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A Group photo of BOG members headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa (Chairman) FJA

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1- One Week Training on “Continuing Legal Education” under Professional Development Package for Members of the Bar from High Court Bar Association, Rawalpindi, Batch-XVI (July 17–22, 2023)

Federal Judicial Academy (FJA) conducted a weeklong training on Continuing Legal Education (CLE), as part of its Professional Development Package for the esteemed members of the High Court Bar Association Rawalpindi. This engaging training program, designated as Batch-XVI, took place from July 17 to 22, 2023.

The program aimed to fortify legal professionals with an array of contemporary legal knowledge, equipping them to navigate the complexities of modern law practice while upholding the highest ethical standards. During this intensive training, participants were exposed to a diverse range of legal topics and trends, such as Civil Trial Procedure, Understanding Land Revenue Record, Criminal Trial Procedure. Along with equipping the participants with comprehensive understanding of various facets of law & practice, the training also delved into emerging areas such as use of IT in Justice Sector, Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) legal framework, Stress Management, and Ethics in the Legal Profession.



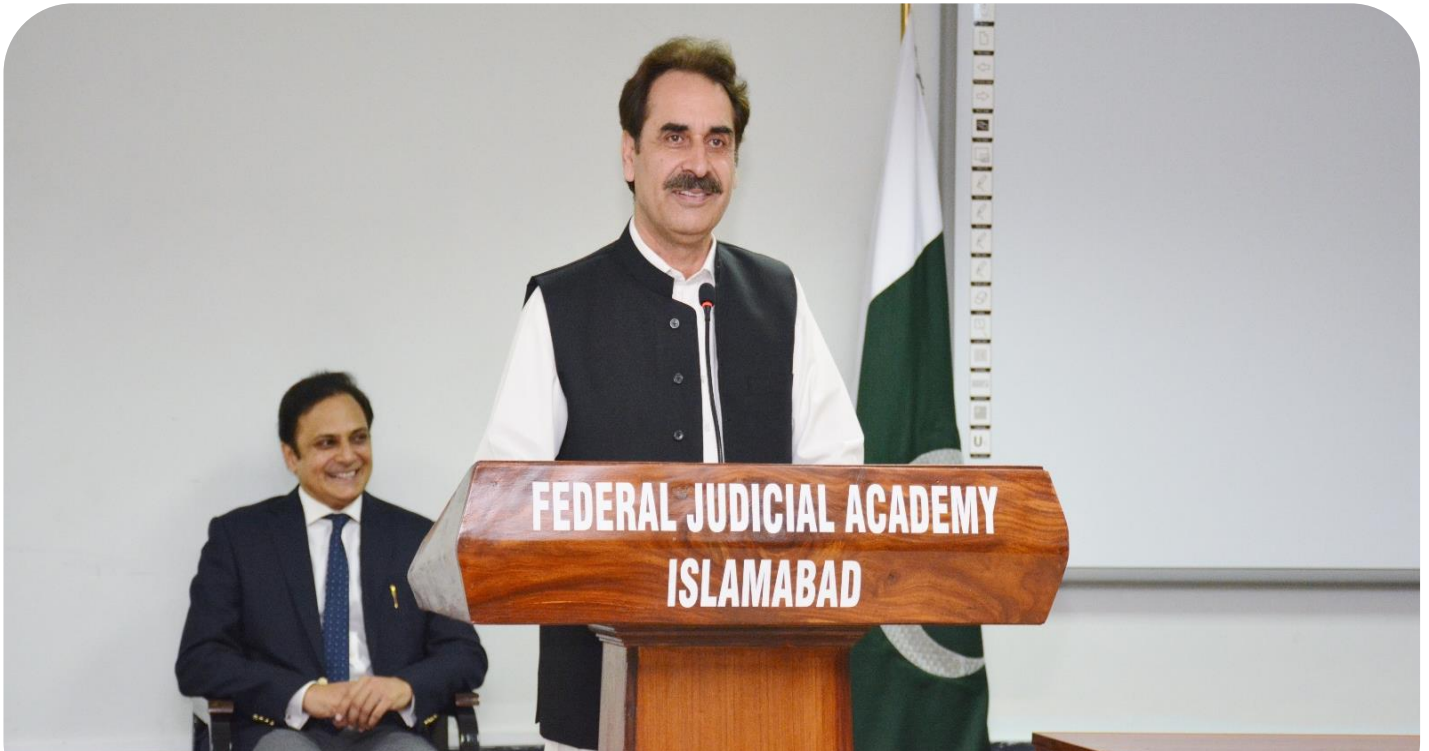
Course participants during a training session



