

Introduction



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Partner – Tax Services
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Professional qualifications

Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan

Current leadership roles

Partner – Tax Services

Experience snapshot

- Passed CA final examinations and completed training with A. F Ferguson & Co. Joined the firm's Taxation group as an Assistant Manager in 2009, took a break in 2010 and rejoined in 2011.
- Tax partner since July 2023 and engaged in providing services to multiple sectors.
- Over 15 years of professional experience while working with several sectors.
- Conducted various presentations, trainings, moderated discussions, appeared on talk shows to discuss and explain tax matters.
- Recognised by the institute as "CA Woman of the year 2023".

Key challenges

- Dynamic / evolving world, new skills needed
- Complexity of trade/business and regulations

Objectives

ICAP being the most prestigious institute has a crucial role in enhancing trust and confidence, of stakeholders including the regulators, in the accounting profession within and outside Pakistan. The profession is globally facing multiple challenges driven by globalisation and complexity of industry and trade, increased regulation, technological advancement, etc. ICAP has a responsibility to prepare itself and its students and members to face these challenges so that they remain relevant and continue to excel in coming times as well. I specifically aim to strive for the following:

- (i) Enhancing professional development through learning and education especially on digital skills.
- (ii) Fostering an inclusive and diverse culture that ensures representation from all demographics.
- (iii) Promoting / providing platforms for networking, member engagement.
- (iv) Addressing members' concerns.
- (v) Encouraging members to engage in community service initiatives, reinforcing profession's commitment to social responsibility.
- (vi) Working with CASA to address students' affairs and arranging events and sessions for them.