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National Law Conference

Legal and Judicial Reforms:

In Pursuit of Transforming the Justice System

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Kahuta Law College
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Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University Islamabad (Pakistan)

I. SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

The National Law Conference 2024 is being convened to examine the foundational aspects of legal framework and the administration of justice in Pakistan. The Conference aims at developing an agenda for legal and judicial reforms for transformation of the justice system.

II. OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Provide a platform for robust intellectual dialogue, fostering interdisciplinary discussions on contemporary legal issues.
- ◆ Facilitate a dynamic exchange of legal knowledge and insights among scholars and legal professionals.
- ◆ Exploring innovative solutions to navigate intricate legal landscapes.
- ◆ Contribute to the development of legal scholarship and practice.

IMPORTANT DATES:

• Abstract Submission	30th June 2024
• Abstract Acceptance	16th July 2024
• Full Paper Submission	20th August 2024
• Intimation of Accepted Papers	29th August 2024
• Conference Date	20-21 September 2024

III. CONFERENCE THEMES:

Criminal Justice System Reforms

- ◆ Effectivity and Transparency in FIR Process;
- ◆ Enhancing fairness in Investigative and Inquiry Techniques
- ◆ Addressing procedural intricacies and delays;
- ◆ Bail reform and alternatives to pre-trial detention;
- ◆ Prioritizing Rehabilitation, and Public Safety in Sentencing Protocols;
- ◆ Protection of Accused and the Witnesses;
- ◆ Efficient case management systems to reduce case-backlog;

Judicial Reforms: Balancing Separation of Powers

- ◆ Objectivity and accountability in the Judges' appointment process;
- ◆ Parliamentary oversight in making appointments in the superior Judiciary;
- ◆ The judiciary's role as the guardian of the Constitution and the rule of law;
- ◆ Judicial Review of legislative and executive actions to prevent overreach;
- ◆ Effectiveness of judicial review in addressing public interest litigations;
- ◆ Accountability in judicial process and protection against judicial overreach;

Venue:

Kahuta Law College
(Near New Judicial Complex,
Lehtrar Road, Kahuta, Rawalpindi)

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I. Scope of the Conference

The National Law Conference 2024 is poised at the intersection of tradition and innovation, setting the stage for a convergence of legal minds from across the broad spectrum of the legal fraternity. The Conference is dedicated to examine the underpinnings of legal systems, the administration of justice, and the pivotal role of law in societal progression. It stands as a beacon for the dynamic exploration of legal scholarship and practice, reflecting the ever-adaptive and multifarious nature of law in addressing contemporary challenges.

In an era characterized by unparalleled legal complexities and novel juridical discourses, the conference is aimed to emerge as an incubator for visionary thought leadership. It beckons participants to venture into the diverse realms of law, equipped with discernment and foresight, to navigate and sculpt the legal terrains of tomorrow. The National Law Conference 2024 is envisioned not merely as a conclave but as a harbinger of constructive and progressive prospects within the legal domain.

Keeping in view the spirit of unity and intellectual synergy, the conference endeavors to galvanize attendees to tackle prevailing legal challenges, seize emerging opportunities, and collaboratively forge pathways toward the refinement and enlightenment of the legal profession. In this endeavor, the conference resonates with the timeless principles of justice and equity, echoing the prophetic guidance, Abu Dharr reported: The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said, “Allah Almighty said, My slaves, I have forbidden injustice for Myself and I have made it forbidden among you, so do not wrong anyone....” (Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2577), thus reaffirming the legal community's commitment to upholding the sanctity of justice as an eternal and universal principle.

II. Objectives

The main objectives of this conference, *inter alia*, are to:

- Facilitate a dynamic exchange of legal knowledge, insights, and novel juridical discourses among scholars, legal professionals, and students.
- Provide a platform for robust intellectual dialogue, fostering interdisciplinary discussions on contemporary legal issues.
- Delve into the challenges faced by the legal fraternity and explore innovative solutions to navigate intricate legal landscapes.
- Create an environment conducive to networking, enabling participants to build lasting professional relationships and collaborations.
- Encourage an interdisciplinary approach, acknowledging the intersectionality of law with other fields, and promoting holistic perspectives.
- Cultivate the enthusiasm and curiosity of the next generation of legal professionals by actively involving students in the conference proceedings.
- Embrace diversity in legal thought, welcoming contributions from various legal domains and perspectives.
- Contribute to the development of legal scholarship and practice by fostering a community committed to continuous learning and improvement to make this world a worthy place to abide.

III. Conference Themes:

Criminal Justice System Reforms

- Ensuring Timely and Accurate Registration, and Transparency in FIR Process;
- Enhancing Investigative Technique and capacity building of Law Enforcement Agencies;
- Oversight mechanisms to ensure fairness and transparency in inquiries and investigations and preventing abuse of power;
- Addressing procedural intricacies and delays;
- Bail reform and alternatives to pre-trial detention;
- Strengthening mechanisms for identifying and correcting miscarriages of justice in appellate processes;
- Prioritizing Fairness, Rehabilitation, and Public Safety in Sentencing Protocols;
- Mechanism to avert abuse of process of law or system in criminal administration of justice;
- Protection of Accused and the Witnessess;
- Efficient case management systems to reduce case-backlog and expedite administration of justice from the Trial Court to the Supreme Court of Pakistan;

Judicial Reforms: Balancing Separation of Powers

- Transparency, fairness, objectivity and accountability in the Judges' appointment process;
- Parliamentary oversight in making appointments in the superior Judiciary;
- The judiciary's role as the guardian of the Constitution and the rule of law;
- Judicial Review of legislative and executive actions to prevent overreach;

- Effectiveness of Court Manager Model of Philippines and elsewhere in the World;
- Identifying institutional and procedural constraints that limit the effectiveness of judicial review in addressing public interest litigations;
- Exploring mechanisms for enhancing transparency and accountability in judicial process while safeguarding against judicial overreach;

IV. Submission Guidelines:

Authors are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Word Limit for Abstracts: 250 words
- Word Limit for Full Papers: 5,000 words
- Abstracts and Papers along with the CV to be submitted via google form:

<https://forms.gle/k7LyErtgWAYKENir7>



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VI. Participants

- a. Judges
- b. Lawyers
- c. Law Experts
- d. Law Enforcement Experts
- e. Human Rights Activists
- f. Academia
- g. *Shari'ah* Scholars
- h. Media Personnel
- i. Ulama
- j. Students

VII. Venue:

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VIII. Medium of the Conference:

English and Urdu

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