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EDUCATION

- LL.M. (Master of Laws), Harvard University, United States, 2018
- LL.M. (Master of Laws), Chapman University, United States, 2013
- LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws), Kabul University, Afghanistan, 2010
- Certificate, International Law, United Nations and The Hague Academy of International Law, 2015

PRESENT POSITION

- Legal Counsel and Attorney; Afghanistan
- Arbitrator; Afghanistan Center for Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Arbitrator and ADR Commission Member; International Chamber of Commerce -Afghanistan
- Lecturer in Law; various private universities; Afghanistan

EXPERIENCE

- Attorney & Partner; SHAJJAN & ASSOCIATES, A Full Service Law Firm; Afghanistan; 2013 – 2020
- Visiting Scholar; European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs; Belgium; Fall 2016
- Consultant; Public-Private Partnership for Justice Reform in Afghanistan; Afghanistan; 2013 – 2016
- Visiting Researcher; University of Pavia Department of Law; Italy; Summer 2015
- Legal Advisor; Afghanistan Rule of Law Stabilization Program – Tetra Tech; Afghanistan; 2011 – 2012

AREAS OF PRACTICE & SPECIALIZATION

- Ms. Maqsoodi has provided extensive legal assistance, representation and counseling for over a decade to a wide range of foreign diplomatic missions, international organizations and U.S. contractors and corporations in Afghanistan, in a various areas of law including ADR and arbitration, commercial law and dispute resolution, business law and transactions, investment law, labor and employment, contracts, mining, real estate, and regulatory compliance.
- She is highly knowledgeable about legal drafting and contracts and has extensive experience drafting and reviewing litigation documents, contracts, policies and legislations. She has drafted various legal and organizational documents ranging from contracts, MOUs, and arbitral awards to policies, by-laws and charters relating to labor and employment, real estate, business and investment matters, construction, and mining sector.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE & PUBLICATIONS

- Ms. Maqsoodi serves as an arbitrator and a member of the Commission on ADR and Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce-Afghanistan (ICC-Afghanistan), and also Afghanistan Center for Commercial Dispute Resolution (ACDR). She has played an active and pioneer role in supporting and strengthening ADR and arbitration as an institution for resolving commercial disputes in Afghanistan. As part of this role, she has been volunteering with both arbitration centers, ICC-Afghanistan and ACDR over the years and served as a co-arbitrator in one of the very first arbitration cases (the third) administered by ACDR. The case was about a decade-long-dispute over construction-contractual matters between the Government of Afghanistan and a private company.
- Ms. Maqsoodi contributed to Chambers and Partners' Global Practice Guide 2020, as a co-author of "International Arbitration Law and Practice in Afghanistan."