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# The Leading Lawyers and Law Firms in Asia-Pacific

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Bangladesh



**How lawyers are ranked**

Every year we carry out thousands of in-depth interviews with clients in order to assess the reputations and expertise of business lawyers worldwide. The qualities we look for (and which determine rankings) include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

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**Corporate & Finance**

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Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates
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A.S & Associates
DFDL
Doulah & Doulah
The Legal Circle
Sattar & Co.
Tanjib Alam & Associates
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Akhtar Imam & Associates
Farooq and Associates
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Accord Chambers
Legal Counsel
Mahbub & Company
Rahman's Chambers
Vertex Chambers
<small>* Indicates individual with profile.</small>
<small>◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.</small>
<small>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</small>

The editorial is in alphabetical order by firm name.

**Accord Chambers**

What the team is known for Accord Chambers is an emerging corporate legal practice in Bangladesh and is deft in assisting international and domestic clients with project financing, acquisitions and development, particularly in the energy and natural resources sector. Its lawyers are experienced in advising clients regarding cross-border M&A and investments from a wide range of industries. The team is also well versed in employment issues, as well as the healthcare, engineering, insurance and telecommunications sectors.

**Notable practitioners**

Suhan Khan is a key contact for clients.

Corporate & Finance
<b>Senior Statespeople</b>
<b>Senior Statespeople:</b> distinguished older partners
Hossain Kamal Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates
<b>Leading Individuals</b>
<b>Band 1</b>
Alam Tanjib Tanjib Alam & Associates
Bhuiyan Sharif Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates
Doulah Nasirud Doulah & Doulah
Kabir Nihad Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates
Uddin Syed Afzal Hasan Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed
<b>Band 2</b>
Hadi Ashrafud Alliance Laws (ORL) ◇
Khan Masud The Legal Circle
Nizam Shahwar Jamal DFDL
Rahman Anita Ghazi The Legal Circle
Sattar Sameer Sattar & Co.
<b>Band 3</b>
Farooq Imtiaz Farooq and Associates
Imam Rashna Akhtar Imam & Associates
Khatoon Amina Doulah & Doulah
Mahbub Saqeb Mahbub & Company
Novel Shawn S. Shawn Novel & Associates (ORL) ◇
Rahman Al Amin FM Associates (ORL) ◇
Rahman Ferdausur A.S & Associates
Rahman Mohammed Forrukh Rahman's Chambers*
Shawon Tanim Hussain Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates
<b>Up-and-coming individuals</b>
Alam Shajib Mahmood BDLP (ORL) ◇
Faisal Dewan Legality (ORL) ◇
Khan Omar Legal Counsel

**Akhtar Imam & Associates**

What the team is known for Akhtar Imam & Associates is a well-regarded law firm in Bangladesh skilled in M&A, tax and compliance issues. The team also provides banking and finance regulatory advice, and assists with joint ventures, liquidations and corporate restructuring. Key sectors that the team is specialised in include consumer goods, technology and pharmaceuticals. It regularly represents domestic corporates and banks and is also experienced in assisting multinational companies with regulations and their business activities in the country.

Intellectual Property
<b>Leading Firms</b>
Doulah & Doulah
Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates
H&H Company
Remfry & Son Ltd
<b>Leading Individuals</b>
Bhuiyan Kashem Remfry & Son Ltd
Doulah A.B.M. Shamsud Doulah & Doulah
Hossain Syed Emran H&H Company
Mishbah Hamidul Old Bailey Chambers (ORL) ◇
<b>Shipping</b>
<b>Leading Firms</b>
Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates
Orr, Dignam & Co
Rahman's Chambers
<small>Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.</small>

**Notable practitioners**

Rashna Imam is experienced in advising international entities on corporate legal matters in Bangladesh, alongside dispute resolution. She regularly acts for clients on foreign investment regulations and banking.

**A.S & Associates**

What the team is known for A.S & Associates is a well-reputed legal outfit in Bangladesh with a broad offering, including expertise in tax structuring, loan facility agreements, corporate restructuring, advisory and capital markets transactions, as well as employment. Its team of corporate lawyers is also active in energy and construction matters, alongside technology and telecommunications regulatory issues. The firm provides assistance to both foreign and domestic clients, often working in conjunction with international law firms. Key clients of the firm include MJ Group, Infrastructure Development Company and Adot Curve Ventures.

**Strengths**

"I am extremely pleased and impressed with the firm's professional commitments, responsiveness and, more importantly, superior skill and knowledge level, spread evenly at multiple tiers of the firm."

*"They are responsive, and provide clear advice that is easy to understand."*

**Work highlights** A.S & Associates assisted Anwar Ispat with preparations for issuing fully redeemable, non-convertible and cumulative preference shares. The matter was worth BDT3 billion.

**Notable practitioners**

**Ferdausur Rahman** is experienced in assisting international clients with cross-border transactions and is additionally knowledgeable in employment issues. He often provides corporates looking to expand their portfolios in Bangladesh with strategic investment advice. **Strengths:** *"I am most impressed by his 360 knowledge of investment law, business law, governmental and regulatory processes. He has the ability to connect his knowledge with his experience of providing legal services to the private sector, and transforms that skill into providing pragmatic, out-of-the-box and creative solutions in the most responsive manner."* *"He is most proactive and responsive. It is always a pleasure to interact with Ferdausur."*

**DFDL**

**What the team is known for** Regional law firm DFDL's Bangladesh office regularly advises foreign and domestic clients on cross-border transactions. The team of lawyers is noted for its strong expertise in infrastructure, energy and infrastructure projects, as well as M&A deals. The team also covers bond documentation and issuance mandates. The firm draws on its network across the ASEAN region to handle international mandates. Its clients include global investment firms, private equity funds and development banks.

**Strengths**

*"DFDL is a top firm, and my go-to. It has an impressive roster of partners."*

*"I have had a good experience working with the team – it has been quite seamless."*

**Work highlights** DFDL advised a technology-focused venture capital fund on the Bangladesh law elements of a USD400 million investment in the mobile financial services sector.

**Notable practitioners**

**Shahwar Jamal Nizam** has a strong reputation for advising clients on the financing and development of energy projects in Bangladesh, as well as handling general corporate transactions. **Strengths:** *"He impresses with the breadth of his knowledge about the local market."* *"Shahwar knows key activities in the market and who is doing what, and he is very well connected."*

**Doulah & Doulah**

**What the team is known for** Doulah & Doulah maintains its market-leading reputation in Bangladesh for IP legal matters, regularly handling trade mark and patent prosecution and enforcement, while it also advises clients on banking and finance and M&A, as well as project finance and aviation finance. The team advises both sponsors and lenders on numerous projects, including PPPs, and also covers matters requiring expertise in Islamic finance. A trusted adviser to a wide range of multinational clients across a variety of industry sectors, the team represents the likes of Amazon, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and HDFC Sinpower.

**Strengths**

*"Doulah & Doulah has a very good M&A and projects practice."*

**Work highlights** Doulah & Doulah advised International Finance Corporation on the development of the Patenga Container Terminal PPP Project.

