

Adviser Profile



Name:	Shahwar Jamal Nizam
Position:	Bangladesh Country Partner; Managing Director
Location:	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Experience:	Over 10 years
Nationality:	Bangladeshi

Curriculum Vitae

Membership in Professional Societies:

Dhaka Bar Association, Bangladesh, Barrister-at-Law (Lincoln's Inn)

Key Qualifications:

Shahwar qualified to practice in the bar of England & Wales after completing Pupillage at Erskine Chambers, London. He is also qualified in Bangladesh and is a member of the Dhaka Bar Association. He specializes in banking and international finance, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate work, international arbitration and litigation work and has worked in Bangladesh and Singapore. Shahwar graduated from Sheffield University (UK) and holds an LL.M. (University of London, London, UK).

Education:

- 2001 – Masters in Laws, (LL.M. in International Finance and Banking Law) Merit. Queen Mary College, University of London, London, UK. International finance, Banking law, Interest in securities, IT law
- 2000 – Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, London, UK Company Law and Law of International Trade.
- 2000 – Called to the Bar of England and Wales from the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn.
- 1999 – Bachelor of Laws, (LL.B. in Corporate and Commercial Law) 2.1. University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK

Employment Record:

- **DFDL Bangladesh**, Dhaka, Bangladesh (June 2011 – Present)
Bangladesh Country Partner; Managing Director, Bangladesh
Areas of expertise include banking and international finance, project finance, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate work, international arbitration and litigation work.

- **Duane Morris & Selvam LLP**, previously known as Arfat Selvam Alliance LLC, Singapore (2007 – 2011)
Senior Associate
 Undertook corporate M&A, restructuring, corporate finance (IPOs, rights issues, placements, medium term notes and convertible bonds), banking and finance, asset finance and general corporate work. Also undertook work related to arbitration in SIAC and LMAA, litigation work related to commercial and shipping dispute.

- **LIS & LEX**, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2005 – 2007)
Sole Practitioner
 Undertook mainly banking and finance, project finance, general corporate, M&A, corporate and commercial litigation, and shipping work.

- **Citibank, N.A.**, Bangladesh (2003 – 2005)
Legal & Compliance Manager
 Undertook work related to legal and regulatory compliance, both with Bangladesh and US regulatory regime, general banking documentation, devising training modules and conducting training,

- **Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed & Associates**, Bangladesh (2002 – 2003)
Junior Associate
 Advice and legal documentation related to mergers and acquisitions in the health care industry in Washington State.

- **Erskine Chambers**, London, UK (2001 – 2002)
Pupil Barrister
 Assisted pupil masters in regulatory compliance, corporate insolvency and restructuring, specialized company law legal advice, preparing pleadings and attending proceedings in the House of Lords, Court of Appeal and in the Chancery Division of the High Court.

Details of Major Projects Undertaken

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Advising oil major on Bangladeshi company laws and certain legal issues in relation to its joint-venture in Bangladesh.

Advised a French software company on certain aspects of Bangladeshi tax laws.

Advised a large US heavy machinery and equipment manufacturing company on certain import rules and tax issues in Bangladesh.

Advised a Canadian infrastructure construction company on certain aspects of Bangladeshi laws.

Advised a global telecommunications equipment company on the telecommunication regulatory regime in Bangladesh.

Advised a Dubai based ship trading 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 a Singapore based shipping company on their litigation matters in Bangladesh and conducted litigation in the trial courts as well as the Admiralty Division of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

Advised Dragon Air and Cathay Pacific Airways on their litigation matters in Bangladesh and conducted litigation in the trial courts as well as the Companies Court of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

Acted for an Indonesian shipping company in a dispute arising from a charter party against a South Korean company with cases going on in the courts in Jakarta and London and arbitration in the London Maritime Arbitrators Association.

Acted for an Indonesian coal supplier in successfully defending a claim in Singapore International Arbitration

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Centre (“SIAC”).

Acted for Singapore based coal trading company on a number of SIAC arbitration matters.

Acted for Standard Chartered Bank on a structured ship finance transactions with parties and assets based in Bangladesh, India, Singapore, London, Hong Kong and St Vincent & Grenadines.

Advised an American multinational company on the salient features of Bangladeshi labour laws.

Advised a foreign company investing in the development of five power plants in Bangladesh on local issues including land law, company law and other legal and regulatory issues related to setting up a foreign owned company for power generation.

Acted for an Indonesian consortium in a proposed acquisition of a granite mine in Indonesia by a listed company.

Acted for a Singapore based company in its deregistration and relocation of a listed company from NASDAQ to SGX-ST.

Acted for the issuer in a private placement of preference shares with warrants of a Singapore biotechnology company to investors in the USA.

Acted for a Singapore based company in its acquisition of a controlling stake in a private airline company in Sri Lanka.

Acted for a Singapore based company in relation to its entering into distributorship arrangement for Audi and Range Rover vehicles in Bangladesh.

Acted for a Chinese consumer electronic retail company in relation to a private equity investment in it.

Acted for a Singapore listed commodity company in a USD 50M revolving credit facilities from a syndicate of banks.

Acted for a Singapore based company in its acquisition of a UK company with assets in Bangladesh.

Acted for a Singapore based company in its joint-venture with a Singapore based auxiliary police for the provision of private security services in Bangladesh.

Acted for a subsidiary of a Japanese food and beverage company in its acquisition of a controlling stake of a food manufacturing company in Vietnam.

Acted for a consortium of Indonesian and Singaporean companies in an acquisition of a coal mine asset in Indonesia by acquiring restructured loan notes issued by previous owner.

Languages:

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Bengali	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

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