



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
SOCIETY OF RESEARCH AND LEGAL STUDIES (SRLS)  
AND  
ISLAMABAD BAR ASSOCIATION (IBA)**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into on this 01-03-2025 by and between the **Society of Research and Legal Studies (SRLS)**, an organization dedicated to legal research, development, and education, and the **Islamabad Bar Association (IBA)**, a statutory body representing legal practitioners in Islamabad.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Society of Research and Legal Studies (SRLS):

SRLS is a legal research institution committed to advancing legal knowledge, research methodologies, and continuing legal education. It focuses on developing legal scholarship, policy analysis, and training programs to equip legal professionals with the latest developments in the field of law.

### 1.2 Islamabad Bar Association (IBA):

IBA is a statutory organization representing the legal community of Islamabad, responsible for ensuring professional development, training, and capacity building for lawyers. It plays a vital role in legal education, advocacy, and policy reform.

## 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a strategic partnership between SRLS and IBA to collaborate on legal research, development, and continuing legal education (CLE). SRLS shall be the official partner for all research, training, and legal education initiatives conducted under the umbrella of IBA.



### **3. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION**

#### **3.1 Research and Legal Development:**

IBA shall designate SRLS as the official research partner to conduct legal research, develop reports, and publish findings on matters concerning law, justice, and policy reforms.

#### **3.2 Continuing Legal Education (CLE):**

All CLE programs within the IBA jurisdiction shall be conducted by SRLS. SRLS shall be responsible for curriculum development, selection of instructors, and ensuring quality education for lawyers and legal practitioners.

#### **3.3 Designation of Training and Research Space:**

IBA shall allocate a designated space within its premises for SRLS to conduct training programs, research activities, and legal education sessions.

#### **3.4 Logo and Branding:**

All research publications, training materials, and legal education programs shall feature the logos of both SRLS and IBA, signifying the partnership between both entities. The logo and name of SRLS shall be published on all materials related to research and training.

### **4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **4.1 Responsibilities of IBA:**

- Provide physical infrastructure, including venue, stationery, and necessary facilities for training and research activities conducted by SRLS.
- Promote SRLS-led research and legal training programs among the legal community.
- Ensure that any individual or institution willing to conduct research or training under IBA must first seek approval from SRLS and IBA jointly.



#### 4.2 Responsibilities of SRLS:

- Conduct high-quality legal research and publish reports on key legal issues.
- Develop and implement CLE programs for lawyers, judges, and legal professionals.
- Maintain academic and research integrity in all its initiatives.
- Ensure that all trainings under the IBA's jurisdiction are approved and managed by SRLS.

### 5. TERM AND TERMINATION

This MOU shall remain in effect for a period of **five (5) years** from the date of signing, subject to renewal upon mutual agreement. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing a **90-day written notice**. Termination shall not affect any ongoing training programs or research initiatives already underway.

### 6. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be resolved amicably through dialogue and mutual consultation. If a resolution is not reached, the matter shall be referred to mediation before any legal action is taken.

### 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- This MOU does not create legally binding obligations but represents a statement of mutual intent to collaborate.
- Any modifications to this MOU must be made in writing and agreed upon by both parties.
- The parties shall uphold confidentiality and protect sensitive research data shared within the scope of this agreement.



## 8. SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of their respective organizations, have executed this MOU on the date first written above.

### For Islamabad Bar Association (IBA)

Name: Naeem Gujjar

Designation: President

Signature: Naeem Gujjar

Date: 13-3-25

### For Society of Research and Legal Studies (SRLS)

Name: Barrister Zopash Khan

Designation: Founder SRLS

Signature: Zopash Khan

Date: 13/03/2025