Addl. Director, FJA Raja Jahanzaib Akhtar coordinating the Syndicate Discussion



Dr. Abida Sajjad, AD&SJ (Resource Person) delivering lecture



Director (Academics and Training), FJA, Mr. Fakhar Zaman addressing the concluding ceremony



Trainee members of High Court Bar Association, Rawalpindi with Faculty members of FJA

2- Six Weeks “Legal Internship Programme” for Law Interns from Fatima Jinnah Women University (July 17 – August 26, 2023)

Federal Judicial Academy, with the approval of Hon’ble the Chief Justice of Pakistan, successfully organized Six-Week “Legal Internship Programme” (LIP) for law interns from Fatima Jinnah Women University. Running from July 17 to August 26, 2023, this immersive internship initiative offered participants an invaluable opportunity to bridge the gap between theoretical legal knowledge and real-world legal practice.

Spanning a duration of six weeks, the legal internship program operates under the supervision of the Director Academics & Training and Director Research & Publication at the Federal Judicial Academy. The journey of this internship is comprehensive, encompassing a blend of educational components, an amalgamation of instructive lectures, practical research assignments, and exposure to professional development courses, all culminating in the submission of a research project. Throughout this transformative experience, participants have the privilege of utilizing the research lounge at the FJA, creating an environment conducive to immersive learning.



Law Interns attending training course of CLE, Batch-XVI

3- Webinar on “Digital Assets and Cybercrime” for Civil Judges from all over Pakistan (July 24, 2023)

Federal Judicial Academy organized the "Webinar on Digital Assets and Cybercrime" on July 24, 2023, catering to a diverse audience of Civil Judges hailing from all corners of Pakistan. The event served as an instrumental platform for these legal professionals to delve into the intricacies of digital assets and the ever-evolving realm of cybercrime.

During the webinar, the Federal Judicial Academy devised a dynamic discourse, covering a spectrum of topics related to digital assets and cybercrime. Esteemed expert from United States Department of Justice Mr. Mike Jettie shared his insights, unraveling the complexities surrounding the legal dimensions of digital assets, the challenges posed by cybercrime, and the evolving legal strategies to combat this modern form of criminal activity.

By offering a space for Civil Judges to engage in meaningful discussions, ask pertinent questions, and gain exposure to the latest developments in the realm of digital law, the Academy embodied its commitment to equipping judicial officers with the tools and knowledge necessary to address contemporary legal challenges and reaffirms its role as a vanguard of judicial education.



Addl. Director, FJA conducting webinar at Research Lounge FJA

4- Webinar on “Interpol’s Role in International Cooperation” for Civil Judges from all over Pakistan (July 25, 2023)

On July 25, 2023, the Federal Judicial Academy orchestrated a pivotal webinar centered on "Interpol's Role in International Cooperation," a significant academic initiative to enlighten Civil Judges from all over Pakistan. The virtual event served as a platform for legal luminaries and experts to delve into the multifaceted dimensions of Interpol's pivotal role in fostering international collaboration in law enforcement. Attended by a diverse and eager cohort of civil judges, the webinar facilitated a comprehensive exploration of Interpol's functions, mechanisms, and its contributions to global security. These engaging sessions featured in-depth discussions on the challenges faced in transnational crime, the effectiveness of Interpol's tools and databases, and the intricate legal frameworks that underpin international cooperation in the pursuit of justice.

