assisted in creating a core framework for a comprehensive ground-breaking sexual harassment and sexual assault prevention and response policy and training program for the Ministry of Defense (MoD)
- Assisted in the establishment of the Anti-Corruption Justice Center in Afghanistan
- Performed legal research and wrote memorandums

Misbah Sahil Legal Consultancy, Kabul, Afghanistan

Legal Advisor, March 2015 - December 2015

- Researched and drafted the basis of an opinion for a trial court on commercial contract disputes
- Researched complex statute of limitations and procedural issues relating to foreign arbitration proceedings and recognition of awards
- Performed legal research and wrote a legal memorandum for clients

RIAA-LAW, Advocate and Corporate Counselor, U.K., Kabul, Afghanistan

In Association with Barker Gillette LLP

Legal Advisor, December 2014 – March 2015

- Performed legal research and wrote a legal memorandum for clients
- Worked on arbitration cases and legal dispute resolution
- Mediated many cases to a settlement instead of going to court
- Developed new methods to assist new clients and developed a promotional program

PUBLICATIONS

Thesis in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Afghanistan (60 pages), December 2014

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in English, Dari, and Pashto (Native)

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Mediators Beyond Borders International, (MBBI), Pittsburgh, PA, U.S., Member, May 2021- Present

Afghanistan Independent Bar Association, (AIBA) Kabul, Afghanistan. Member, 2014 – Present

Lawyers Union of Afghanistan, (LUA) Kabul, Afghanistan. Member, March 2015 – Present

Afghanistan Center for Commercial Dispute Resolution (ACDR) – Arbitrator, Member 2014 – Present

Afghanistan Vis Moot Alumni, (AVAN) Kabul, Afghanistan. March 2013 – Present