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**ADL'S 1ST
NATIONAL
ARTICLE WRITING
COMPETITION
2025**

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FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

Indeed, Allah commands justice, good conduct, and compassion..."

(Surah An-Nahl 16:90)

This divine command is the very foundation upon which the Association for Development and Law (ADL) was established. At ADL, we believe that justice and awareness are the pillars of an empowered society, and our initiatives are driven by this belief.

From raising legal awareness among communities to empowering students and professionals through research, advocacy, and practical legal education, we strive to ensure that the principles of justice and compassion are not just ideals, but practices embedded in daily life.

Our journey has been built on teamwork, dedication, and the passion of our members, who continue to work tirelessly to create meaningful impact. With each project, session, and outreach, we aim to bridge the gap between law and the people it serves. As we grow, we remain committed to our mission to inform, empower, and inspire guided by the timeless values of justice, equity, and humanity.

Best Regards

Rana Awais Abid

Founder

Association for Development and Law (ADL)



CO-FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

At the heart of the Association for Development and Law (ADL) lies a shared vision, rooted in service, education, and the pursuit of justice. As Co-Founder, I am deeply honored to witness how this vision has grown into a collective movement driven by purpose and passion.

ADL was established with the belief that meaningful change begins with awareness, and that every individual, regardless of background, deserves access to legal knowledge and the tools to protect their rights. Over time, our initiatives have evolved into powerful platforms for learning, dialogue, and advocacy bringing together students, professionals, and communities under one mission.

What truly defines ADL is its people. Our dedicated members, volunteers, and partners continue to transform ideas into impact, ensuring that justice is not confined to theory but practiced with empathy, responsibility, and courage. Their unwavering commitment inspires me every day. As we move forward, ADL remains steadfast in its goal to promote legal literacy, nurture young leaders, and contribute to a society where equity prevails. Together, we will continue to uphold the values that guide us justice, integrity, and compassion and work toward building a better, more informed future for all



Best Regards

Rana Jamshaid Rasheed

Co-Founder

Association for Development and Law (ADL)

The ADL

The Association for Development and Law (ADL) is a youth-led organization committed to advancing legal awareness, advocacy, and community engagement across Pakistan. Established to bridge the gap between law and society, ADL provides a platform for students and young professionals to develop their skills and contribute to informed civic life. The organization operates through key divisions, including the Campus Ambassadors Division, the Legal Awareness and Advocacy Division, and the ADL Moot Competition Society, while also expanding into new areas through the upcoming Research and Analysis Division, Pro Bono Division, and Law Clinic Division. Together, these units strengthen ADL's mission to promote legal literacy, empower emerging leaders, and drive impactful, community centered change.

The Core Team

The ADL Core Team is a group of committed professionals working to promote legal education, social awareness, and institutional development. Led by Awais Abid (Founder & Chairman) and Jamshaid Rasheed (Co-Founder), the team advances ADL's mission with integrity. M. Abdullah Hussain (Head Advisor) oversees moot initiatives, Umar Ibrahim leads Legal awareness programs, Syed Ali Hassam manages HR and outreach, Mubeen Ahmed supports strategic planning, and Mishaal Amjad handles media and digital communication. Together, the team drives ADL's vision with professionalism and collaboration.



*Rana Jamshaid Rasheed
Co-Founder*



*Rana Awais Abid
Founder & Chairman*



*Muhammad Abdullah Hussain
Head Advisor*



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*Syed Ali Hassam
Head HR & Outreach*



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Head Information*



*Mishaal Amjad
Head-Media & Publication*

ADL's Divisions

Founded with the vision of bridging the gap between law and society, ADL provides a platform for students, young professionals, and legal enthusiasts to learn, engage, and create impact. We work through specialized divisions that focus on legal education, research, moot court training, human rights advocacy, and campus-based initiatives to inspire change at both grassroots and institutional levels. For this purpose, ADL has following divisions

Campus Ambassador Program

The Campus Ambassador Program of the Association for Development and Law (ADL) is a nationwide initiative that connects students from diverse disciplines and institutions across Pakistan. Our ambassadors actively engage in meaningful discussions, contribute to organizational activities, and represent ADL at their respective institutions.