**Notable practitioners**

**Nasirud Doulah** is respected for his capabilities in assisting international clients with M&A, project finance and PPP project development in Bangladesh. **Strengths:** *"Nasirud's advice has always been sound, practical and on point."* *"Nasirud has a lot of experience, is straight to the point and responds very quickly."* **Amina Khatoon** is respected for her experience in M&A in Bangladesh. She regularly advises both domestic and international clients on cross-border transactions and investments. **Shamsud Doulah** is well regarded for his long-standing expertise in IP law, particularly regarding anti-counterfeiting. He is often instructed by leading international clients on actions in Bangladesh.

**Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates**

**What the team is known for** Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates houses an outstanding corporate and commercial law practice in Bangladesh. The firm regularly advises clients on high-value cross-border transactions and offers expertise in a wide range of M&A, corporate restructuring, capital markets, employment, insurance and tax matters, as well as banking regulatory matters. The team is especially active on project financing and development mandates and advises both international and domestic clients from a variety of sectors. The firm also provides a range of both contentious and non-contentious IP and shipping services. Clients include Underwriters Laboratories Holdings, Bloomberg Tradebook Singapore and Bank of America.

**Strengths**

*"They are very good at commercial issues and provide service with satisfaction on critical commercial issues."*

**Work highlights** Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates advised Coca-Cola İçecek on its proposed acquisition of a company in Bangladesh.

**Notable practitioners**

**Kamal Hossain** is a senior lawyer in Dhaka who commands a long-standing reputation for excellence in the transactional space. He is especially knowledgeable about projects in the oil and gas industry, as well as banking and corporate matters. **Sharif Bhuiyan** is a leading corporate lawyer in Bangladesh. He is deeply experienced in advising international and local clients on cross-border M&A, banking and projects matters, among others. **Tanim Hussain Shawon** is a partner at Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates in Dhaka. He has experience across M&A, project financing and a range of regulatory issues.

**Farooq and Associates**

**What the team is known for** Farooq and Associates has a notable team in Bangladesh especially known for its involvement in the financing and development of energy and infrastructure projects, including renewable power. The team is experienced in assisting international corpo-

rates and financial institutions with a wide range of mandates, such as M&A, banking and land issues. It is particularly active in bond issuances. IFC, United Payra Power and Dabur are among the names of notable clients the team has recently assisted.

**Work highlights** Farooq & Associates advised British International Investment on its USD51.8 million loan facility to Jinnat Textile Mills.

**Notable practitioners**

**Imtiaz Farooq** is a well-recognised corporate lawyer in Bangladesh who regularly advises clients on financings and project development. His clients include leading international financial institutions and energy companies.

**H&H Company**

**What the team is known for** H&H Company hosts a team of very skilled intellectual property practitioners. The firm often takes on both contentious and non-contentious cases. On the litigious side, the team covers trade mark infringement actions and prosecutions. Advocates at the firm are especially known for their skill in handling IP filings.

**Notable practitioners**

**Syed Emran Hossain** has an excellent reputation for resolving intellectual property disputes arising in Bangladesh. **Strengths:** *"Syed Emran is doing well in IP litigation matters."*

**The Legal Circle**

**What the team is known for** The Legal Circle has an established legal practice in Bangladesh, providing a comprehensive range of corporate services to national and international clients and routinely advising foreign entities on their investments in Bangladesh. The team has core expertise in domestic and cross-border M&A and corporate finance, with additional strength in regulatory issues. It demonstrates particular activity on matters in the power, infrastructure, and oil and gas sectors, including related acquisitions and project development. The firm is active on matters in the real estate, retail and technology sectors and is noted for being active in the start-up funding space.

**Notable practitioners**

**Masud Khan** is highly respected in Bangladesh's legal market, with expertise in aiding clients with complex cross-border M&A, private equity and financing deals. He is especially knowledgeable in matters concerning the technology and energy sectors. **Anita Ghazi Rahman** is highly regarded for her apt advice to start-ups in Bangladesh, and is also well known for her employment advice to corporates.

**Legal Counsel**

**What the team is known for** The Legal Counsel hosts a strong corporate practice that is especially skilled at taking on matters concerning labour. The team advises clients on cross-border and local joint ventures and acquisition agreements. It additionally advises on incorporation mandates, especially covering any regulatory or compliance issues clients may encounter. The team acts for international and domestic clients.

**Strengths**

*"They are really good at employment law."*

**Notable practitioners**

**Omar Khan** covers a range of corporate work and is specialised in advising clients on labour and employment mandates. **Strengths:** “Omar Khan is known to various multinationals in Bangladesh as an expert in labour law.”

**Mahbub & Company**

**What the team is known for** Mahbub & Company offers a notable corporate law practice in Bangladesh, providing a broad service to both domestic and international clients. The firm is experienced in assisting companies with employment issues in Bangladesh, in addition to M&A, corporate governance, tax and IP. The team is well versed in the technology sector, including in relation to startup companies. The team also advises on loan restructuring, financial regulations and fundraising. Key clients represented by the firm include 10 MS, Marc Group and DAI.

**Strengths**

“Mahbub & Company has multiple subject matter experts for different topics, who are always available whenever needed and take proactive measures.”

“They have never disappointed us in handling any complex or sensitive issues. One thing that is really appreciated about Mahbub & Co is their turnaround time. They are super quick with the solutions without compromising on the quality of the advice or service.”

**Work highlights** Mahbub & Company advised Jubilant Foodworks on due diligence for the entire operation of its restaurant business in Bangladesh.

**Notable practitioners**

**Saqeb Mahbub** is well regarded for assisting both domestic and international corporates with cross-border transactions in Bangladesh, as well as corporate governance and employment issues.

**Strengths:** “Saqeb is not only a good lawyer but he is also a thorough gentleman with in-depth knowledge of the law.” “He gives a prompt response to queries and his advice is comprehensive and well structured.”

**Orr, Dignam & Co**

**What the team is known for** Orr, Dignam & Co's law office in Dhaka includes a distinguished shipping department advising on the full range of maritime matters, including with regard to vessel arrests and other routine concerns. The team is also noted for its expertise in maritime litigation, handling substantial cases involving multiple jurisdictions.

**Rahman's Chambers**

**What the team is known for** Rahman's Chambers has a specialist shipping law practice in Bangladesh, covering the full scope of maritime issues including ship arrests, marine insurance, bills of lading and admiralty. The team is also active on collision cases, often representing international P&I clubs and shipping companies. The practice is additionally recognised in areas such as business formation, M&A and employment matters, alongside energy, infrastructure and real estate matters. Advocates at the firm are knowledgeable on restructuring and insolvency procedures. Notable clients advised by the firm include the likes of HR

Lines, Lantabur and Maruha Nichiro.

**Strengths**

“I find Rahman's Chambers to be very supportive. When we have time constraints they work very hard and provide opinions within time.”

“They do everything on time and give us practical advice, so I am satisfied with their work.”

**Work highlights** Rahman's Chambers advised real estate developer Sanmar Properties on the sale of residential apartments and commercial outlets. The team also successfully represented Atrium Maritime in a dispute after a collision between a Marshall Island flagged vessel and frigates of the Bangladesh Navy.