This webinar not only provided a rare opportunity for civil judges to enhance their understanding of the intricate web of international law enforcement but also fostered a collaborative and interactive learning environment. As Pakistan continues to play a crucial role in the global fight against crime, this webinar is a testament to the Federal Judicial Academy's efforts for equipping judicial officers with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the complexities of cross-border legal challenges and contribute effectively to the international legal landscape.



Malik Sikandar Hayat (Director NCB-INTERPOL, Pakistan) addressing webinar

5- Five days training for Officers of Litigation/ Legal Wings of the Federal Ministries/ Divisions/ Attached Departments Batch-VI organized in collaboration with Ministry of Law and Justice (August 28 – September 01, 2023)

Commencing on August 28 and concluding on September 01, 2023, with a commitment to excellence, the Federal Judicial Academy, in tandem with the Ministry of Law and Justice, sculpted a five days training program that transcended conventional boundaries. This training was specifically tailored for Officers of Litigation/Legal Wings hailing from Federal Ministries, Divisions, and Attached Departments collectively forming Batch-VI. This was a collaborative effort with the Ministry of Law and Justice aimed to fortify the legal acumen and expertise of participants.

This training delved into a spectrum of crucial topics such as Trial Procedures, Writ Jurisdiction of High Court, Appellate Jurisdiction of High Court, Procedure of Management of Litigation of Federation, Legislative Procedure/Subordinate Legislation, PPRA Laws & Rules and Court Processes and Judicial Pronouncement. The overarching goal was to empower officers, enabling them to contribute effectively to the realms of litigation and legal affairs within their respective domains.

As the five-day endeavor concluded, participants departed with a heightened understanding of legal intricacies, poised to bring newfound perspectives to their roles within the Federal Ministries, Divisions, and Attached Departments.



DG, FJA addressing inaugural session of the course



DG, FJA, Mr. Hayat Ali Shah and Mr. Khurram Shahzad Mughal, DG, L&M Cell, Ministry of Law & Justice (Chief Guest) at concluding session



A group photo headed by DG, L&M Cell Ministry of Law & Justice and DG (FJA), with course participants and Faculty Members

6- One-week “Leadership and Management” course for Senior Civil Judges from all over Pakistan, Batch-III (September 11 – 16, 2023)

The academy arranged "Leadership and Management" course tailored for Senior Civil Judges hailing from all over Pakistan, constituting Batch-III. Spanning a week from September 11 to 16, 2023, this intensive training aimed at building leadership skills and enhancing managerial capabilities among the participants.

Through a blend of theoretical insight and various practical exercises, such as command tasks, public speaking, syndicate discussions, role plays and presentations the course facilitated an in-depth exploration of leadership styles, decision-making processes, and organizational dynamics within the judicial context.

The Federal Judicial Academy, known for its commitment to excellence, collaborated with seasoned experts and facilitators to ensure the course was both relevant and impactful. Participants engaged in interactive sessions, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and experiences among senior judiciary members from various parts of the country.

As the week-long training concluded, the Senior Civil Judges from Batch-III emerged with a refined leadership acumen, fortified management skills, and a strengthened sense of camaraderie with their peers. The Federal Judicial Academy's commitment to advancing the capabilities of judicial officers was evident in this targeted initiative, paving the way for enhanced leadership within the judicial sphere across Pakistan.



DG, FJA during the inaugural session of Leadership & Management course for Senior Civil Judges



Course participant delivering syndicate presentation



Group photo of Course Participants, (Senior Civil Judges from all over Pakistan) with DG, FJA, and Faculty Members

7- Academic Visit of the A-Level Law Students from Benchmark School System, Islamabad, (September 14, 2023)

The Federal Judicial Academy warmly welcomed a group of A-Level Law students from Benchmark School System, Islamabad, on an edifying academic visit held on September 14, 2023. This unique initiative aimed to provide these aspiring legal minds with a firsthand glimpse into the workings of the judicial system. The students had the opportunity to engage in interactive sessions, gaining insights into the intricacies of legal proceedings, the role of the judiciary, and the broader landscape of the legal profession.

