

# Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group



Rahman's Chambers is a full service & one of the largest law firms in Bangladesh serving from six locations nationwide. When it comes to matters relating to ADR, Rahman's Chambers is one of the pioneers and one of the torch bearers of Bangladesh's institutional local arbitration and mediation. Rahman's Chambers was the legal counsel of the claimant in the very first Arbitration awarded under Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) rule. The Chambers were also involved with the very first mediation under BIAC rule and also handled several negotiations, mutual consultation and statutory ADRs in different forums. Over a period of last 10 years, the Chambers represented builders, landowners, banks, NBFIs, the central bank, power sector companies in different ADRs involving shipping, shipbuilding, construction, information technology, international trade, taxation etc. The Chambers has expertise in handling both local and international arbitrations

The world's leading and highly reputed global directory Chambers and Partners in its Chambers and Partners 2021 Asia Pacific guide has ranked Mr. Mohammed Forrukh Rahman for Dispute Resolution & praised for his knowledge and experience in arbitration..

Our lawyers are categorized by (a) Department (b) team and (c) location for the convenience of clients. A department is a specialized functional unit with special expertise or responsibility mostly relevant for clients. On the other hand, a team is a smaller group, compared to a department, created mostly for internal purposes. On the other hand, we often create practice groups for niche practice area e.g. Alternative Dispute Resolution, Employment, M & A comprising lawyers from different departments, teams. Niche practice groups often have non-lawyers as members e.g. consultant, paralegal and management staff.

## OUR LAWYERS:



**Mohammed Forrukh Rahman**

Head of Chambers  
Barrister - at -Law  
LL.M.(International Dispute Resolution)  
PGDiplLaw(Maritime);  
PGCertLaw(Commercial & Corporate),  
FHKI Arb, MSI Arb, ACI Arb, Member, SMCA,  
Panel Arbitrator, SAARC Arbitration Council  
Panel Mediator, Bangladesh International  
Arbitration Center (BIAC),  
CEDR(UK) Accredited Mediator,  
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**Mohammad Nasir Uddin**  
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**Md Noor Imtiaz**  
Associate  
Masters of Laws (LL.M),  
Eastern University  
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B),  
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Mr. Rahman has altogether 16 years' experience of working in the field of corporate & finance, shipping and dispute resolution.

Mr. Rahman argued as a lead counsel in different arbitration, statutory ADRs in a number of cases involving different issues e.g construction, charter party claims, Taxation matters etc in different forums.

In 2021, prestigious Chambers and Partners Asia Pacific 2021, a leading global legal directory, ranked Mr. Mohammed Forrukh Rahman for Dispute Resolution & praised for his knowledge and experience in arbitration. In 2018 Mr. Rahman is enlisted in the prestigious Panel of Arbitrators of SAARC Arbitration Council (SARCO). He is the very first Fellow of Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators from Bangladesh and also a full member of Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He is a CEDR, UK accredited mediator and also a panel mediator of Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC).

Mr. Uddin, a member of ADR practice group, has long working experience as in-house lawyer in different industries and business sectors. As a member of the construction department he has been involved with different contraction arbitration in different capacities.

Mr. Uddin is a member of ADR practice group. As a member of ADR, Tribunals Team he has been involved with a number of institutional arbitration related matters.

Mr. Imtiaz is a member of ADR practice group and a member of ADR, Land, Tribunals team. He has been involved with several Ad hoc arbitration involving Loan matters.



**Mohammed Forrukh Rahman**

Mr. Mohammed Forrukh Rahman has been ranked for Dispute Resolution.

"he has excellent and wide exposure in his profession, and is impressive in handling legal issues with aplomb," summarises an interviewee. He is particularly praised for his knowledge and experience in arbitration, and he has expertise in bankruptcy, construction, energy and shipping cases."

- Chambers & Partners, 2021

"I have a high-level opinion of them, with one of their strengths being a commitment to delivering on time."

- Chambers & Partners, 2020

Mr. Mohammed Forrukh Rahman has been ranked (Band II) for Corporate & Finance.

"he is a knowledgeable and very co-operative person. I have discussed many issues with him and he gives me the right suggestions."

- Chambers & Partners, 2019

## Our key completed projects are as below:

- Successfully completed the very first arbitration under BIAC rule involving investment in EPZ for a Japanese investor.
- In 2018 we successfully completed arbitration for Knight Frank Development Ltd. in the area of construction & engineering. We represented the developer before the tribunal and argued on legal implications of Joint Venture (JV) Agreements, Mortgage, Power of Attorney (POA) and several contractual terms and conditions involving termination, force majeure, delay, contractual remedies etc.
- We have completed arbitration for Quality Timber Ltd. in the area of construction & engineering. We represented the landowner before the tribunal and argued on legal implications of Joint Venture (JV) Agreements, Power of Attorney (POA), Mortgage and several contractual terms and conditions involving termination, contractual remedies etc.
- We have successfully completed four arbitration for Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) in the area of Banking and were successfully able to persuade the tribunal to pass awards in our Client's favor involving the recovery of outstanding dues against Bhelabazar Shamaz Unnayan Sangstha (BSUS) and Kamrul Bio-Gas & Compost Fertilizer Research Development Company Limited. Suits for enforcement of arbitral awards have been filed.
- Advised on execution of international arbitration award within Bangladesh jurisdiction involving LMAA.
- Advised a Piraeus based shipping company P.L. Ferrari & Co. Srl and the concerned P & I club regarding arbitration laws of Bangladesh, enforcement of the foreign arbitral awards in Bangladesh, the conflict between contrasting arbitration clauses stated in several agreements, similarities between local and foreign arbitration laws etc. in the area of Shipping. While international arbitration is pending in LMAA.
- We have successfully resolved VAT claims by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) in favor of our Client Grameen Danone Foods Ltd before a facilitator appointed under ADR mechanism of VAT Act 1991. The Chambers was successfully able to settle the high demand imposed arbitrarily and reduce it considerably, with the help of the facilitator involving significant VAT imposed on alleged misuse of raw materials.
- We have successfully represented Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) in a number of proceedings arising out of local arbitration pending both in District Court and High Court Division against Summit Power Limited and Quantum Power Limited both involving interim injunction on payment on deduction of liquidated damages under power purchase agreement of several IPP Projects.
- The Firm was involved in the very first mediation conducted by BIAC involving a dispute between shareholders.
- We have successfully represented the Central Bank in a high profile negotiation and mutual consultation involving a million dollar dispute involving the implementation of a national payment switch throughout the country by a Singaporean IT Company.