Cabinent

- Maryam Asad (President)
- Abdul Samad (Joint Secretary)
- Amrah Shahbaz (Program Coordinator)

Aims

- Build a strong community of motivated individuals passionate about legal awareness and advocacy.
- Encourage learning and networking opportunities for students nationwide.
- Promote regular discussions on social, legal, and policy-related issues, empowering the youth to bring positive change.



Activities

- Ambassadors serve as ADL's face in their institutions.
- Discussions: Regular dialogue sessions on pressing legal and social topics.
- Collaborations: Opportunities to co-organize sessions, webinars, & awareness campaigns.
- Learning: Skill-building and exposure to practical legal concepts.



Legal Awareness & Advocacy Division

The Legal Awareness & Advocacy Division of the Association for Development and Law (ADL) is committed to spreading legal literacy, enhancing advocacy skills, and fostering informed discussions among students and young professionals across Pakistan. Through webinars, internal discussions, and written contributions, we aim to build a community that understands, analyzes, and addresses pressing legal and social issues.

Cabinet

- Ayesha Shafqat (Director)
- Sehar Javed (Deputy Director)
- Farheen Mukhtar (Research Coordinator)

Our Aim

- To promote legal awareness by conducting online and in-person sessions, webinars, and workshops.
- To equip members with advocacy and communication skills through structured discussions and interactive activities.
- To prepare future leaders and advocates capable of bringing change through knowledge and dialogue.

Our Activities

- Public Webinars and Sessions: Focused on legal awareness, rights education, and advocacy skills.
- Internal Discussion Sessions: Division members engage in moderated discussions on important legal and social issues to build confidence and critical thinking.
- Intra-Division Speaker Opportunities: Selected members lead discussions as session speakers, enhancing their public speaking and research skills.



Noteable Sessions

FIR Drafting: Legal Strategy and Practical Challenges by Adv. Mian Ali Haider

The session featured the distinguished **Adv. Mian Ali Haider**, Advocate High Court, Capital Defense Attorney, and CPD Trainer, a respected name in the legal fraternity known for his expertise and dynamic approach to legal field. With an overwhelming participation of **600+ attendees** joining live via Zoom and Facebook, the session uncover the real purpose, legal depth, and societal impact of the FIR process. The webinar not only provided valuable insights but also inspired young lawyers, law students, and professionals to think critically, and contribute meaningfully to the justice system. Sessions like these reflect ADL's continued commitment to promoting legal literacy, professional growth, and a culture of informed advocacy across Pakistan.



Solution and Challenges: Combating Domestic Violence together in Pakistan by Barrasiter Amrat Ahmed Sheikh

The session featured the distinguished guest speaker, **Mam Amrat Ahmed Sheikh**, Barrister-at-Law, Member of Lincoln's Inn, and Political Analyst. With an overwhelming participation of **250+ attendees** joining live via Zoom and Facebook. The discussion was deeply practical, shedding light on the harsh realities of domestic violence in Pakistan, and offering constructive solutions for collective action. A heartfelt thanks to our speaker, team, and participants for making this impactful session possible. Together, we can work towards a society free from violence and injustice.



Noteable Sessions

Child Abuse in Family Litigation: Hidden Realities in Pakistan, by *Fahad Ahmad Siddiqi, Advocate Supreme Court*

This online awareness session titled “**Child Abuse in Family Litigation: Hidden Realities in Pakistan,**” featuring **Mr. Fahad Ahmad Siddiqi**, Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan. A recognized specialist in child custody and shared parenting, Mr. Siddiqi is also an author and contributor to judicial reforms. The session provided critical insights into the often-overlooked realities of child abuse within family litigation, examining its legal, psychological, and social dimensions. Participants gained a deeper understanding of how custody disputes, parental conflict, and systemic gaps can adversely affect children. The discussion emphasized the urgent need for child-sensitive judicial practices, stronger legal safeguards, and informed advocacy to ensure the best interests of the child within Pakistan’s family law framework.



