

Ms. Asma Jahangir

Personal data

Nationality: Pakistan.

Date of birth: 1952.

Present position

Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan, since 1992.

Advocate, Lahore High Court, Punjab, Pakistan, since 1982.

Partner, AGHS Law Associates, since 1980.

Director, AGHS Legal Aid Cell, Lahore, Pakistan, since 1984.

Education

Honorary doctorates in law from: Amherst College, United States of America, 2003; Queen's University, Canada, 1998; University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, 1998.

Bachelor of Law, Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan, 1978.

Bachelor of Arts, Kinnaird College, Lahore, Pakistan, 1974.

Experience

Professor of Law at Quaid-e-Azam Law College, Lahore, teaching constitutional law.

Consultancy on judicial reforms in Pakistan with the Asian Development Bank and on judicial reforms in Bangladesh with the World Bank.

Led civil society initiatives for peacebuilding in South Asia.

Columnist for national and regional newspapers.

Member of the Commission of Enquiry for Women, established by Government of Pakistan, 1994-1997.

Other affiliations

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, since 2004.

Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, 1998-2004.

Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, since 1998.

Council Member, Minority Rights Group International, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 2002-2004.

Executive Member, International Crisis Group, United States of America, since 2002.

Chief Economist Advisory Council Member of World Bank, since 2001.

Founder Member of Women's Action Forum, Pakistan, since 1985.

Co-Chair, South Asia for Human Rights, since 2000.

Honorary Board Member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, since 1987.

Board Member, Commonwealth Lawyers' Association, London, 1997-2002.

Board Member, Interights, London, 1997-2002.

Member, International Executive Council, Defence for Children International Board, Geneva, 1996-2001.

Board Member, Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development, Kuala Lumpur, 1988-2000.

Executive Member, Punjab Bar Council, 1998-2003.

Director, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, Montreal, Canada, 1990-1993.

Chairperson, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, 1993-1999.

Executive Committee Member, Lahore High Court Bar Association, Pakistan, 1985-1987.

Council Member, Law Association for Asia and the Pacific, Sydney, Australia, 1985-1987.
