DFDL
BANGLADESH

ADVISER PROFILE

NAME: MAHBOOB AZIZ
POSITION: Associate Partner
LOCATION: Bangladesh
EXPERIENCE: 11+ years
NATIONALITY: Bangladeshi

CURRICULUM VITAE

Membership In Professional Societies:

Supreme Court Bar Association
Dhaka Bar Association
Dhaka Taxes Bar Association
Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn)

Key Qualifications:

Mahboob specializes in banking and international finance, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate work, property related issues and litigation work and has worked in Bangladesh for over eleven years. He was called to the bar of England & Wales in 2008 after completing the bar vocational course at University of Northumbria, Newcastle. He is qualified in Bangladesh and is a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Dhaka Bar Association and Dhaka Taxes Bar Association. Mahboob graduated from University of London (UK).

Education:

- 2008 – Bar Vocational Course, University of Northumbria, UK.
- 2006 – Bachelor of Laws (LL.B in Commercial and Company Law), University of London, UK.

Employment Record:

- **DFDL,** Dhaka, Bangladesh
  Associate Partner (2018 – Present)
  Associate (2014 – 2018)
  Areas of expertise included banking and finance, project finance, general corporate, M&A, corporate and commercial litigation, intellectual property issues, shipping, energy, power and infrastructure matters and real estate.
- **LIS AND LEX**, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2013 – Jun 2014)
  Associate

Areas of expertise included banking and finance, project finance, general corporate, M&A, corporate and commercial litigation, intellectual property issues, and shipping work.

- **SADAT SARWAT**, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2011 – 2013)
  Associate
  Areas of practice included banking and finance, general corporate, commercial and criminal litigation.

Details of Major Projects Undertaken

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Advising the Asian Development Bank on legal and regulatory issues related to the development of water distribution and supply facilities at Purbachal New Town, Dhaka on a PPP basis in Bangladesh.
Advising the lenders on legal and regulatory issues related to the improvement of the Hatirjheel-Rampura-Bonoshree Ideal School and College- Sheikher jaiga – Amulia - Demra Highway into four lanes based on a PPP basis.
Advised and assisted the Chinese SOE on a joint venture for the development of a 200 MW solar power project in Trishal, Mymensingh, Bangladesh.
Advising and assisting a multinational telecom tower company which is funded by a US based leading global investment firm with regard to its acquisition of 70% shares of a local tower sharing company in Bangladesh.
Advised and assisted Japan Tobacco International in its potential acquisition of tobacco business of Akij Group in Bangladesh.
Advised CNMIEC on the development of a 1320 MW power plant in Patuakhali on the basis of public private partnership.
Advised PSA International in relation to their proposed joint venture with a large local company in relation to setting up and developing an inland container depot.
Advised Gunvor in its proposed development of a small scale FSRU and LNG supply project. Advised on licenses, permits and related issues, GSA and IA negotiation, employment issues and others.
Advised Ecom Express Private Limited, an Indian logistics giant, on the partial acquisition and investment in a Bangladeshi startup logistics service providing company, namely Paperfly Private Limited.
Advised and assisted Janata Jute Mills Limited and Sadat Jute Industries Limited in disposal of one of the largest jute product manufacturing businesses in Bangladesh.
Advised Penta Ocean in relation to its dredging and development of deep sea port in Matarbari, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
Advising CEXIM Bank on USD861 million financing of Dhaka Elevated Expressway, first ever expressway to be constructed by ITAL-THAI in Bangladesh.
Advised KIND, a potential bidder in relation to construction of the Chittagong Bay terminal on a PPP basis by providing a legal and regulatory overview of the laws in relation to PPP projects, port, foreign exchange, among others.
Advised and assisted Telenor ASA in its potential acquisition of 10,000 mobile towers from the largest mobile network operator in Bangladesh.
Assisted Japan Tobacco International (Bangladesh) Limited in working with Bangladesh Bank committees and obtaining approval from the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority for USD 780 million shareholder loan.
Advised Portek International on the legal and regulatory regime of public procurement under Bangladesh laws with regard to port terminal projects.