Know the Law, Know Your Rights by *Advocate Aleena Kamal*

Under the theme “**Know the Law, Know Your Rights,**” we marked Nelson Mandela Day by hosting an empowering awareness session to strengthen public understanding of fundamental legal rights. The session featured **Ms. Aleena Kamal, Advocate** and Pro Bono Activist, as the guest speaker.

Her discussion emphasized the importance of legal literacy, civic empowerment, and the role of informed citizens in upholding the rule of law. The session inspired participants to recognize, assert, and protect their rights through lawful means.



ADL BOOT CAMP

Exploring Core Legal Subjects

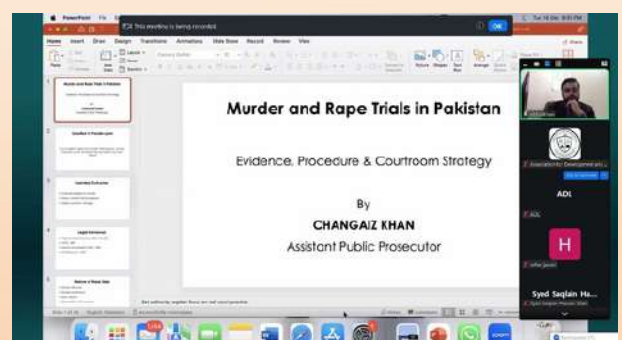
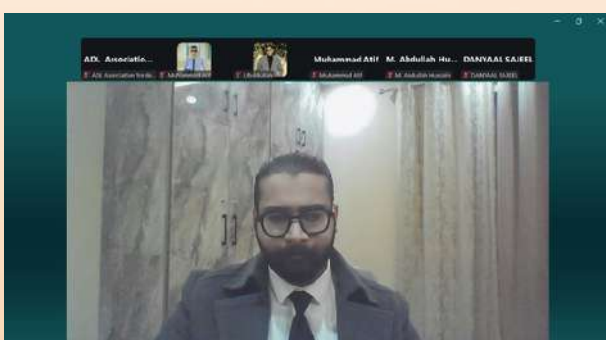
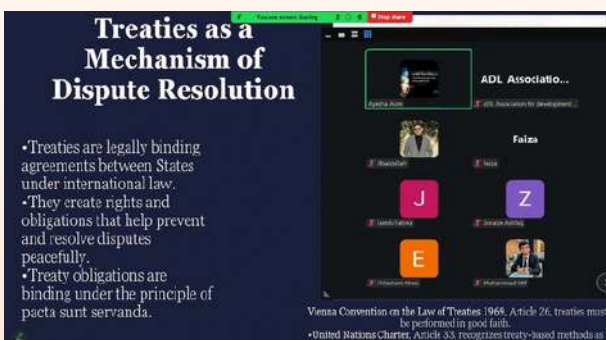
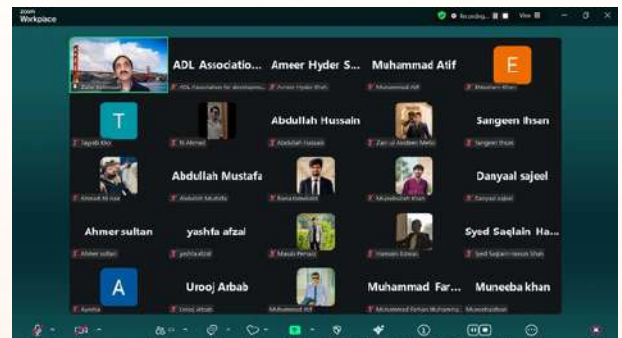
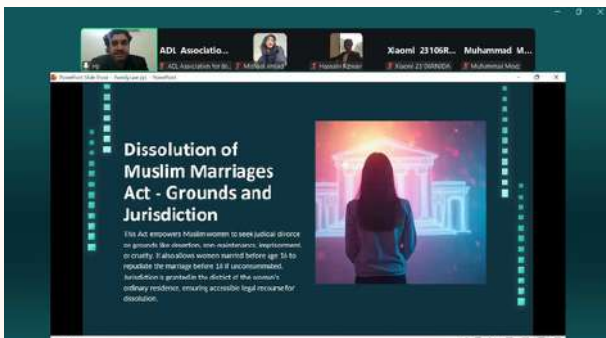
The ADL Bootcamp was successfully conducted as a comprehensive learning initiative comprising 10 power-packed sessions covering all core legal subjects, led by renowned legal practitioners, former judges, senior advocates, and academics. The bootcamp was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application through structured and court-focused learning.

The program catered to law students, fresh graduates, and young legal professionals, providing them with an opportunity to strengthen their legal foundations and gain practical insights directly from experienced members of the legal fraternity.

Key highlights of the ADL Bootcamp included:

- Live expert-led sessions
- Certificates awarded to all participants
- Court-focused practical legal training
- Interactive Q&A sessions with judges and senior lawyers
- Access to recorded lectures
- Meaningful networking within the ADL legal community

The successful completion of the ADL Bootcamp reaffirmed ADL's commitment to promoting quality legal education, professional development, and inclusive access to learning opportunities across the legal community.



ADL MOOT COMPETITION SOCIETY

The ADL Moot Competition Society of the Association for Development and Law (ADL) is a dynamic platform dedicated to enhancing mootng, research, and advocacy skills among law students across Pakistan. The society serves as a training ground for aspiring mooters, enabling them to develop the confidence, critical thinking, and expertise required to excel in national and international moot court competitions.

Cabinet

- Muhammad Abdullah Hussain (Director)
- Syeda Rubab Jamil (Deputy Director)
- Shafia Asif (Program Coordinator)
- Nadisha Yaseen (Outreach Coordinator)
- Abdullah Mustafa (Media Coordinator)

Our Aim

- To nurture mootng and legal skills among members through structured training and practice.
- To prepare and empower members to represent ADL in national and virtual moot competitions with excellence.

Our Activities

- **Skill-Building Sessions & Workshops:** Focused on oral advocacy, legal drafting, and research methodologies essential for successful mootng.
- **Internal Mooting Activities:** Regular practice rounds and internal competitions to simulate real moot environments.
- **Research & Memorial Drafting:** Training members in legal research and memorial preparation, key components of moot court success.
- **National and Virtual Competitions:** Conducted National Article Writing Competition and Virtual Moot Competitions.



COMPETITIONS

ADL 1ST National Article Writing Competition 2025

The Association for Development and Law (ADL) successfully organized its 1st National Article Writing Competition 2025, providing a national platform for emerging legal minds to articulate their views on Constitutional Law in the context of Pakistan's Independence Day. The competition encouraged critical thinking, legal research, and thoughtful discourse among students and young professionals across the country. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation, with submissions reflecting depth, originality, and strong constitutional analysis. Winners were awarded cash prizes, certificates of excellence, and all participants received certificates in recognition of their efforts.

Position Holders:

🏆 Winner: Muhammad Hassan

🥈 Runner Up: Mishaal Amjad

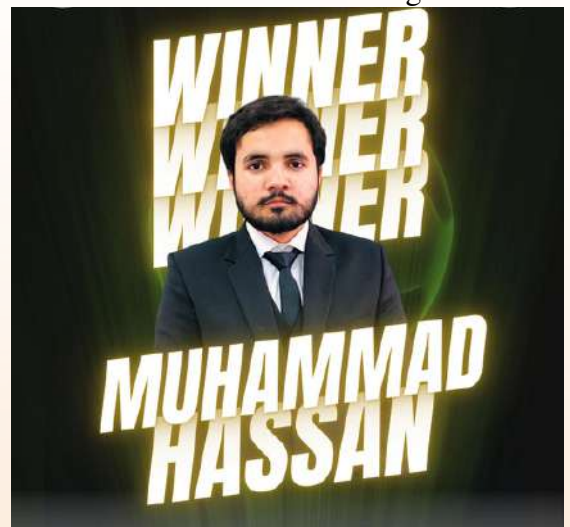
🥉 Circle of Excellence: Moaddat Jawad, Rameen Fatima, and Wania Ch.

The abstracts of the top articles are below:

The 26th Amendment: Strengthening the Judiciary or Creating Challenges in Pakistan *by Muhammad Hassan-Winner*

The 26th Constitutional Amendment to Pakistan's Constitution, enacted on October 21, 2024, represents a pivotal reform in the country's judicial framework. Aimed at addressing perceived inefficiencies and overreach in the judiciary, the amendment introduces changes such as parliamentary involvement in appointing the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP), the establishment of constitutional benches, a fixed three-year tenure for the CJP, and alterations to the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP). Proponents argue that these measures enhance judicial accountability, streamline case handling, and prevent arbitrary judicial activism that has historically destabilized governments.

However, critics contend that it undermines judicial independence by increasing political influence over appointments and administration, potentially eroding the separation of powers and compromising the rule of law. This article explores the amendment's historical context, rooted in Pakistan's turbulent judicial-executive relations, and examines its dual impact: strengthening aspects like efficiency and accountability while posing challenges such as politicization and reduced public trust. Drawing on recent developments as of August 2025, including ongoing Supreme Court rifts and petitions challenging the amendment, it offers recommendations for safeguarding judicial autonomy and concludes with reflections on its long-term implications for Pakistan's democracy. The analysis highlights the need for balanced reforms to ensure the judiciary serves as an impartial guardian of constitutional rights amid persistent institutional tensions.



The 26th Amendment: Strengthening the Judiciary or Creating Challenges in Pakistan by *Mishaal Amjad - Runner Up*

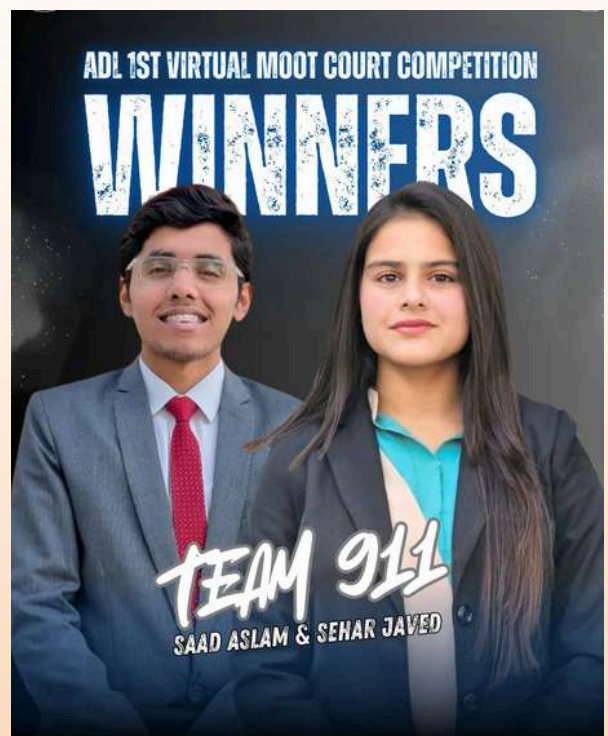
Pakistan's 26th Constitutional Amendment marked a turning point in the country's constitutional and judicial history. Enacted on 20 - 21 October 2024, it reshaped the judiciary by overhauling judicial appointment procedures, capping the Chief Justice's tenure, abolishing the Supreme Court's suo motu powers and mandating special constitutional benches for fundamental rights cases. Proponents celebrated the reform as a bold step to reassert parliamentary sovereignty and rein in judicial overreach. Critics, however, decried it as a direct assault on judicial independence and a threat to the rule of law. Against this backdrop, the following discussion unpacks whether the 26th Amendment truly strengthens Pakistan's judiciary or instead creates deeper challenges for its constitutional order.