**Notable practitioners**

**Mohammed Forrukh Rahman** (see p.250) is particularly recognised for his expertise in shipping law matters in Bangladesh, while he also assists clients with M&A and employment law. **Strengths:** “Mr Rahman is quite active to ensure that we are connected to the right team, and he steps in when needed.” “He has been very responsive and on point with the questions we raised.”

**Remfry & Son Ltd**

**What the team is known for** Remfry & Son is a highly regarded IP legal team in Bangladesh covering the full scope of issues, including trade marks, patent and copyright matters. The firm offers a domain name management service, as well as handling complex litigation.

**Strengths**

“Remfry & Sons handle major IP clients.”

**Notable practitioners**

**Kashem Bhuiyan** is an IP specialist and leads Remfry & Son's practice across a broad range of IP issues in Bangladesh. He is noted for his expertise in patent matters.

**Sattar & Co.**

**What the team is known for** Sattar & Co is a versatile legal practice with particular experience in advising multinational and international corporate clients on their interests in the Bangladesh market, including with regard to employment and energy law. The team is also experienced in assisting local banks and foreign lenders with cross-border M&A, as well as joint venture contracts. The firm is particularly well placed to advise on TMT regulations in Bangladesh. The team advises the likes of Sheares Healthcare, Rahimafrooz and Fly Dhaka Airlines.

**Strengths**

“Sattar & Co provide reliable and cogent advice. I would have no hesitation in going back to them.”

“They are very attentive to follow up on pending issues and are aware of the happenings around our business.”

**Work highlights** Sattar & Co advised Digital Classifieds on the acquisition of majority shares of an online real estate solution provider in Bangladesh.

**Notable practitioners**

**Sameer Sattar** heads the team in Dhaka. He is frequently complimented for his expertise in corporate matters, routinely assisting clients in the TMT, retail and healthcare sectors with a variety of issues, as well as handling employment matters. **Strengths:** “Sameer is very helpful and attentive throughout the engagement.”

**Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates**

**What the team is known for** Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates is one of Bangladesh's most highly regarded and established full-service law firms, renowned for its capabilities in assisting clients with complex transactions. It is at the forefront of large corporate/M&A and general commercial matters, where it is frequently instructed by banks. The corporate team also earns recognition for its work in the projects and infrastructure space.

**Notable practitioners**

**Nihad Kabir** is distinguished for her corporate practice, earning praise for her connections within Bangladesh's legal market. She possesses great experience in advising domestic and international companies on major transactions and infrastructure projects. **Syed Afzal Hasan Uddin** possesses extensive expertise in projects and project finance in Bangladesh, in particular in the oil and gas industry. He also has further capabilities in the telecommunications sector, and in relation to banking and finance.

**Tanjib Alam & Associates**

**What the team is known for** Tanjib Alam & Associates has a well-regarded corporate practice in Bangladesh and is frequently enlisted by leading domestic and international clients on cross-border mandates. Its expertise includes M&A, corporate restructuring, joint venture formation, banking, employment and tax matters. The team is also active on project finance, as well as transactions in the TMT and finance sectors.

**Notable practitioners**

**Tanjib Alam** assists both foreign and domestic companies with complex cross-border M&A and financings, as well as local employment issues.

**Vertex Chambers**

**What the team is known for** Vertex Chambers' respected team of lawyers in Bangladesh is adept at handling an array of corporate and finance matters, including those concerning M&A, private equity, venture capital and corporate disputes. The team is particularly noted for its tax expertise, as well as knowledge of the power sector. Vertex advises clients in various disciplines, from pharmaceutical companies to NGOs.

**Notable practitioners**

Junayed Ahmed Chowdhury is a key point of contact for clients.

**Other Ranked Lawyers**

**Shajib Mahmood Alam** of BDLP regularly assists clients with corporate legal matters in Bangladesh, including winding up of companies, equity financing, joint ventures, and obtaining licences and regulatory approvals.

**Strengths:**

“He is an asset when we deal with local or cross-border transactions. He is an expert in shaping documents to fit unique deals. He has never disappointed and always comes through for us.”

“Shajib is very prompt. He can deliver solutions and assess any in-depth cases very quickly. He is good at corporate and financial deals and has helped us

through so many legal hoops.”

**Dewan Faisal** is well versed in M&A, financings and venture capital fund set-up. He is the head of chamber at Legality in Bangladesh.

**Ashraful Hadi** of Alliance Laws routinely assists international and domestic clients with M&A, projects and financings in Bangladesh, acting in such

sectors as telecommunications and energy.

**Shawn Novel** of Shawn Novel & Associates in Dhaka is well versed in assisting international clients with M&A, company incorporation, corporate restructuring and employment law, among others. He is UK law-qualified and also admitted to the New York State Bar.

**Al Amin Rahman** of FM Associates has a good reputation in the foreign direct investment space in Bangladesh. He regularly assists companies with cross-border M&A, and is active in sectors including healthcare and energy.

## Dispute Resolution

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<b>Leading Firms</b>
<b>Band 1</b>
A Hossain & Associates
Akhtar Imam & Associates
Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates
<b>Band 2</b>
Amir & Amir Law Associates
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### Band 1

#### A Hossain & Associates

**What the team is known for** A Hossain & Associates is widely acknowledged as one of the leading litigation law firms in Bangladesh. The team is highly experienced in representing both domestic and international clients, and also well regarded for its arbitration expertise. The firm is regularly instructed on cases in the shipping, energy and telecommunications sectors.

#### Notable practitioners

**Ajmalul Hossain KC** possesses a long-standing reputation in Bangladesh as an expert in commercial litigation, alternative dispute resolution and the enforcement of arbitral awards. He is routinely active on cross-border disputes, with expertise in a range of public law, judicial review and international trade matters.

#### Akhtar Imam & Associates

**What the team is known for** Akhtar Imam & Associates maintains expertise in company litigation, judicial review and arbitration in Bangladesh. It is well versed in handling winding-up applications, shareholder disputes and banking litigation, as well as in challenging orders of government and statutory bodies. Its arbitration capabilities cover

Dispute Resolution
<b>Senior Statespeople</b>
<b>Senior Statespeople:</b> distinguished older partners
Hossain Kamal <i>Dr Kamal Hossain &amp; Associates</i>
Islam Amir-Ul <i>Amir &amp; Amir Law Associates</i>
<b>Leading Individuals</b>
<b>Band 1</b>
Ariff A F Hassan <i>A F Hassan Ariff &amp; Associates (ORL) ◇</i>
Hossain Ajmalul <i>A Hossain &amp; Associates</i>
Imam Akhtar <i>Akhtar Imam &amp; Associates</i>
Mahmud Rakanuddin <i>Rakanuddin Mahmud (ORL) ◇</i>
<b>Band 2</b>
Alam Tanjib <i>Tanjib Alam &amp; Associates</i>
Hossain Sara <i>Dr Kamal Hossain &amp; Associates</i>
Kamal Fida Mohammad <i>M/s. Sultan (ORL) ◇</i>
Khan Mustafizur Rahman <i>Sole Practitioner (ORL) ◇</i>
Neogi Probir <i>Sole Practitioner (ORL) ◇</i>
Uddin A. M. Mahbub <i>Mahbub &amp; Company</i>
<b>Band 3</b>
Amir Tania <i>Amir &amp; Amir Law Associates</i>
Asaduzzaman Mohammed <i>Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed</i>
Chowdhury Junayed Ahmed <i>Vertex Chambers</i>
Imam Rashna <i>Akhtar Imam &amp; Associates</i>
Rahman Anita Ghazi <i>The Legal Circle (ORL) ◇</i>
Sikder Ramzan Ali <i>Dr Kamal Hossain &amp; Associates</i>
<b>Band 4</b>
Farooq Imtiaz <i>Farooq and Associates (ORL) ◇</i>
Ghani Moin <i>Alliance Laws (ORL) ◇</i>
Khan Suhan <i>Accord Chambers</i>
Mahbub Saqeb <i>Mahbub &amp; Company</i>
Rahman Mohammed Forrukh <i>Rahman's Chambers *</i>
Sattar Sameer <i>Sattar &amp; Co.</i>
Siddiq Imran <i>The Law Counsel</i>
<b>Up-and-coming individuals</b>
Hossain Syed Emran <i>H&amp;H Company (ORL) ◇</i>
Khan Arefin Ashraf <i>Stellar Chambers (ORL) ◇</i>

both regional and national claims, where the team assists with arbitration clauses, enforceability of awards and choice of forum. Healthcare, technology, oil and gas, and power are among the key sectors that the firm specialises in. Its advocates appear before the full range of courts, including the Supreme Court.

#### Strengths

*“We see Akhtar Imam & Associates a lot in commercial litigation. It is certainly a chambers known for its litigation prowess.”*

#### Notable practitioners

**Akhtar Imam** is a well-respected barrister whose

expertise covers banking and commercial litigation as well as arbitration, and he is especially active at the Supreme Court. **Rashna Imam** is especially noted for her expertise in human rights and public interest litigation. She is experienced in assisting clients with both litigation and arbitration, including international proceedings.

#### Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates

**What the team is known for** Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates has an accomplished legal team in Dhaka which advises clients on both domestic and international arbitration, as well as litigation. The team not only takes on disputes in the oil and gas and construction sectors, but is also active on employment and tax cases. Advocates at the firm possess expertise in public interest and human rights cases. The dispute resolution practitioners frequently handle cases before the Supreme Court and act for leading domestic corporates, as well as foreign entities. Clients include Grameenphone, DrillTec GUT and Cobra Instalaciones y Servicios.

**Work highlights** Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates represented Lafarge Holcim Bangladesh as the claimant in an international arbitration under UNCITRAL rules, which related to a dispute over its gas sale agreement with Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution System.

#### Notable practitioners

**Kamal Hossain** is a revered figure for his great experience in dispute resolution in Bangladesh. His expertise extends to international arbitration, as well as local administrative and constitutional matters. **Sara Hossain** is a prominent name for human rights and public interest litigation, including pro bono matters. She also has expertise in administrative and constitutional disputes, as well as family and employment law matters. **Strengths:** *“Sara Hossain is very well known and respected.”* **Ramzan Ali Sikder** comes highly recommended for his vast skills in contentious matters, which includes international arbitration proceedings. He often handles cases in the energy, shipping and construction sectors. **Strengths:** *“Ramzan is a very good lawyer. He handles matters of substantial value.”*

**Band 2****Amir & Amir Law Associates**

**What the team is known for** Amir & Amir Law Associates has an established legal practice that offers comprehensive litigation and arbitration services in Bangladesh to both domestic and international corporations. Its team has expertise in a wide range of areas, including banking litigation, IP, shipping and environmental law. The firm especially represents financial institutions, as well as companies from other sectors such as technology, shipping and cement.

**Notable practitioners**

**Amir-Ul Islam** is an eminent barrister in Bangladesh whose expertise includes IP, banking and maritime litigation. He can also be consulted on matters relating to constitutional law and judicial reviews. **Tania Amir** is known for her experience supporting clients in commercial litigation across a broad range of areas in Bangladesh. She often acts on behalf of international clients from a range of sectors including banking, shipping and cement.

**Mahbub & Company**

**What the team is known for** Mahbub & Company has a recognised team of lawyers experienced in litigation and arbitration in Bangladesh. It is notably active representing clients in contractual disputes arising out of energy, construction and real estate projects. The team also handles banking litigation and insolvency proceedings, and the practice extends to advising clients on shareholder disputes and contract terminations. With a strong global reach, the team regularly acts on several international arbitrations and cross-border disputes. Identity International, Madina Developments and Multimode are clients of the firm.

**Strengths**

*"Mahbub & Company are swift, accurate and solution-oriented. The team and seniors stand out in terms of communication."*

*"They have strong legal knowledge and provide clear answers."*

**Work highlights** Mahbub & Company represented Fresenius Medical Care Asia Pacific in a dispute related to a distribution agreement, which was entered into by its subsidiary in Bangladesh with a local distributor of dialysis equipment.

**Notable practitioners**

**Mahbub Uddin** is recognised for the depth of his experience in litigation in Bangladesh. He is particularly well known for representing clients in white-collar crime cases. **Strengths:** *"He is very prominent in litigation."* **Saqeb Mahbub** is an active dispute resolution lawyer who specialises in international arbitrations and cross-border disputes, and regularly represents clients in SIAC. **Strengths:** *"Saqeb is a dynamic lawyer with good subject knowledge. He is an expert in his field and is always ready to assist his clients."* *"He has an in-depth understanding of how the courts work and is excellent in legal strategy."*

**Tanjib Alam & Associates**

**What the team is known for** Tanjib Alam & Associates has an experienced dispute resolution legal

practice able to assist clients with litigation at the High Court and appeal stages in Bangladesh. The firm handles a range of banking, tax and labour mandates. It is well placed to support clients with judicial reviews and enforcement of foreign arbitral award. It is active in a range of sectors including finance, natural resources, healthcare, real estate and infrastructure.

**Notable practitioners**

**Tanjib Alam** regularly represents clients in commercial litigation and in judicial reviews. He is notably active in banking and construction matters and is experienced in arbitral award enforcements. **Strengths:** *"Tanjib Alam is a great litigation lawyer."*

**Band 3****The Law Counsel**

**What the team is known for** The Law Counsel advises on a broad variety of disputes in Bangladesh, including shareholder cases, IP litigation, medical negligence and insurance claims. The firm is also proficient in employment and tax disputes, as well as public interest cases. It often acts on constitutional and administrative cases. It maintains an impressive roster of clients in a range of sectors, including technology, insurance and finance. Reliance Insurance, CNN and Saudi Arabian Airlines are among the team's clients.

**Work highlights** The Law Counsel represented Manarat International School and College in a dispute with two public bodies over the land on which its school is located.

