

2021 Summer Internship Experience Lahore, Pakistan Muhammad Sannan Saleh Khatana's Law Chamber



ABSTRACT

Khatana's Law Chamber is a leading law firm in Pakistan that focuses on local and national level cases. Specifically, it has a great record of playing an integral role in pro-bono and rights-associated cases at a national level.

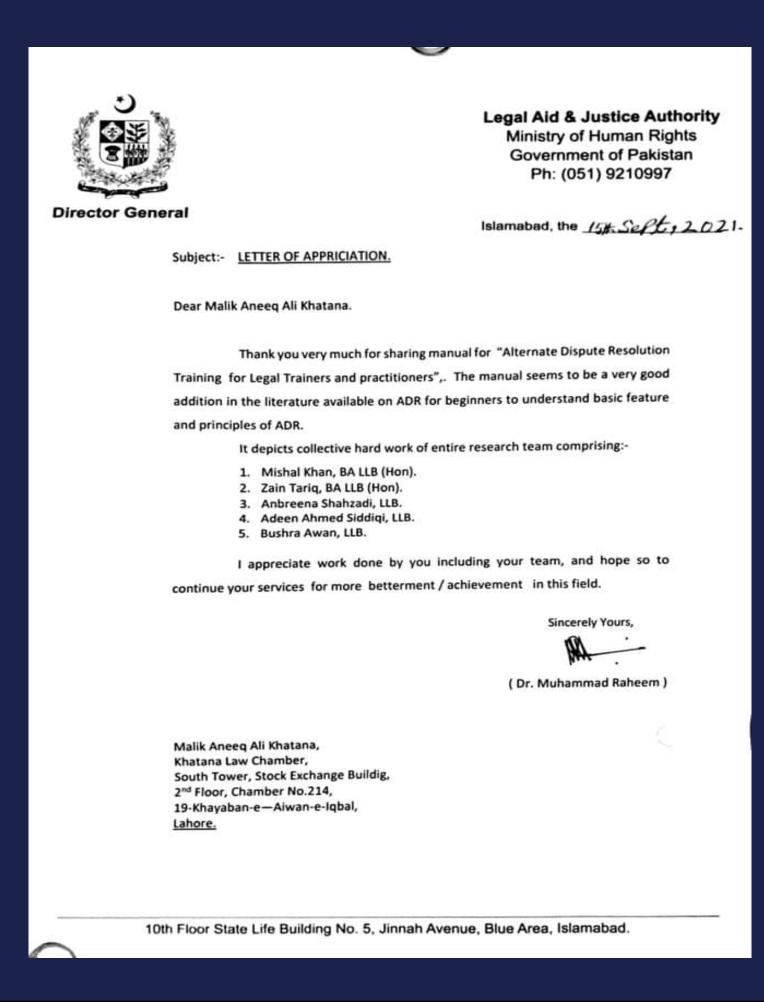
The Media and Social Impact Fellowship at Khatana's Law Chamber combines the firm's pro-bono and outreach work with the power of modern media in order to help struggling causes gain traction in the public sphere and to disseminate information to the public and create awareness. In my role as an intern, I was able to work with a wide array of organisations and causes such as:

- » Project Androon (Serving children of Prostitutes in Lahore's Red Light Area)
- » Project Pehchaan (Transgender Communities)
- » Hursukh School (Underprivileged Children education in the arts)
- » Prison Reform
- » Child Marriage Acts
- » Blasphemy Laws



RESPONSIBILITIES

- » Researching and Gathering Documentation (Combining Archival Research with Creative Marketing and Storytelling)
- » Content Writing for Press Releases
- » Editing and Compiling Footage and Interviews
- » Animation Work (Creating Infographics and Explainer Videos)
- » Collaborating with attorneys working on active cases - liasoning with them about how to best utilise media to help clients and causes
- » Attending Seminars and Legal Training Program Workshops
- » Sensitivity Training



RESULTS

- » Documented changes and improvements made to the Harsukh School through video capture; also taught a course on video production to the students
- » Edited and compiled 12 content pieces for press releases
- » Compiled 3 hours of interview footage
- » Designed 5 infographics to be used by the firm and its clients to highlight different causes
- » Attended 5 online legal conferences about the media's role in legal affairs and jurisprudence
- » Organized archives and digitised analogue records in order to preserve them for future cases

CONCLUSION

Although it would have been nice to be able to go to the office and court regularly in order to assist legal proceedings and give my input, I was pleasantly surprised by how much I was able to contribute and learn from the online experience. It was great to see my differing passions (politics and media) intersect and I'm glad I was able to do some good during the process!