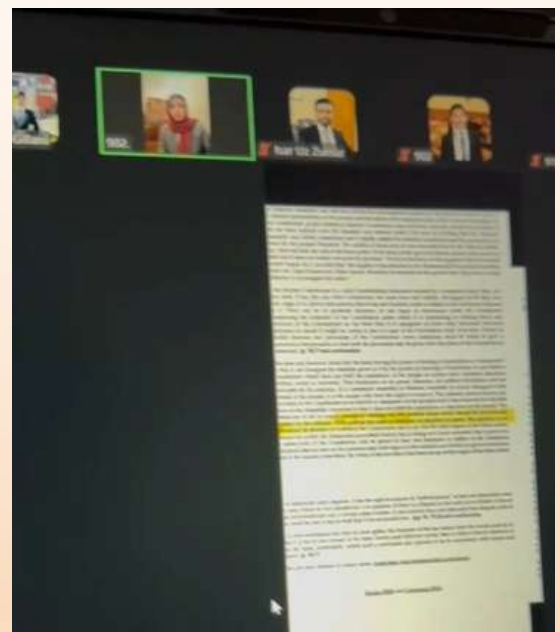
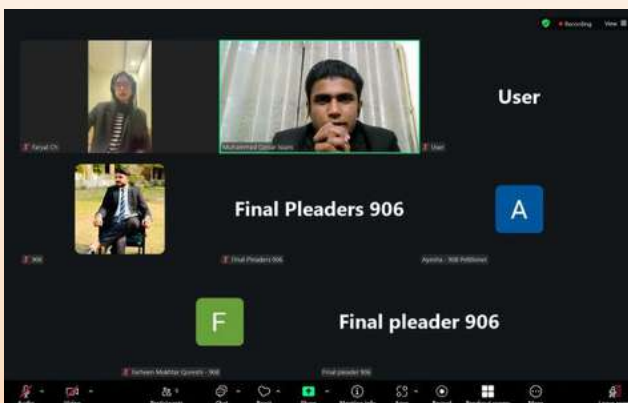
ADL 1st Virtual Intra Moot Court Competition

The Association for Development & Law (ADL) successfully conducted its 1st Virtual Intra Moot Court Competition, exclusively for official ADL members. The competition provided a dynamic platform for participants to demonstrate their advocacy skills, legal reasoning, research aptitude, and courtroom confidence in a simulated judicial environment.

The event was efficiently organized by Mubeen Rana, Shafiha Asif, and Syeda Rubab Jamil Hussain, whose dedication ensured the smooth execution of the competition. ADL was honored to have a distinguished panel of adjudicators comprising legal professionals, advocates, and experienced practitioners, who evaluated the rounds with insight, rigor, and professionalism. Following the completion of the preliminary rounds, four teams qualified for the advanced stages of the competition. The semi-final and final rounds showcased high-quality arguments, strong rebuttals, and exceptional courtroom presentation, reflecting the participants' preparation and commitment.



Special recognition was awarded to the Best Speaker and Best Researcher for their outstanding performance, analytical depth, and advocacy skills. ADL congratulates all winners and runner-ups for their remarkable achievements and extends appreciation to every participant, adjudicator, and organizer who contributed to the success of this landmark event.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We extend our sincere gratitude to our esteemed professionals for their invaluable contribution to ADL's initiatives throughout 2025. Your expertise and support played a vital role in advancing our mission of legal awareness, advocacy, and community engagement across Pakistan.



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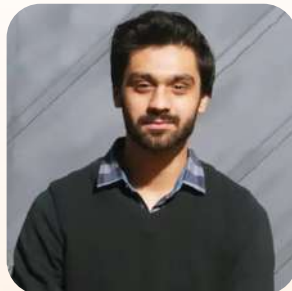
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