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Advised and assisted Twilo Inc., a multinational American telecom software development company in the global acquisition of another multinational Indian telecom company, ValueFirst Digital, which has two telecom service providing subsidiaries in Bangladesh.

Advised Kunming Yong l e Steel in relation to its proposed USD 3 billion investment in developing an integrated project consisting of a steel mill, coal fired power plant and a deep sea port in partnership with BEZA in Mirersarai, Chittagong.

Advised Grameen Telecom Trust in their acquisition of the first mobile micro insurance business in Bangladeshi from Telenor Health AS.

Advised Aga Khan Foundation for Economic Development in its disposal of a majority stake in IPDC Finance, a listed non-bank financial institution in Bangladesh.

Advised and assisted in the winding up of the telecommunication company.

Advised and assisted Alibaba in its acquisition of Bangladesh business of Daraz group.

Advised and assisted Gojek in its investment in local ride sharing service provider mobile application named “Pathao”.

Advised BUPA, a British health insurance group, in regards to their partnership with Grameenphone in Bangladesh and launch of mobile micro-insurance.

Advised US based a multinational FMCG company SC Johnson in relation to its acquisition of large IP rights of a renowned Bangladeshi FMCG company.

Advised Green Hospital Supply, Inc., as Osaka based listed company in their acquisition of a local 600 bed capacity medical hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Advising a large cement manufacturing company in its patenting acquisition of another cement manufacturer in Bangladesh.

Advised Beximco Pharmaceuticals in its acquisition of a local pharmaceutical company in Bangladesh.

Acted as local counsel for Summit Power International Pte. Limited in its potential listing with Singapore Stock Exchange that involves 17 power projects in Bangladesh.

Assisted in undertaking due diligence on the Myanmar operation of a large conglomerate in their listing with the New York Stock Exchange.

Advised SMBC in its USD105 million financing in LNG project to be developed by Summit Group, largest power production company in Bangladesh.

Advised and assisted IFC and other lenders in the first ever LNG project in Bangladesh developed by Excelerate Energy.

Acted as Sembcorp counsel in financing of 440MW HFO based power project in Sirajgonj, Bangladesh.

Advised Guarantco, a DFI, in its proposed investment in 20 MW solar power plant in Bangladesh.

Advised Asian Development Bank on Bangladeshi laws and certain legal issues in relation to its entering a carbon emission reduction purchase agreement including legal due diligence and the CER purchase transaction.

Advised a Hong Kong-based manufacturing company on Bangladeshi legal and regulatory matters in respect of its Bangladeshi liaison office in connection with its listing with the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

Advised a multinational textile company on legal and regulatory matters in relation to its acquisition of a Bangladeshi subsidiary including materializing the acquisition matters through the local regulator.

Advised an American based fund manager on foreign investment policies in relation to their proposed investment in Bangladesh.

Advised an international transport association on Bangladeshi regulatory matters in relation to the closure of their Bangladesh operation

Advised a multinational mining company on the exit from their Bangladesh operation by way of materializing the requisite documents through local regulators.

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Advised on data protection laws of Bangladesh and other information technology laws to various multi-national companies on numerous occasions.
Advised a Singapore based shipping company on their litigation matters in Bangladesh, including conducting litigation in the Admiralty Division of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.
Advised an American multinational company on the salient features of Bangladeshi labour laws.
Advised a number of financial institutions on reviewing their staff housing loan documentation from a legal and regulatory risk compliance perspective.
Advised a government owned lender in connection with a USD 5M syndicated loan facility to waste treatment plant in Bangladesh.
Advised local banks in connection with creation and perfection of a variety of security packages, including real property due diligence and mortgage issues.
Advised Uttara Finance and Investments Limited and Eastern Bank Limited on their credit documentation review project and attendant regulatory compliance issues.
Advised various Bangladesh-based RMG companies in their joint venture with multinational companies in Bangladesh.
Advised a number of corporate advisory firms in Bangladesh in relation to their entering into various types of agreements and arrangements in Bangladesh.

Languages:

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
BENGALI	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
ENGLISH	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent