

ABOUT US:

Jural Acuity was established as a boutique law firm specialized in Corporate, Commercial and Investment related legal practices. The main area of Practice of the Firm is Corporate Law, Commercial Documentations, Foreign Direct Investment, Labour Laws, Commercial Litigation, Energy Disputes, Taxation, Construction & Engineering Laws & General Litigation. This Law Firm consists of experienced lawyers and consultants, providing one stop solutions to the clients. The Firm also works with number of Chartered Accountant Firms and Tax Advisors to provide one stop solutions to the Client. The ability to appreciate the clients' needs and deliver services which meet and, where possible, exceed their expectations is vital for the continued strength of the Firm's business and growth. Jural Acuity is a member firm of IR Global in Bangladesh and is also the Member Firm (Bangladesh) for Privacy Group.

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OUR PRACTICE AREAS

Our extensive range of legal services includes the following areas:

Corporate and Foreign Direct Investments: Corporate and commercial legal services, particularly in relation to foreign direct investments, constitute a major part of our practice. We have been involved in several of the country's ground-breaking corporate and financial transactions, and advise listed and unlisted domestic, international and multi-national corporations, banks, financial institutions, industries and government departments.

Business Setup: We provide one stop solution for incorporation of companies & partnerships, obtaining Board of Investment Registrations, Securities & Exchange Commission approval for capital issuance, Environmental Clearance Certificate, Import & Export Registration Certificates, Foreign loan approvals, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies related work. We have dedicated consultant & lobbyist in our panel dealing with government approvals and clearances.

Litigation: We provide a full-service litigation experience for our clients with a high degree of expertise in Criminal and Civil Appeal, Writ Jurisdiction, Company Matters, VAT and Tax issues. We specialize in Company Cases, Commercial Cases and Property Disputes.

Property Vetting: We have good experiences working for Banks and Developer Companies for property vetting. We do extensive checking as to chain of ownership, local diligence, record verification etc.

Constriction & Engineering Laws: We provide advisory services and legal support in drafting, vetting, preparing, negotiating various engineering contracts, EPC contracts, turn-key contracts, supply contracts, project documents etc. We are also involved in number of construction related due diligence and advisory services including land acquisition, partner vetting and licensing compliances.

Telecommunications & Broadcasting: We have extensive experience in advising and acting for clients in the telecommunications and broadcasting sector, ranging from mergers and acquisitions, general regulatory advice, data protection, licensing and compliance. We advise the leading telecommunication brand of the country in the context of particular transactions as well as litigation and regulatory obligations.



Banking: The law firm deals with all types of securities, documentation, drafting and perfecting of the securities including insurance and marine insurance, as well as the litigations on all sorts of matters relating thereto, including drafting and reviewing of loan and security documents of all types of borrowers and other financial institutions; preparation of notices for the defaulting borrowers; drafting of banking and commercial documents and agreements, viz. all sorts of Syndicated Loan Agreements and related documents, Master Franchise Agreements, Loan Agreements, Pari-Passu Security Sharing Agreements, Agreements relating to online banking and electronic bill payments, etc.; giving legal opinion on banking and commercial issues and matters in relation to documentary credits.

Labour and Employment: We represent state-owned enterprises, local government institutions, development corporations as well as major listed and unlisted domestic and international corporations, benefits schemes and employers' organizations in the field of employment law. Our areas of expertise include dispute resolution and litigation, restructuring and retrenchment planning, employment discrimination, and the development and drafting of wide ranging policies, procedures and employment contracts, restraints of trade, and all existing employment related legislation.

Intellectual Property: We provide a wide array of legal services related to the establishment and protection of intellectual property rights. In addition to registration and assignment of patents, trademarks and designs, trademark and patent searches, our firm holds an impressive track record in enforcing and defending patent, trademark and copyright infringement claims.

Trade and Commerce: With the continual integration of Bangladesh into the global market, international as well as local trade and commerce of the nation is at its peak. Our clients in this sector, multinational organizations, local companies and sole proprietors, are among the highest tax-payers of the country. We advise domestic and international clients in all sectors of the economy including building, engineering, information technology, manufacturing, garments and textiles, pharmaceuticals and transport. Our practice covers the drawing up of general terms and conditions of trade and commercial contracts, as well as dealing with negotiated settlements and commercial litigation.

