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## RÉSUMÉ - MR MOHAMED FIZAN

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1. *Full Name & E-mail Address* Mr Mohamed Fizan [[fizan@shclawyers.com](mailto:fizan@shclawyers.com)]
2. *Date of Birth* 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1975
3. *Nationality* Republic of Maldives
4. *Education & Professional Qualifications*
  - 2005: Graduate of Bond University, Australia, with a Second Class Honours Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree.
  - 2002: IELTS Overall Band 8.0 (Department of Public Examinations, Maldives)
  - 1995: 5 London GCE A' Levels (Science Education Centre, Maldives).
  - 1994: Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (Science Education Centre, Maldives)
  - 1992: 7 London GCE O' Levels (Majeediyya School, Maldives).
5. *Awards Received*
  - 2004: First in class, 'Entrepreneurship' at Bond University, Australia (Dean's Award for high achievers).
  - 1995: National Best 10 Students (1995 London GCE A' Levels), Ministry of Education Awards (Maldives)
  - 1995: Best Overall Score (Business Stream students, Science Education Centre, 1995 London GCE A' Levels)
  - 1993: School Best 10 Students (1992 London GCE O' Levels, Majeediyya School)
6. *Languages* English, Maldivian (Dhivehi), Hindi
7. *Membership in Professional Societies*
  - Member of the Maldivian Bar, Maldives Ministry of Justice

Mr. SHUAIB M. SHAH, B.A. (HONS) (LONDON, UK), BARRISTER-AT-LAW (INNER TEMPLE)  
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## 8. Employment Record

### [A] From September 2001 to Present

Employer

**Shah, Hussain & Co. Barristers and Attorneys at offices in Malé, Republic of Maldives (<http://www.shclawyers.com>)**

### Position and Description of Duties

Position: Associate Attorney in Private Practice Law Firm

#### Duties and Experience:

- Full time Associate Attorney in the *largest private law firm* in the *Maldives* responsible for a variety of legal matters especially in *general commercial practice, corporations law and banking*.
- Besides liaising with other members of Law Firm for various contentious and non-contentious matters, have successfully developed and maintained a *considerable own client-base*.
- Roles include drafting various legal documents for general commercial and Company law practice; advising corporations and banks; representing private businesses and assisting the Government on various matters; and facilitating businesses and individuals to make deals and resolve disputes.
- Specific legal work undertaken at the law firm include:
  - *Drafting various commercial agreements* including mortgages, loans, management agreements, leases, employment agreements, Power of Attorneys, and numerous other types of letters, memoranda and commercial agreements;
  - *Drafting pleadings (for litigation)* and various other related legal documents; preparing and filing of *Statement of Claims, Replies, Defence etc.* on behalf of the client, drafting other related documents such as Affidavits, *representing the client and advocating* the case in the Courts, and *advising* the client thoroughly on all aspects of the litigation process and other matters;
  - *Advising clients and writing Legal Opinions* on specific legal problems faced by clients; especially in the areas of Contract Law, Corporations Law, and Banking Law;
  - *Legal Research* on specialist and new areas of the law (such as Environment Law and Intellectual Property Laws);
  - *Conducting due diligence enquiries* in respect of *various investments* and other *transactions*, for both domestic and international clients;
  - *Negotiating* on various *commercial disputes* with a view to *resolving* and finding amicable solutions to *complex legal and business problems*; and *facilitating and assisting clients* on reaching commercial decisions which best suits their practical needs;
  - *Debt Collection and Recovery* for banks, corporations, private companies and individuals: work undertaken usually includes *advising on specific legal issues* and the *prospects* of recovery of

debts, advising on the *possible remedies* available to the client, assisting the client to achieve not only legal but *practical solutions* to their problems, and drafting *formal demand letters*, conducting *negotiations* with debtors and *filing and representing the client* in civil suits);

- *Legal Translations* of various forms of documents, both legal and non-legal, including Bills and Acts of Parliament, Regulations, various agreements, leases, Power-of-Attorneys, Court Reports, various legal letters and memoranda etc.;
- Assisting various other client-related matters such as *registration of agreements at the Maldives Civil Court of Maldives*, *execution of formal contracts*, and *registration of mortgages* etc.

▪ Areas of expertise:

- *General Commercial Practice* (especially in relation to *contracts and various types of business transactions*);
- *Company law and practice* (especially with *incorporation, share transfers, disputes between shareholders etc. and liquidation*);
- *Tourism Laws* (especially in the area of *tourist resort hotel operations, safari boat operations, marine vessels import, registration, and management, etc.*);
- *Property Laws* especially with regard to *commercial and general residential Leases, Property Sales, Transfers, Assignments* and various other property transactions and disputes);
- *Banking Laws* (especially with regard to *advising banks on various banking transactions with customers, recovery of loans and other facilities* and assistance with various disputes etc.)
- *Law Laws* (including the *ownership* of land, *sale and transfer* of other proprietary rights and interests in land, *leasing* land and buildings, *mortgaging* land and buildings, dealings on State-owned land, jointly-owned land and various other dealings with land)
- *Intellectual Property Law* (including *advising and assisting* on the protection of *copyright material, trademarks, etc.* and drafting and publishing *Cautionary Notices*);
- *Family Law* (especially in respect of *marriages with foreigners* and marriages involving other legal complexities, and *divorce claims*);
- *Trade, Transport, Fisheries*, and other miscellaneous areas in general commercial practice.

- Law-firm client-base (both international and domestic) include major private and public companies and other corporations engaged in a myriad of different industries, various Government ministries and departments, various Tourist Resorts and other commercial clients, Banking and Financial Institutions, International Hotel Groups, International Law Firms, Non-Profit Organizations and Agencies, NGO's and High-Network Private Individuals. (Please see our Law Firm brochure for further information).

**[B] From February – July 2001***Employer***Voyages Maldives Pte Ltd (Male', Maldives)***Position and Description of Duties***Position: Executive – Marketing & Sales****Duties and Experience:**

Was primarily responsible for the sales and marketing of boat safari tours and packages in one of the largest travel and tour operators in the Maldives. Secondary responsibilities included successful marketing and sales of tourist island resort beds of various hotels and properties in the Maldives.

**[C] From February - September 1996***Employer***Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) (Male', Maldives)***Position and Description of Duties***Position: Research Officer****Duties and Experience:**

Worked effectively as a team member in the Research department which was primarily responsible for the analysis of financial and economic data and the production of the Quarterly and Annual Economic Reports produced by the Government.

**9. Referee**

A reference may be obtained from **Shuaib M. Shah**, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Senior Partner, Shah, Hussain & Co. Barristers and Attorneys (Maldives); Phone: +960 333 644; Email: [shuaib@shclawyers.com](mailto:shuaib@shclawyers.com).