

SLACC – An Institute for Sincere Legal Advice

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The Prophet (SAW) said,
"The Religion is Naseeha (Sincerity and Sincere Advice)."

[Saheeh Muslim No. 55]

Abu Hurairah also narrated in Saheeh Muslim that Prophet (SAW) said:

"When he (any person in need) seeks your counsel (advice) give it to him. This is the right of one Muslim over another."

The SLACC (Sindh Legal Advisory Call Center), an institute, has been serving the prophetic mission of 'giving sincere legal advice' to the general public since 2016. The institute works in collaboration with the Sindh Law Department where a panel of ten High Court-enrolled experienced lawyers work under the supervision of a former judge of the Supreme

Court, Justice Arif Hussain Khilji. SLACC intends to educate the general public about their legal rights and the legal remedies available for them for their legal problems. Such 'lawyering' works for positive social change by empowering the marginalized and destitute class of our society.

The World Justice Project provided a report on 'Global Insight on Access to Justice' in Pakistan which emphasized that 82% of Pakistanis have faced legal problems in the last two years, out of which only 66% knew where to get advice and information. The insight report shed light on the types of Advisors from whom people sought legal advice. According to the report 'Types of Advisors' include: 60% from Friends and Family, Lawyers/ Professional advice services 6% (only), Government Legal Aid



offices 6% (only), Court, government bodies or police 8%, Health or welfare professionals 4%, Trade Unions 1%, Religious or Community leaders 16% and other Organizations 1%. The report of WJP published in 2021 revealed that Pakistan ranks 129 out of 140 Rule of Law Index. When advising clients, a lawyer works to assist the law to achieve both its function as 'a system of social settlement' and 'respect for the governed' reflected in its processes and structure - i.e., the Rule of Law. (Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences: Vol 7 No 4 July 2016, Woolley, 2014:1). Therefore, the accessibility of privileged legal advice is essential for the promotion of rule of law in society.

"The Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers", known as the Havana Principles and adopted by the 8th UN Congress on the Prevention of Crimes and the Treatment of Offenders, set out the duties and responsibilities of lawyers and accentuated that "To **advise** clients as to their legal rights and obligations, and as to

the working of the legal system in so far as it is relevant to the legal rights and obligations of the client." Thus, if a lawyer, as a doctor of society, provides sincere free legal advice at the right time and with proper etiquette to the person who is in need then it may immensely help them to redress their grievance, on time.

Therefore, SLACC with the prestigious mission of serving humanity, struggling for prompt access to justice among the general public, and also promoting the rule of law in society. The trustworthy lawyers of SLACC provide sincere legal advice with tremendous etiquette, responsibility, and righteousness. In fact, **Justice Nasir Aslam Zahid** realized the significance and virtue behind this prophetic mission and originated the idea of the "Free Legal Advisory Call Center." The Sindh government also pooled resources to promote the mission and offered a toll-free number 0800-70806 to approach the 'Sincere Legal Advisors'.



Advocate Izza Rizvi giving free legal advice to a beneficiary at SLACC

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