**Notable practitioners**

**Imran Siddiq** is widely recognised for his contributions to constitutional and administrative cases. He additionally handles a wide array of litigation ranging from IP disputes to medical malpractice suits.

**Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates**

**What the team is known for** Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates is recognised for its strong litigation practice and its regular appearance before the Supreme Court. With particular expertise in corporate and company law cases, the lawyers at the firm cover a large range of commercial disputes and arbitrations.

**Strengths**

*"Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates is involved in some sophisticated disputes."*

**Notable practitioners**

**Mohammed Asaduzzaman** comes highly rated by market sources in Bangladesh for his skills as a litigator. His expertise is spread across a range of commercial, banking, civil, tax and constitutional cases. **Strengths:** *"He is a very good dispute resolution practitioner handling a wide array of matters."* *"Mr Asaduzzaman is a very good lawyer and his local disputes portfolio is very good."*

**Vertex Chambers**

**What the team is known for** Vertex Chambers represents clients in High Court and Supreme Court litigation and arbitration in Bangladesh. The team is renowned by commentators for its handling of VAT and income tax disputes. It also has a

focus on real estate and construction cases.

**Strengths**

*"Vertex is very good at tax disputes."*

**Notable practitioners**

**Junayed Ahmed Chowdhury** has an excellent reputation among market sources when it comes to resolving complex tax disputes in Bangladesh.

**Strengths:** *"Junayed Chowdhury is a very able litigator, particularly in tax disputes."* *"For tax, he is the guy to go to."*

**Band 4****Accord Chambers**

**What the team is known for** Accord Chambers is well regarded for its regular representation of clients in the energy and telecommunications industries in international arbitrations and local court litigation. The litigation team covers a wide range of disputes in relation to labour issues, land contentions, breaches of contract and commercial leasing disputes. Lawyers in the team additionally represent clients in contentious shipping matters.

**Notable practitioners**

**Suhan Khan** focuses principally on disputes in the construction and energy industries. He is active on both litigation and arbitration. He has significant involvement in international arbitration.

**Rahman's Chambers**

**What the team is known for** Rahman's Chambers houses a well-regarded litigation practice in Bangladesh with significant experience in real estate and construction disputes. Other areas of experience include customs and white-collar crime matters. The team also assists clients with arbitration proceedings. Delta Dahlia, Knight Frank Development and Itochu Chemical Frontier are among the key clients advised by the team.

**Strengths**

*"Rahman's Chambers' team seems experienced and is able to smoothly deal with issues on time."*

*"They are excellent - always on time and very responsive and precise."*

**Work highlights** Rahman's Chambers represented GIII Apparel in a dispute before the Labour Court relating to the termination of an employee during their probation period.

**Notable practitioners**

**Mohammed Forrukh Rahman** (see p.250) is a well-established dispute resolution lawyer in Bangladesh. He is particularly praised for his knowledge and experience in arbitration, and he has expertise in construction, energy and shipping cases. **Strengths:** *"Mohammed Forrukh Rahman has great knowledge and experience in dispute resolution in Bangladesh."* *"His performance in court is very good and he is available any time."*

**Sattar & Co.**

**What the team is known for** Sattar & Co tackles an impressive range of commercial disputes in Bangladesh, often before the Supreme and High Courts. The team is especially active on matters involving non-performance of duties, defaulted loan payments, breach of contract and shareholder issues. Its lawyers are particularly skilled at undertaking litigious banking and finance

cases. The firm additionally covers contentious tax, customs and trade mandates. Its clients include the likes of Fiber@Home Global, Shasha Denims and Bank Asia.

**Strengths**

*"We get excellent and prompt service from Sattar & Co."*

**Work highlights** Sattar & Co acted for Sheltech Technology on a dispute with a government-owned power distribution company, related to the invocation of a force majeure clause for the non-performance of a supply contract due to COVID-19.

**Notable practitioners**

**Sameer Sattar** represents a wide range of corporates in their commercial issues, and is particularly skilled at taking on mandates for banking clients. He represents clients in both high-stakes litigation and arbitration. **Strengths:** *"He is outstanding. His knowledge, experience and submission to the court are all excellent. His oral and written advocacy are super. We have always received clear advice with case references."*

**Other Ranked Lawyers**

**A F Hassan Ariff** of A F Hassan Ariff & Associates is well recognised for his expertise in litigation in Bangladesh. He also handles arbitration and mediation, with expertise in construction, tax,

employment and administrative matters.

**Imtiaz Farooq** of Farooq and Associates' litigation practice encompasses regulatory and contractual disputes, as well as judicial reviews. He is well versed in competition, customs, employment and intellectual property matters.

**Strengths:**

*"Imtiaz Farooq is a litigator who is known country-wide. He is very good and always in the courts."*

**Moin Ghani** of Alliance Laws is well recognised in Bangladesh's legal market for his impressive coverage of international arbitration mandates.

**Syed Emran Hossain** of H&H Company is a specialised IP practitioner who regularly advises clients on trade mark disputes and copyright infringement cases. He is additionally respected for his ability to litigate on general company law concerns.

**Strengths:**

*"He does a lot of company law-related cases and is a good lawyer."*

**Fida Mohammad Kamal** of Sultan, Fida & Reza Barristers & Advocates is a highly respected litigator in Bangladesh. He is largely recognised for his contributions to highly sophisticated cases.

**Arefin Ashraf Khan** of Stellar Chambers earns respect for his able handling of commercial dispute resolution for international clients in Bangladesh, with expertise in land, employment, company and energy disputes.

**Mustafizur Rahman Khan** is a sought-after lit-

igator in Bangladesh who is recognised for his contributions to constitutional and judicial review practices in the country.

**Strengths:**

*"Mustafizur is very good and brilliant."*

**Rokanuddin Mahmud** of Rokanuddin Mahmud & Associates is one of Bangladesh's pre-eminent litigators. He commands great respect for his extensive knowledge, especially in terms of constitutional law matters.

**Probir Neogi** comes highly recommended for his expertise in dispute resolution in Bangladesh. He is noted for his knowledge of civil law matters.

**Strengths:**

*"Whenever there is a complex constitutional dispute, the court calls him for his opinion."*

**Anita Ghazi Rahman** of The Legal Circle is experienced in a broad range of topics in dispute resolution, including judicial review, procurement and public interest cases in Bangladesh. She has experience in relation to tax, company and telecommunications disputes, among others.

**Strengths:**

*"In courts, I see her as a very good advocate for her corporate clients."*

## Projects & Energy

Projects & Energy	
Leading Firms	
<b>Band 1</b>	
DFDL	
Farooq and Associates	
<b>Band 2</b>	
A.S & Associates	
Doulah & Doulah	
Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates	
Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates	
<b>Band 3</b>	
Rahman's Chambers	
Sattar & Co.	
Leading Individuals	
<b>Band 1</b>	
Farooq Imtiaz Farooq and Associates	
Jahan Karishma The Legal Circle (ORL) ◇	
Nizam Shahwar Jamal DFDL	
<b>Band 2</b>	
Doulah Nasirud Doulah & Doulah	
<b>Up-and-coming individuals</b>	
Aziz Mahboob DFDL	
Dutta Aurni Arunima Farooq and Associates	
Khan Narita Navin Rahman's Chambers *	
Tasnim Tarannum DFDL	
* Indicates individual with profile.	
◇ (ORL) = Other Ranked Lawyer.	
Alphabetical order within each band. Band 1 is highest.	

