

RIAA Barker Gillette ranks high in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025

RIAA Barker Gillette has been highly ranked in multiple practice areas in the 2025 edition of The Legal 500 Asia Pacific guide. The firm's dispute resolution, corporate/M&A, projects & energy and banking & finance practices received top-tier rankings.

We are delighted to share that RIAA Barker Gillette has been recognized as one of Pakistan's leading law firms across several practice areas in the recently released [The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025 Guide](#).



Our firm earned Tier 1 rankings in the following practice areas:

Banking and Finance

The team has an "excellent reputation" for major local and cross-border financings, regularly advising sponsors, developers and lenders on projects in energy, power, mining, transport, logistics and infrastructure. The "skilled group" is experienced in all aspects of financing, security arrangements, debt-to-equity conversions, syndicated loans and Islamic finance.

Recognized lawyers: [Bilal Shaukat](#) and [Shafaq Rehman](#)

Corporate and M&A

The team is "well placed to advise on cross-border commercial arrangements", with "particular expertise assisting clients making greenfield or brownfield investments". Clients praise the "highly professional and diversely experienced legal team" providing "very professional advisory."

Recognized lawyers: [Ahsan Zahir Rizvi](#), [Bilal Shaukat](#), [Shafaq Rehman](#) and [Mazhar Bangash](#)

Dispute Resolution

Recognized for a "wide range of cases before various courts, quasi-tribunal and regulatory tribunals", the firm's "strong team" has a "great know-how in legal commercial and business matters." Clients appreciate the "mix of seasoned professionals and energetic highly motivated and qualified individuals."

Recognized lawyers: [Yousaf Khosa](#), [Mayhar Mustafa Kazi](#) and [Shahbakht Pirzada](#)

Projects and Energy

With a "wealth of experience on numerous major energy and infrastructure projects", the team acts as project counsel on several thermal and renewable projects. Clients state, "RIAA Barker Gillette is one of the powerhouses in project & energy" with "seasoned and qualified lawyers."

Recognized lawyers: [Hasnain Naqvee](#), [Bilal Shaukat](#) and [Nadir Altaf](#)

The Legal 500 also ranked the firm highly in:

Capital Markets

Recognized for "complex transactions" in local and foreign debt and equity capital markets, handling IPOs,

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rights issues, structured finance, securitisations and privatisations.

Recognized lawyers: [Bilal Shaukat](#)

Labour and Employment

Frequently advises clients on labour, employment and industrial relations issues. Recommended for representation at labour courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court.

Recognized lawyers: [Shafaq Rehman](#) and [Mayhar Mustafa Kazi](#)

Tax

Advises on cross-border arrangements and navigating Pakistan's tax landscape. Handles tax disputes before High Courts, the Supreme Court, and tribunals.

Recognized lawyers: [Mayhar Mustafa Kazi](#), [Yousaf Khosa](#) and [Shafaq Rehman](#)

TMT

Skilled at advising on telecoms, media, and technology matters, including cross-border arrangements, outsourcing, and IP portfolio management.

Recognized lawyers: [Yousaf Khosa](#)

Insurance

The versatile team acts for insurance companies on disputes, transactions and regulatory compliance. Well-equipped for cross-jurisdictional matters.

Recognized lawyers: [Shafaq Rehman](#)

One client praises, "RIAA Barker Gillette has always had the most apt ability to handle, manage and steer complex and difficult matters in the right legal direction."

"These rankings by The Legal 500 reflect the market-leading expertise, strategic approach and uncompromising client service that sets RIAA Barker Gillette apart," commented Managing Partner [Bilal Shaukat](#). "We remain committed to providing exceptional legal counsel to help our clients navigate complex challenges and achieve successful outcomes."

Please click [here](#) to view RIAA Barker Gillette's full rankings and editorial commentary by The Legal 500.

Please contact us at pk@riaabg.com for more information about how our top-ranked lawyers can assist you.

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RIAA Barker Gillette is Pakistan's premier law firm, with an on-the-ground presence in four major cities in Pakistan: Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore, and Peshawar, and affiliated offices in Dubai (DIFC) and London.

The firm practices in all areas of corporate, commercial and dispute resolution law. Leading international legal directories consistently recognize the firm as a top-tier law firm in Pakistan.

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