Taxation: We provide specialized legal services in the sphere of taxation law and offer a wide range of services including customs and excise, tax structuring of mergers and acquisitions, structuring of private equity funds and transactions, exchange control, capital gains and tax structuring of corporations.

Alternative Dispute Resolutions / Amicable settlements: The Firm believes that the



amicable settlement or settlement out of the court is the best solution for its clients with the view to save cost, time and effort of its clients. It represents its clients before all sorts of arbitration, mediation, negotiation and before the table of amicable settlement to protect and secure the best interest of its clients.

Family Law: Family team provides top-quality legal advice at competitive prices. Our lawyers are experienced across the full range of family law matters – including marriage, divorce and separation etc. We provide an intelligent, focused legal service. Our firm provides the best possible advice and representation and access to the highest caliber legal expertise without extravagant costs.

Name of Some of our Notable Corporate Clients-

Butterfly Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

Butterfly Marketing Ltd.

Mobipium Lda, Portugal.

Wisdri Engineering & Research Co. Ltd, China

Star Consortium Infrastructure Development Ltd

Star Allied Venture Ltd.

Zamil New Delhi Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.

Sonargaon Economic Zone Ltd.

Grameenphone Ltd.

Comviva Technologies Ltd, India.

Contessa Solutions & Consultants Ltd.

Mercantile Bank Ltd.

One Bank Ltd.

National Bank Ltd.

Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.

Sinotrans Bangladesh Ltd.

National Bank Ltd.

Mutual Trust Bank Ltd.

New Miracle Fintech Bangladesh Ltd.

Fashionling Asia Ltd.

Worldnavi Bangladesh Ltd.

Jaas Industries Ltd.

A&A Fashion Sweaters Ltd.

Starlink Logistics BD Ltd.

System China Technologies Ltd.



PLEASE FIND ATTACHED LIST OF OUR COUNSELS AND CONSULTANTS



Managing Partner



Sakib Sikder
Barrister of the Lincoln's Inn
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
LL.M (City University of London)
Pg.DL (City University of London)
LL.B (Hons) (University of London)

Mr. Sakib Sikder is a seasoned commercial & corporate counsel having over 13 years of legal experiences. He developed his core expertise on Commercial, Indirect Taxation and Company Law. Later on his carrier, Mr. Sakib developed expertise on telecommunication laws, intellectual property laws, indirect tax litigations, merger & acquisitions and regulatory licensing. Mr. Sakib is currently working for foreign and local investors on number of Greenfield projects.

Mr. Sakib has vast expertise in conducting litigations before the High Court Division, Customs and VAT Appellate Tribunal & Labour Tribunals in Bangladesh. He also participates in hearing before Magistrate Courts and District Courts in Bangladesh.

Mr. Sakib is a Member of the Lincoln's Inn & an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Mr. Sakib completed his LL.M in International Business Law from City University of London & LL.B (Hons) from University of London. He has also undertaken number of professional courses including PGDL in Professional Studies from City University of London; Rethinking International Taxation from Leiden University, Sweden and Finance from Non Finance Professional from University of California, Irvine. Mr. Sakib is an Associate of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK.



Working Partner



Afrin Ahmed
Advocate
Diploma-in-Law (University of London)
LLB Hons (University of Wolverhampton, UK)

Afrin Ahmed is an Advocate having 13 years of professional experience in corporate legal field. In her professional life, she has worked in Juris Counsel with Advocate Tawfique Nawaz as well as a Legal Associate in Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed and Associates in her early career. She was the Senior Legal Counsel at Bangladesh International Arbitration Center

(BIAC) for 6 years which is a project funded by IFC. She was involved in policy making, International & local training arrangements & administration, facilitation of arbitration and mediation and communication & PR with stakeholders including Government, Corporate & International Organizations.