**Band 1**

**DFDL**

**What the team is known for** True to its region-wide reputation, DFDL's team in Bangladesh is highly regarded for its contributions to the development of major power, energy and infrastructure projects. The firm often advises investors on their project financings and acquisitions. Clients that the firm advises include Kai Heng Long, Nebras Power Investment Management and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

**Strengths**

*"DFDL provides clear advice and relevant commercial solutions on untested legal issues."*

*"DFDL's technical capability is very strong and they have excellent on-the-ground knowledge of how things actually work in practice. They are very good at providing proactive solutions to the inevitable issues which arise."*

**Work highlights** DFDL advised SHV Energy on the USD150 million acquisition of Petromax LPG and Petromax Cylinders.

**Notable practitioners**

**Shahwar Jamal Nizam** is renowned for his expertise in power and energy deals in Bangladesh. He regularly advises lenders and foreign corpo-

rates on project developments in Bangladesh.

**Strengths:** *"Shahwar is extremely responsive and provides commercial, out-of-the-box solutions."*

*"He has international experience and understands clients' demands well."* **Mahboob Aziz** is an up-and-coming projects lawyer who has worked on notable power and infrastructure projects in Bangladesh. His portfolio includes traditional energy and solar power projects.

**Strengths:**

*"Mahboob clearly has his client's full confidence and is seen as a trusted adviser by his client. He is very commercial."*

*"I am very comfortable working directly with him."* **Tarannum Tasnim** is an up-and-coming projects and energy lawyer in Bangladesh who takes on a great deal of transactional matters in this space. She often conducts research and due diligence to advise developers on the legal feasibility of projects. **Strengths:** *"It is always a pleasure to work with Tarannum."* *"Tarannum is always reliable."*

**Farooq and Associates**

**What the team is known for** Farooq and Associates hosts a strong projects and energy legal practice in Bangladesh, covering both transactional and development mandates. The team is especially active on project financing matters

where they advise lenders and sponsors. The firm additionally manages land use agreements, as well as local regulatory and compliance advisory. Some of the key clients that the firm advises include China Export & Credit Insurance, Daewoo And Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development and Tae Young Engineering & Construction.

#### Strengths

*"Farooq & Associates are very good and if someone asks for a recommendation, I'm happy to recommend them."*

**Work highlights** Farooq and Associates advised First Dhaka Elevated Expressway on the development and financing of its expressway.

#### Notable practitioners

**Imtiaz Farooq** is highly regarded for his experience and involvement on mandates in the projects and energy space. He is well versed at advising both private and government entities on a range of developments. He is additionally skilled at taking on transactional matters, which often involve financings. **Arunima Dutta Aurni** is an emerging name in Bangladesh's energy and infrastructure field. She is regularly involved in project development and has knowledge of PPA structures. **Strengths:** *"Arunima knows what she is doing and works very efficiently. Her feedback is always to the point."*

### Band 2

#### A.S & Associates

**What the team is known for** The legal team at A.S Associates regularly takes on high-value projects and energy mandates in Bangladesh. The practice often handles financing transactions for borrowers and lenders. The team is additionally skilled at taking on PPP matters, as well as advising entrants to Bangladesh's market on any regulatory barriers and compliance requirements, including in relation to construction. Key clients that the firm advises include Maxon Power, Beijing Urban and LS Cable.

#### Strengths

*"A.S Associates' ability to deal with complex and high-end matters is impressive."*

*"They demonstrate great commercial and business understanding."*

**Work highlights** A.S & Associates advised Wuling Power on its project to build, own and operate a 60 MW wind power project in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

#### Notable practitioners

Ferdousur Rahman is a key point of contact.

#### Doulah & Doulah

**What the team is known for** Doulah & Doulah is often appointed as local legal counsel on cross-border project investments into Bangladesh, including those involving renewable energy. The team regularly takes on project structuring and land due diligence mandates to ensure the feasibility of project developments. The practice additionally assists clients with financing structures. Clients serviced by the firm include the likes of General Electric, ib Vogt and China Machinery Engineering Corporation.

#### Strengths

*"Doulah & Doulah considers the issues and questions as per the requirement of the client."*

**Work highlights** Doulah & Doulah acted for Berlingia Energy Global on its acquisition of a 2 X 100 MW furnace oil-based power plant in Bangladesh.

#### Notable practitioners

**Nasirud Doulah** is a strong corporate practitioner in Bangladesh who often uses his commercial expertise to take on projects and energy-related transactional mandates. **Strengths:** *"Nasirud is excellent and responsive. He has a lot of experience, is straight to the point and responds very quickly. I am very, very pleased."*

#### Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates

**What the team is known for** Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates is a well-known law firm in Bangladesh with a strong track record in the oil and gas space, including LNG. The team represents both local and international entities, in relation to project finance, development and regulatory issues. Clients include China Road and Bridge Corporation, Sumitomo and Barisal Electric Power.

#### Strengths

*"Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates are the experts in oil and gas."*

**Work highlights** Dr Kamal Hossain & Associates advised BP Gas Marketing on the licensing regime governing laws and regulations for the sale and purchase of hydrocarbons in Bangladesh.

#### Notable practitioners

Sharif Bhuiyan and Tanim Hussain Shawon are key points of contact for clients.

#### Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates

**What the team is known for** Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates harbours excellent experience in the energy and infrastructure space in Bangladesh. The team assists with the development and financing of power projects, and has significant expertise relating to oil and gas and PPP laws in Bangladesh.

#### Notable practitioners

Imtiaz Bin Hafiz is a key contact.

### Band 3

#### Rahman's Chambers

**What the team is known for** Rahman's Chambers is well regarded for its legal expertise in handling EPC and O&M mandates in Bangladesh. The firm is experienced in matters in the construction space, assisting with due diligence and tenders, as well as employment concerns. The team also handles disputes relating to projects. Some of its key clients are Unitex, BIG W and IHI-SMCC Joint Venture.

#### Strengths

*"Rahman's Chambers' experts are professionals and experienced at handling complex issues. They are familiar with international and domestic law related to the projects."*

*"They have a good team of lawyers working from different locations with different levels of experience. I like their teamwork and responsiveness. Their advice is always practical and useful."*

**Work highlights** Rahman's Chambers advised the joint venture company OTJ on the construction of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Railway Bridge.

#### Notable practitioners

**Narita Navin Khan** (see p.250) is well regarded in Bangladesh's legal market, providing clients with strong expertise in construction law. **Strengths:** *"Narita is efficient and very responsive."*

#### Sattar & Co.

**What the team is known for** The legal team at Sattar & Co in Dhaka is regularly mandated on project development matters on both renewable and non-renewable power projects, including expertise in PPA agreements. The firm also takes on transactional work and has strong expertise in the solar space.