The visit was carefully curated to blend educational enrichment with practical exposure, allowing the students to witness court proceedings, interact with legal professionals, and explore the various facets of the justice system. Through this immersive experience, the Federal Judicial Academy endeavored to inspire and guide the next generation of legal scholars, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the complexities and nuances of the legal field.



Visit participants (A-Level Law Students along with their faculty members) in group photo with Addl. Director, FJA

8- One Week Training on “Exploring Concept in Trial Procedures” for Additional District & Sessions Judges from all over Pakistan, Batch-XIII (September 18-23, 2023)

In a dedicated effort to elevate the expertise of Additional District & Sessions Judges from across Pakistan, the Federal Judicial Academy hosted a week-long training program on "Exploring Concepts in Trial Procedures." This specialized training, constituting Batch-XIII, unfolded from September 18 to 23, 2023. The curriculum was meticulously crafted to inculcate intricate aspects of trial procedures, equipping the judicial officers with an enhanced understanding of legal processes and courtroom dynamics.

Throughout the week, participants engaged in comprehensive sessions that spanned the spectrum of trial procedures, blending theoretical knowledge with practical insights. Facilitators, chosen for their expertise, guided the judges through case studies, discussions, and mock trials, fostering an environment conducive to skill enhancement. The course aimed to ensure that the participants emerge from the training with heightened proficiency and an enriched perspective on trial procedures within the legal landscape of Pakistan.



Rtd. D&SJ Mr. Abdul Mateen (Resource Person) delivering lecture



DG, FJA delivering lecture on “Appeal, Review & Revision- the conceptual difference.”



Director (Academics and Training) Mr. Fakhar Zaman during a discourse on Evidence from Judges Perspective

9- The new Chairman holds a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Judicial Academy

Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa convened and chaired the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Judicial Academy. The last meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 11 November 2019. In the Board meeting held on 25 September 2023, all the members attended: Mr. Ahmed Irfan Aslam, Federal Minister for Law & Justice, Vice Chairman, Mansoor Usman Awan, Attorney General for Pakistan, Justice Ahmed Ali M. Sheikh, Chief Justice High Court of Sindh (through video link), Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti, Chief Justice Lahore High Court, Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan, Chief Justice High Court of Balochistan, Justice Aamer Farooq, Chief Justice Islamabad High Court, Justice Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, Chief Justice, Peshawar High Court, Raja Naeem Akbar, Secretary Ministry of Law & Justice, and the Director-General, Federal Judicial Academy as Member and Secretary of the Board.

Demonstrating his commitment to the Academy and to ensure excellence in its programs the Chairman proposed that the expertise of Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Judge Supreme Court of Pakistan, be availed by appointing him as a *pro bono* expert advisor to the Board under section 8 of the Federal Judicial Academy Act, 1997. The proposal was unanimously approved.

The Board also took up the matter of the appointment of the Director-General whose term had expired and noted that under section 10 of the Act the Chairman had the authority to appoint the Director-General on the terms and conditions approved by the Board. Thereafter, the Chairman himself interviewed the shortlisted candidates and selected and appointed Mr. Hayat Ali Shah, retired District and Sessions Judge, as Director-General of the Academy for a period of one year on contract basis.



Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa presiding over meeting of Board of Governors, FJA

10- Hon'ble Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah appointed as Advisor to the Chairman & BOG of FJA

The Board of Governors in its meeting held on 25th September 2023, unanimously appointed Hon'ble Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah as Advisor to assist the Chairman and the Board of Governors on all academic, administrative and ancillary matters connected with the affairs of the Academy.

Justice Shah, known for his commitment to judicial reforms such as integration of Information Technology & Artificial Intelligence in justice sector, restructuring the curriculum of Punjab Judicial Academy, establishing the Lahore High Court Research Centre (LHCRC) and ADR Centers in Punjab, has also to his credit the introduction of Case Management and Court Automation System to enhance the capacity and connectivity of judicial system.

In recognition of Justice Shah's expertise, the Board of Governors appointed him as Advisor under section 8 of the Federal Judicial Academy Act, 1997.



