

Ishan Zahoor

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PROFILE

Internationally trained lawyer with 6+ years' experience in mergers and acquisitions (M&A), capital markets, and private equity with international law firms and private equity industry in Germany and India. Enrolled in the Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP) through CPLED, with completion expected in fall of 2022.

EDUCATION

Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP), CPLED Dec. 2021 — Present

NCA Certificate of Qualifications (CQ), Federation of Law Societies of Canada Oct. 2021

LL.M. (International Finance), Institute for Law & Finance, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany 2019

- Registered at Frankfurt Bar, Germany (*Rechtsanwaltskammer*) as an Advocate in 2020.

B.A. LL.B.(Hons.), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India 2013

- 5 yrs. Integrated Course with First Class Honours.
- Called to the Bar in Delhi in Dec. 2013 and qualified the All-India Bar in 2014.

EMPLOYMENT

Aquila Capital, Hamburg, Germany Sept. 2021 — Present

Headquartered in Hamburg, a leading investment and asset manager in sustainable and renewable energy investments with more than EUR 13 billion in assets under management (AUM).

Legal Counsel / Manager Legal

Oversee incorporation of alternative investment funds along with advising on mergers and acquisitions at the asset level and capital markets for listed funds.

- Draft and negotiate offering-memorandums; prospectuses; and agreements on share purchase, shareholders, bond finance, shareholder loans, service providers (AIFM, investment advisory, depository), and power purchase; along with legal opinions and incorporation documents.

Pinsent Masons, Frankfurt am Main, Germany Nov. 2019 — July 2021

International law firm headquartered in London.

Associate

Part of the Stock Corporation and Capital Markets team. Advised clients on IPOs, capital raisings, bond issuances, and cross-border mergers and acquisitions across Germany, India, and the US.

- Advised on mergers and acquisitions and company stock listings including raising finance through equity and debt offerings through sustainable financing, Rupee denominated bonds, and New-York law governed bonds.
- Established a dedicated *India Business Desk* for all inbound and outbound transactions.
- Drafted and negotiated prospectuses; share purchase, shareholder, and subscription agreements; private placement memorandums; fiscal agency agreements (indentures); and legal opinions.

Debevoise & Plimpton, Frankfurt am Main, Germany Aug. 2019 — Nov. 2019

International law firm headquartered in New York.

Foreign Lawyer

Advised on cross-border mergers and acquisitions, competition and antitrust law, and data protection.

- Prepared corporate/legal due diligence report for a private equity client, reviewed target company share purchase, shareholder, and other material agreements with various vendors, and prepared report capturing material issues.

- Drafted and reviewed merger filings for submission to German, European, and other competition authorities, including preparing and reviewing the merger, share purchase, limited partnership and interest-swap agreements of target companies, and investor consent for merger filings.

Ahlawat and Associates (A&A), New Delhi, India

Feb. 2017 — Aug. 2018

A national law firm ranked amongst the top 50 law firms of 2019 by RSG Consulting-India Report and recognized as one of the top M&A boutique law firms in India.

Associate

Advised various foreign clients on M&A transactions, foreign direct investment, and structuring of commercial ventures in India.

- Advised Navigators Limited (*a public limited company in India*) in its vendor due diligence, corporate house-keeping, and capital raise of EUR 680,000 from Visa Global Logistics SPA (*a public limited company in Italy*).
- Advised Premium Moldings Private Limited (PMPL) in their asset sale to A.G. Industries Private Limited through execution of an asset purchase agreement.
- Advised Vega Building LLC and Microlise UK in structuring their investment and setting up commercial ventures in India.

Previous Roles:

- **Co-Founder/Manager Legal**, L'amour Fou Food Services LLP, New Delhi, India
- **Associate (corporate/financial advisory)**, New Delhi Law Offices (NDLO), New Delhi, India
- **Associate (legal due diligence/syndicated finance)**, ASA legal (Corporate), New Delhi, India

VOLUNTEERING

Team Lead, Child Rights and You (CRY), New Delhi, India

Jan. 2011 — Dec. 2014

- Educated people through awareness programs and campaigns regarding children's right to education, and prohibition of child labor and exploitation.
- Sought information from various government bodies through the Right to Information Act to prepare reports and legal strategies to tackle abuse of funds intended for school development and programs.
- Conducted a study on the ongoing child labor and exploitation in the Delhi region.

Peace Builder, Red Elephant Foundation, India

Jan. 2012 — Jan. 2014

- Part of the Building Peace Project- a venture to bring the youth of India and Pakistan together for a peace-building dialogue.

Volunteer, Ritinjali, Rajasthan, India

June 2013— Nov. 2013

- Taught academic curriculum to marginalized children in government schools.

INTERESTS

Art: Enjoy painting landscapes and trying new art mediums. An admirer of the impressionist art movement and the associated philosophy of the avant-garde.

Sports: Enjoy playing cricket and basketball. Played for the university basketball team during my undergraduate studies. Recently picked up golf and look forward to more playing time to improve my skills.