#### Strengths

*"Sattar & Co possess extensive knowledge in M&A, power projects and also banking laws. My personal experience with them has been fruitful."*

#### Notable practitioners

Sameer Sattar is a key contact for clients.

### Other Ranked Lawyers

**Karishma Jahan** of The Legal Circle is a market-leading projects and energy lawyer in Bangladesh capable of advising clients on a spectrum of mandates in this space. She is well regarded for her expertise in the power space, including LNG, wind and solar energy.

#### Strengths:

*"She is very good in the power and energy sector."*

## Leaders' Profiles in Bangladesh

### **KHAN, Narita Navin**

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*Featured in Projects (Bangladesh)*

**Practice Areas:** Ms. Narita Navin Khan is a Barrister of the Hon'ble Society of Lincoln's Inn, London and an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. She has altogether 11 years' background in working in the field of corporate, finance & Construction. Ms. Khan has worked with Dr. Kamal Hossain and Associates from 2008 to 2011 as an associate as a full time lawyer with active interest in corporate and commercial matters, arbitration law, labour law and corporate litigation. She assisted in various cases, both corporate and commercial, as well as represented the senior lawyers in court, conferred with clients on corporate and court matters, drafting of agreements and pleadings etc. After leaving the firm in 2011, she started to work independently and mostly notably as a retainer of Summit Group. While working as a retainer for Summit she developed expertise in different specialized works like project finance, construction and M & A and so on. Construction (Projects & Energy) Infrastructure: Acted as a lead counsel for Unitex LP Gas Limited involving design, supply of equipment, project management, supervision, erection and commissioning of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) terminal plant and bottling facilities at Chittagong. We advised clients from the very inception of the project starting with project due diligence, framework agreement, EPC and other related contract drafting. Advised client involving connecting railway network and signaling equipment in connection with Ruppur Atomic Power Plant. Building Construction: Conducted detailed due diligence of a commercial building located in a prominent commercial area in Dhaka, Bangladesh for the purpose of long term lease by our client. The due diligence not only involved ownership and title but also several licenses and permits required for commercial establishments under Bangladesh laws. Advised Big W over a complex Building & Construction due diligence involving legal compliance with Building code, Fire Safety, etc. of a commercial building located at a prime location in Dhaka. EPC/O&M: Negotiated and concluded EPC contracts between Summit Narayanganj Power Company Limited with The First Northeast Electric Power Engineering Ltd Negotiated and concluded O&M contracts between Summit Narayanganj Power Company Limited with KEPCO Plant Service & Engineering Co., Ltd. Design & Drawing: Advised our Client, Unitex Group, in a transaction involving the architectural design of civil, electrical, plumbing, etc. works in a civil construction project. Corporate and Finance Investment: Assisted in the equity investment and sale and transfer of shares of Summit Corporation Limited to Summit Power

International (Pte.) Limited, with international financing corporations. Assisted in the preparation of the IPO process of Summit Power International Limited, on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"), which involved due diligence on the company and its subsidiaries in Bangladesh, reviewing the legal portions of the prospectus, responding to various queries from the SGX-ST. Corporate Merger & Acquisition Summit Alliance Port Limited with Ocean Containers Limited. Summit Communications Limited with Vertex Communications Limited. Summit Power Limited with Summit Narayanganj Power Limited, Summit Uttaranchal. Power Company Limited, and Summit Purbanchol Power Company Limited. Young one Shoes Accessories Industries Limited with Youngone Sports Shoes Industries Pacific Zipper Bangladesh Limited with HHH Accessories Industry Limited. Youngone (CEPZ) Limited with Youngone Sportswear (CEPZ) Limited. Titas Sportswear Industries Ltd with Lalmai Sportswear Industries Ltd Youngone Shoes Accessories Industries Ltd Due Diligence Conducted due diligence on a number of legal issues involving procurement of equipment etc on behalf of Persero PT, for a govt bidding process under the Ministry of Railways, in connection with the Roopur Atomic Power Plant. Insolvency Jointly worked with Deloitte, for BGMEA in a major project involving modernizing and upgrading the bankruptcy and insolvency laws of Bangladesh. The report suggested significant changes in the present Bankruptcy Act 1997 in order to introduce insolvency resolution, separate specialized tribunals, insolvency professionals etc. Taxes and Finance Project Finance Ms. Khan has deep understanding on projects finance transactions involving BOT/BOO based PPP projects for her long engagement with Summit group. She was involved in negotiating several finance documents with Multilateral development banks e.g. Islamic Development Bank, international financial institutions e.g. IFC, development financial institutions like DEG, FMO, OFID, Regional development banks e.g. ADB. She was involved with the following works amongst others: Acted as Project Sponsor's counsel in relation to the implementation and financing for the following power projects Summit Narayanganj Power Limited - Negotiated and concluded Term Loan Facility and other security documentation between Summit Narayanganj Power Company Limited and DEG - DEUTSCHE INVESTITIONEN-UND ENTWICKLUNGSGESELLSCHAFT MBH and NEDERLANDSE FINANCIERINGS-MAATSCHAPPIJ VOOR ONTWIKKELINGSLANDEN N.V for USD 45m Summit Meghnaghat Power Company Limited - Negotiated and concluded long term financing of dual fuel power plant for USD 190m

with the Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), Standard Chartered Bank and a syndicate of European DFIs, as well as EPC and O&M contracts with The First Northeast Electric Power Engineering Co. Ltd and KEPCO Plant Service & Engineering Co., Ltd respectively. Ace Alliance Power Limited - Negotiated and concluded long term financing of dual fuel power plant for USD 68 m with IDCOL, OFID and ICD. Summit Bibiyana II Power Company Limited - Negotiated and concluded long term financing of USD 210m with ADB, IFC and Islamic Development Bank.

### **RAHMAN, Mohammed Forrukh**

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*Featured in Dispute Resolution (Bangladesh), Corporate & Finance (Bangladesh)*

**Practice Areas:** Mr. Mohammed Forrukh Rahman is an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Appellate Division (the highest court) and all courts below, and a Barrister-at-Law of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree with specialization in International Dispute Resolution with merit from the University of London, a Post Graduate Diploma in Laws (PGDiplLaw) with specialization in Maritime Law with merit, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Laws (PGCertLaw) with specialization in Commercial and Corporate Law from the same university. Mr. Rahman is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (FHKI Arb), a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb), and the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (MSI Arb). He is a panel arbitrator of the SAARC Arbitration Council (SARCO) and the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA), China, and is also a CEDR (UK) Accredited Mediator. He passed his LLB from the University of London in 2002 and his BVC from the University of Law, London, in 2003. Mr. Rahman is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, Paris. Mr. Rahman has a total of 17 years of work experience as a specialist in the field of dispute resolution, shipping, and cross-border work. For the past 14 years, he has led the firm as its head of chambers/managing head. Mr. Rahman completed his pupillage under the supervision of Mr. Ajmalul Hossain QC, Senior Advocate, of A Hossain & Associates, Dhaka office, and worked in the firm as an associate from 2004 to 2006. He was a Legal Consultant of Power Cell, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, and also a member of Legal Counsel, Central Bank Strengthening Project of Bangladesh Bank. He worked in Lee, Khan and Partners, a corporate and finance related law firm (now dissolved), for a short duration in 2003.