Visits

1- A Convergence of Expertise: Dr. Syed Shoaib Shah's Distinguished Visit to the Federal Judicial Academy (July 13, 2023)

On the 13th of July 2023, the Federal Judicial Academy welcomed a distinguished guest in the form of Dr. Syed Shoaib Shah, the esteemed Head of the Public Health Law Department, Health Services Academy Islamabad.

Dr. Shah's visit was marked by a significant meeting with the Director-General of the Federal Judicial Academy, reflecting a convergence of expertise between the realms of public health and judicial affairs.



Dr. Syed Shoaib Shah of Health Services Academy, Islamabad with DG, FJA

2- Legacy and Transition: A Farewell Visit by Hon'ble Chief Justice Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial to the Federal Judicial Academy (August 08, 2023)

On the 8th of August 2023, a momentous occasion unfolded as the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan, Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial, graced the Farewell Visit of the Federal Judicial Academy (FJA). Accompanied by esteemed members of the administrative committee, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ijaz-ul-Hassan, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Munib Akhtar, the dignitaries engaged in a comprehensive review of the FJA's operations.

Their presence symbolized not just a farewell but a profound acknowledgment of the institution's vital role in shaping the legal landscape. This meeting, blending a sense of nostalgia with institutional evaluation, marked a significant chapter in the journey of justice in Pakistan.



Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial and FJA's administrative committee members in discussion with DG, FJA

3- NITB Team Meets FJA, as the E-Campus, A joint venture, is about to complete (August 08, 2023)

A significant collaboration unfolded as the National Information Technology Board (NITB) visited the Federal Judicial Academy (FJA), On the 8th of August 2023. The delegation engaged in a comprehensive meeting with the Director General of FJA and key faculty members responsible for overseeing the development of NITB's e-campus. During this session, NITB's team provided a detailed briefing on the current state of progress in the development of the e-campus, shedding light on achievements and milestones. The meeting served as a crucial forum for discussions on the next steps, fostering effective communication and strategic planning to ensure the seamless advancement of the e-campus initiative.



Mr. Imran Maqsood, Director NITB with DG, FJA



Data Analyst, NITB Ms. Shazina in a meeting with Director, FJA, Ms. Aisha Rasool

4- International Collaboration in Legal Development: Visit by Ms. Shannon M. Brink from United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) to FJA (16 August 2023)

On the 16th of August 2023, the Federal Judicial Academy (FJA) hosted a significant visit from Ms. Shannon M. Brink, a distinguished Program Officer specializing in the Rule of Law, Corrections, and Gender at INL. Ms. Brink's presence at the FJA marked a pivotal moment for the exchange of expertise and collaborative efforts in the fields of law, corrections, and gender-related initiatives.

The visit facilitated meaningful discussions and shared insights, contributing to the enhancement of best practices in these critical areas. Ms. Brink's engagement with the FJA exemplifies the importance of international cooperation in advancing the rule of law and promoting gender inclusivity within the broader context of narcotics and law enforcement affairs.



Ms. Shannon M. Brink (Program Officer, INL) with DG, FJA

5- National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and CODE PAKISTAN visited FJA (September 14, 2023)

On September 14th, 2023, a meeting transpired at the Federal Judicial Academy in Islamabad, bringing together NCSC, CODE PAKISTAN and FJA. The session presided over by Mr. Hayat Ali Shah, the Director General of the Federal Judicial Academy, featured a notable delegation including Ms. Rebecca Castelluci, Ms. Courtney Blankenship, Ms. Joan Bishop, Mr. Carlos Jimenez Gomez, and Mr. Bruce Curran, representing the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Additionally, the CODE PAKISTAN team was well-represented with the presence of Mr. Dilawar Khan, Mr. Sardar Ali Raza, and Ms. Saba Imran.

This gathering served as a platform for robust discussions, fostering collaboration and exchange of ideas between these diverse entities, with a focus on enhancing the judiciary and legal infrastructure. The Federal Judicial Academy, as the backdrop for this consequential meeting, provided a conducive environment for the exploration of innovative strategies and initiatives in the realm of legal development.



DG, FJA and faculty members with NCSC & CODE PAKISTAN delegation

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