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## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION**

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2016                      Called to the Bar of England and Wales from the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, London, United Kingdom

## **EDUCATION**

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2012                      **LLB Hons**  
London South Bank University

2014                      **MA, International Studies and Diplomacy**  
School of Oriental and African Studies

2015                      **LLM International Commercial Law with Oil and Gas Law**  
City University of London

2016                      **Bar Professional Training Course**  
City University of London

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2020- Present            **Visiting Professor, Asian University for Women Chattogram**  
Law, Gender and International Human Rights

2018- Present            **Associate, Mustafizur Rahman Khan and Associates**  
Legal consultancy practice Areas: Commercial and Corporate; Company Law; Family Law; Customs, excise and VAT; land law; income tax; drafting petitions.

2020 – Present            **Legal Consultant, Savvy Females Norway**  
Vetting contracts and creating legal documents to support women empowerment

2017 - 2018                **Pupillage, Mustafizur Rahman Khan and Associates**

## Humanities and Pro bono Work

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- Present                    **Co-founder, No Passport Voice**  
No Passport Voice is a non-profit in Bangladesh working towards women's & children's rights. I personally lead a legal team to help victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, family law matters and issues related to inheritance rights of women in Bangladesh. We are also working towards advancing human rights at all levels including transgender rights and indigenous population rights.
- 2019-Present            **Chapter Chair, ALL Ladies League**  
ALL is an international non-profit & one of the largest network of women in the world. Our Path is that of sisterhood and brotherhood so that our vision of Gender Equality and Empowerment is without Gender Divisiveness. We are a robust global network of 1000 chapters and having outreach to 100,000 inspiring women.
- 2020                        **Lawyers Without Borders Asset Recovery Project**  
Participated as a researcher on a project about the Afghanistan and Taliban property seizure with an extension of research into Syria and neighbouring countries.
- 2014-2016                **Refugee Youth Project, Amnesty International, London**  
I volunteered with RYP for the education workshops. I used to run workshops in schools in Barnet, West Croyden and East Sussex about refugees and their rights.
- Legal Representative Initiative an agent of UNFCCC**  
I was in charge of controlling the Situation room during the UNFCCC Bonn Conference on Climate Change in 2012
- The Access to Justice Foundation**  
I was involved with data entry. I was based at the National Pro Bono Centre on Chancery Lane and was supervised by the Chief Executive
- Street Law Projects in London**  
Conducted lectures in local sixth form schools and central prison on Human Rights Act 1998 and Prisoner's Rights

## Summer Schools and Trainings

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**Cardozo Law School, Yeshiva University New York**  
Summer school on American Constitutional Law

**Amicus – assisting lawyers for justice on death row**  
US Death Penalty Training Programme

**ADRg UK**  
Accredited Civil & Commercial Mediator

## ORGANISING AND CONDUCTING SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

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- Organising and conducting training programmes from No Passport Voice for youth, students, teachers and women on the various use of national laws around domestic violence, and family law matters.
- Organising international webinars on matters around women empowerment and human rights.
- Facilitating and conducting life-skills training programmes for men and women in the tea estates in Sylhet and the transgender population in Dhaka, Chittagong, Mymensingh, Bogra, Rajshahi.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING/ WORKSHOP/SEMINAR ACTIVITIES

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2021

- **Speaker/Panellist**, Advancing Human Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> century conducted by Human Rights Media, USA. I spoke on the persecution of the Shincheonji Church members in South Korea and the unfair imprisonment of the pastor of the church Mr. Lee Man Hee
- **Workshop** on labour rights and constitutional rights of the tea-workers in Komolganj, Srimongol
- **Workshop** on health, hygiene and constitutional rights of sex workers and transgender population in Mymensingh
- **Paper presentation** on rule of law, constitutionalism and inherent rights conducted by The International Forum on the Future of Constitutionalism, Canada

2020

Speaker/ Moderator/ Panellist/ Paper Presenter on national and international seminars

- Speaker/Panellist and Special Guest, UN75 Discussion on Child Marriage conducted by UNA-USA
- Keynote speaker and Moderator on seminar titled No More Gender Based Violence conducted by No Passport Voice
- Moderator, Human Rights Day 2020 webinar on Advancing Human Rights at all levels conducted by No Passport Voice
- Panellist, Gender based violence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century conducted by Savvy Females
- Panellist, Women in business on road to recovery from pandemic conducted by Savvy Females,
- Speaker/Workshop, BAME Leadership Conference – Becoming equality champion, conducted by Generation Success UK
- Speaker on the topic, gender sensitisation, Women Economic Forum Virtual Summit, Bangalore
- Featured Speaker at **Human Rights Media, USA**
- I am a regular panellist at the Human Rights Media where I take part in webinars regarding human rights issues around the world. Two recent topics were the religious freedom aspect of India regarding the Citizen Amendment Act 2019 & the scapegoating of Shincheonji church members in South Korea.

## PAPER PRESENTATION/PUBLICATIONS

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2019

- **Paper Presentation**  
Gender Equality as a Precondition for Meeting Various Challenges like Reducing Poverty, Promoting Sustainable Development and Good Governance at the Mind India International Conference in Guwahati Assam in 2019
- **Journal Article**  
IRA International Journal of Management & Social Sciences  
ISSN 2455-2267 Vol. 14, Issue 02 (Special Issue) pg. 28-36.  
International Conference on Wellbeing: Lifespan Perspectives & Practices for Sustainable Communities, 2019
- **Article contribution**  
The Daily Star, New Age, World Pulse, Devil's Advocate magazine UK, Bangladesh Legal Times – the only English legal magazine in Bangladesh.

2012-2020

- Participated in various talks and workshops on prisoner's rights, gender equality, knife crimes in the UK, international human rights law, energy and environment and gender equality in Bangladesh, India, England, Switzerland, Thailand, Malta
- Career talks at various educational institutions in Bangladesh, India and the UK
- Outreach ambassador and mentor of university students in Bangladesh, UK and the USA

## **MEMBERSHIPS and AWARD**

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### Memberships

- Honourable Society of Inner Temple, United Kingdom
- Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration
- Law Asia
- International Bar Association
- ALL Ladies League
- Women Economic Forum
- Barrister's Association of Bangladesh
- Gulshan Club Limited

### Award – 2019, New Delhi

- Women of Excellence recognised by the Women Economic Forum

## **LANGUAGES/ IT**

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- English – First language
- Bangla – Bilingual proficiency
- Hindi – Speaking proficiency
- French – Basic communication skill
- MS Word
- MS Powerpoint
- MS Excel

### **REFERENCES:**

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