In addition to that during her 2 years at Rancon Group, she was involved in providing legal opinions & advice, strategies & planning, evaluating processes & finding gaps, monitoring and ensuring compliance and managing legal team in their 13 SBUs. Ms. Afrin regularly conducts trainings and seminar for various organizations including FICCI, Employers Federation of Bangladesh & BIAC.

Senior Associate



S M Saifullah Rahman

Barrister of the Lincoln's Inn BPTC, University of West England, UK LL.M, University of the West of England, UK LLB (Hons.), University of London.

Mr. Saifullah has extensive knowledge in commercial laws and corporate practice. He regularly assists the chamber in drafting commercial agreements, dealing with corporate clients and providing opinion on complex commercial issues including dispute settlement, contractual issues and debt recovery for foreign clients. He has also keen interest on dealing with international trade and customs related disputes.



Senior Associate



Md. Shirazul Haque
LL.B (Hons.); LL. M (University of Asia)
Advocate

Mr. Shiraz has 04 (four) years of experience in legal practice, He is an enrolled Advocate of the Dhaka Judge Court, His major responsibilities, include providing legal opinions and obtaining regulatory registration authority, approvals such as works in BIDA, RJSC, IRC, Tax certificates etc. He has also gathered experience regarding Trademark and Patent registration; He is skilled in ordinary criminal cases, civil suits and litigation in lower court, tribunals, revenue authority, land administration authority and

Senior Associate



Md. Shahabuddin Molla
Advocate
LL.B (Hons.), Uttara University

Mr. Molla has more than 8 years of professional experiences including practice, teaching and research. He is an enrolled Advocate of the Dhaka Judge Court. He is skilled in criminal cases, civil suits and litigation in lower court, tribunals, revenue authority, land administration authority and registration authority. He has also extensive knowledge in property vetting and land documentation. Mr. Sabuj is currently conducting a number of Civil and Criminal cases for the Chamber.



Senior Associate



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Associate



Ashrafun Nahar, Advocate LL.M; LL.B Hons. (BUBT)

Ms. Ashrafun Nahar completed her LL.M in 2014. She is a practicing Advocate in Dhaka District Court and Magistrate Court. She has started her carrier with a Senior Advocate practicing Civil laws in the District Court, where she gathered her experience in Drafting and Civil Litigation. She has also handled a number of Criminal and family related cases. She joined Jural Acuity in 2019 and is currently looking after drafting and litigation management for the firm.

Syed Azizul Iqbal *LL.B (Hons); LL.M (JU)*

Mr. Iqbal has completed his LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M accordingly in the year 2017 and 2019. Now he is working as an associate in Jural Acuity. His major responsibilities include providing legal opinions and obtaining regulatory approvals such as works in BIDA, RJSC, IRC, Tax certificates etc. He has also gathered experience regarding Trademark and Patent registration.

Md. Rasel Mia LL.B (Hons), LL.M (BUBT)

Mr. Rasel Miah has completed his LL.M. in 2019. He has joined the chamber as an associate. His major responsibilities, Include providing legal opinions and obtaining regulatory approvals such as works in BIDA, RJSC, IRC, Tax certificates etc. He has also gathered experience regarding property vetting, conducting property investigation and registration formalities.



Tax Consultant



Ahasanul Karim Shajib LLB (DIU), MBA (East West University) NBR Certified Tax Professional.

Mr. Sajib is an experienced Income Tax Practitioner. He is a National Board of Revenue Certified Tax Professional, with an experience of six years. Mr. Sajib advises clients on tax issues including assessments & exemption. He also participates in hearing before DCT and Commissioner of Taxes on various disputes relating to income taxes.

Regulatory Relations Coordinator



Mr. Mujibul Haque Bachelor of Arts

Mr. Mujibul Haque vital role for the company in relation to managing the work relating to work permit & renewal, E Visa, PI Visa, On Arrival Visa, VIP Protocol. Branch Office Registration, SB /NSI Clearance, Security Clearance, Visa renewals License Registrations and Renewal etc. Mr. Mujib also works closely with the firm in order to collect property related search reports including Khatians, Parchas, Mutation Records, Lease Deed, Registration Documents for the Company.