

THE LEGAL COUNSEL NEWS BULLETIN

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EDITORIAL



As a part of the pro-bono activities

of Legal Counsel, we take this endeavor to publish this news bulletin for our valued clients and other intended recipients. Legal Counsel is a full-service corporate law firm celebrating its 10th year in 2019 having core expertise in commercial law, corporate law, family law, employment and labor law, land law, banking law, constitutional law, IPR, FDI, laws of development sector and in conducting litigation before courts of different hierarchies. As this is the first issue, we would highly appreciate your feedback on the same. We will initially publish the bulletin on a quarterly basis and have plans to issue monthly publications in the coming days. If the Bulletin provides you with some relevant information, then we shall consider our endeavor as successful.

ON A SERIOUS NOTE!

Q: What did the Lawyer name his daughter?

Answer: Sue

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 153 Articles in the Constitution of Bangladesh!!

Mr. Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain is the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty Act, 2012 and Value Added Tax and Supplementary Rules, 2016 have come into effect from 1st July, 2019. These laws have brought significant changes in the regime of Value Added Tax (VAT) and supplementary duties.

Bangladesh and Japan have signed their 40th Official Development Assistance (ODA) deal involving \$2.5 billion to implement 4 projects that include Matarbary Port Development Project, Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project, Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Project and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Promotion Financing Project.



PRO-BONO ACTIVITIES

Legal Counsel has done 1,205 working hours of pro-bono legal work in the year of 2018, which comprises of 65 newspaper publications and interviews, 3 journal publications, 35 TV interviews, 1 Book publication and bi-weekly legal columns in The Daily Star and The Daily Observer. Furthermore, Legal Counsel made 2 presentations at the 8th Asia Pro Bono Conference in Nepal in September, 2019.

NEW LEGISLATION

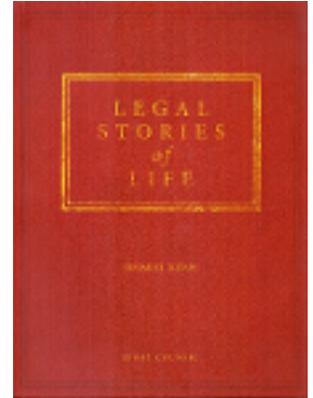
The parliament has enacted 9 new legislations in the year of 2019 till date namely the Bangladesh EPZ Labor Act, 2019, the Bangladesh National Social Welfare Council Act, 2019, the Bangabondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University Act, 2019, the Insurance Corporation Act, 2019, Udbhider Jaat Shongrokkhon Ain, 2019, Nirdishtokoron (Shompurok) Ain, 2019, Nirdishtokoron Ain, 2019, the Animal Welfare Act, 2019 and the Bangladesh Veterinary Council Act, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS OF LEGAL COUNSEL (April 2019-September 2019)

- Disciplinary Procedure under Labour Laws of Bangladesh| The Daily Observer| September 21, 2019| by Barrister Shafquat Alamgir.
- Service of Notices by Registered Post| The Daily Star| August 20, 2019| by Barrister Omar H. Khan.
- Foreign Exchange Controls in Bangladesh: Musing from a Legal Ground| The Daily Observer| July 13, 2019| by Barrister Moshfeque Rizvi.
- All things Criminal on the Web| Dhaka Tribune| July 10, 2019| by Barrister Miti Sanjana.
- Legal Remedy for Email Hacks| The Daily Star| July 02, 2019| by Barrister Omar H. Khan.
- Women's right to parents' property in absence of brother| The Daily Observer| June 22, 2019| by Barrister Miti Sanjana.
- Legal Protection of Intellectual Creations| The Daily Star| May 28, 2019| by Barrister Omar H. Khan.
- The Law related to Power of Attorney| The Daily Observer| May 25, 2019| by Barrister Ishtiaq Abdullah.
- Provident Fund for the Financial Security of the Employees | The Daily Observer| May 11, 2019| by Farhia Silvana Haque.

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LEGAL STORIES OF LIFE

"Legal Stories of Life", authored by the managing partner of Legal Counsel, Barrister Omar H. Khan, is the first book published by Legal Counsel. It contains solutions to real-life legal problems of people from various backgrounds on diverse issues, which the author has termed as "stories". This Book provides an enthusiastic and necessary insight into various problems encountered by the people of Bangladesh on a daily basis without any legal jargon. The vividly written replies to real-life stories make the book a very interesting read. This book has already received great reviews locally and internationally. While the book is available at different book stores, Legal Counsel is also distributing the book to different organizations with a view to create legal awareness amongst the citizens. The author is doing talks at different national and international forums. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka has termed the book as a "unique law book" in the world. For details please visit: www.legalstoriesoflife.com.