Dispute Resolution: Mr. Rahman leads our Dispute Resolution Division. He has been enrolled as an Advocate of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, the highest court in the country, since 2023; also as an Advocate of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh since 2008; and as an Advocate of the District and Sessions Judge Court, Dhaka since 2006. Over the past 17 years as a lead counsel, he has argued numerous cases involving various issues, including banking, natural justice, white-collar crime, debt recovery, insurance, credit information, tenancy, and labor and employment, before various forums, including the High Court, judges' courts, arbitral tribunals, and other statutory tribunals. Two dozen of his cases have been reported in leading law reports of Bangladesh. In very complex matters, Mr. Rahman also appeared with Mr. Ajmalul Hossain KC, Senior Advocate, before various High Court benches. Their successful teamwork has resulted in a number of reported, groundbreaking decisions setting precedents, such as 69 DLR (2017) 408 and 70 DLR (2018) 409. The notable works of Mr. Rahman are as follows: 1. Successfully argued Natural justice in Amjad Hossain vs. Bangladesh Bank reported in 17 BLC (HC) 188; 2. Successfully argued Insurance related claims in Abdul Jalil vs Artha Rin Adalat reported in 67 DLR 475. 3. Argued for central bank in the high profile "Rana Plaza" case involving negligent liability of the owner, causing tragic death of 1000+ people due to collapse of the defective building. 4. Represented successfully in an arbitration for Knight Frank Development Ltd. in the area of construction & engineering. We represented the developer before the tribunal and argued on legal implications of Joint Venture (JV) Agreements, Mortgage, Power of Attorney (POA) and several contractual terms and conditions involving termination, force majeure, delay, contractual remedies etc. 5. Successfully conducted hearing of writ petition involving gas line connection related disputes through dedicated line 150 psi 12-inch gas line for TM Textiles and Garments Ltd reported in 6 CLR (HCD) (2018) 65,70 DLR (2018) 409. Shipping: Mr. Rahman is the head of Shipping Division (Shipping Department; Commercial Department). As a counsel, he appeared before Admiralty Court of High Court Division in several shipping matters e.g. collision, bunker claim, mortgage claim, ownership disputes, charter-party disputes etc. He was the lead counsel in the groundbreaking case namely Freight Management and 16 others vs. Bangladesh Bank involving legality of House Bill of Lading. Most notable works of Mr. Rahman are as follows: 1. Successfully argued in the landmark decision given in the matter of Ship Finance and Jurisdiction of Admiralty

court between First Security Islami Bank Ltd vs MV Javed and others reported in 69 DLR (2017) 408. 2. Successfully argued in the matter of Freight and Charges involving Maersk Bangladesh Limited vs Bangladesh reported in 4CLC(HCD)79. 3. Successfully argued in the matter of LC Fraud (Hallmark case) Alvi Spinning Mills Ltd and others vs Govt. of Bangladesh reported in 19 MLR(H-CD)277. 4. Successfully argued in the landmark case between Freight Management and 16 others vs. Bangladesh Bank reported in 2 CLR (HCD) 586; 19 MLR (HCD)336 involving the legality of House Bill of Lading/ Receive for shipment of Bill of Lading 2 CLR (HCD) 586; 19 MLR (HCD)336. 5. Successfully argued Admiralty and Maritime claim involving Marodi Services vs MV Swift Cro. Reported in 2 CLR(HCD) (2014) 456 International: Mr. Rahman is the head of the International Division (comprising International Department; IT & IP Department). He has been involved in several cross border contentious matters namely international arbitration, cross border shipping and commercial litigation involving private international law issues, insolvency, acquisition etc and also issues involving International law such as taxation, investment, etc were handled by him. Starting with the most recent, notable works of Mr. Rahman

are as follows: International Department 1. Advised Bunge S. A., Switzerland involving claim for hire by disponent owner in relation to cargo discharged in Bangladesh on different aspect of applicability of local arbitration laws in an international arbitration pending in LMAA. 2. Represented UK P&I Club and the owner of M.V. SUPRAMAX VIVI in a collusion matter which took place in Bangladesh but the Parties chose Singapore are a forum and decided not to appear before Bangladesh Courts. As Bangladesh counsel we worked together with HFW, an international law firm and were actively involved in advising, drafting petition based on private international law principles challenging the jurisdiction of Singapore. IT & IP Department 1. Assisted client on the infringement of its Trademark and possible steps available under civil/criminal jurisdiction 2. Advised clients from different jurisdictions on several cross border agreement on making software and apps from Bangladesh Corporate & Finance: The notable works of Mr. Rahman are as follows: 1. Conducted several due diligence for LDA Capital, involving security laws of Bangladesh, and assisted a US-based client in structuring a complex transaction involving Backstop Liquidity Facility ("BLF"). 2. Advised client in a complex restructuring deal involving privatiza-

tion and lease of the entire facility of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), once a major foreign exchange earner by exporting golden fibre (jute). 3. Takeover of an OOCL company as part of a global takeover, Corporate reorganization of a major leather company and a major foreign investment company in garments and textiles sector among its shareholders. 4. Was involved in a number of major syndications, project finance transactions for City Bank Ltd and drafting of several laws, circulars, regulation and guidelines for Central bank. 5. Advised Power Cell over procurement matters, drafting PPA, LLA, IA etc for small IPP, IPP and rental projects while he was acting as a Legal Consultant on a fulltime basis for Power Cell, Power Division from 2007 to 2008. **Career:** Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Appellate Division; Barrister-at-Law of Lincoln's Inn, London (2003); LL.M. (International Dispute Resolution) (Uni of Lond); PGDipLaw (Maritime) (Uni of Lond); PGCertLaw (Commercial & Corporate) (Uni of Lond); LLB (Uni of Lond).

**Professional Memberships:**

•Member, International Bar Association. •Member, New York State Bar Association. •Member, Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association. •Member, Dhaka Bar Association. •Member, Barristers' Association of Bangladesh. •Panel

Arbitrator, SAARC Arbitration Council (SARCO). •Panel Arbitrator, Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA). •Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators (FHKIArb). •Member, ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR, Paris. •Member, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (MSIArb). •Member, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, (SMCA). •Associate Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators London, (ACIArb). •Panel Mediator, Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC). •CEDR Accredited Mediator, London, UK.

**Publications:** "Crisis time drafting of commercial contracts" titled Article was published in The Daily Star. "Judicial Intervention in Administrative Action: Bangladesh Bank Perspective" titled Article was published in The Daily Star. "Preventing money laundering What should be the mechanism?" titled Article was published in The Daily Star. "Common International Trade Disputes in Bangladesh" titled Article was published in the BIAC Fifth Anniversary Souvenir. "Construction and Engineering Related disputes in Bangladesh" titled Article was published in the BIAC Quarterly Bulletin 2017. "Power Sector Related Arbitration in Bangladesh" titled Article was published in the BIAC's 6th Anniversary Souvenir.