

Family Law: Literature, Litigation and Career

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I am Khushbakht

Lawyer | Family & Domestic Violence

- 7+ years as a High Court lawyer running my law firm 'KSJ Legal' in Karachi
- secured the first emotional violence judgment
- successfully challenged a 134-year old guardianship law creating landmark precedents for women & children
- Over 150 cases argued before district & high courts of Karachi

*Founded Adal Aur Sehat in 2019; Pakistan's first justice-health nexus
Founder of Mehfooz.ai — a generative-AI justice-tech venture*



MOST COMMON CASES THAT WILL COME TO YOU :

litigation in Pakistan

MARRIAGE

Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961
Muslim Family Ordinance Rules, 1961

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DIVORCE

Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961
Muslim Family Ordinance Rules, 1961
Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act, 1939

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MAINTENANCE/ DOWER

Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961
Bridal Gifts/ Dower Restraint Act

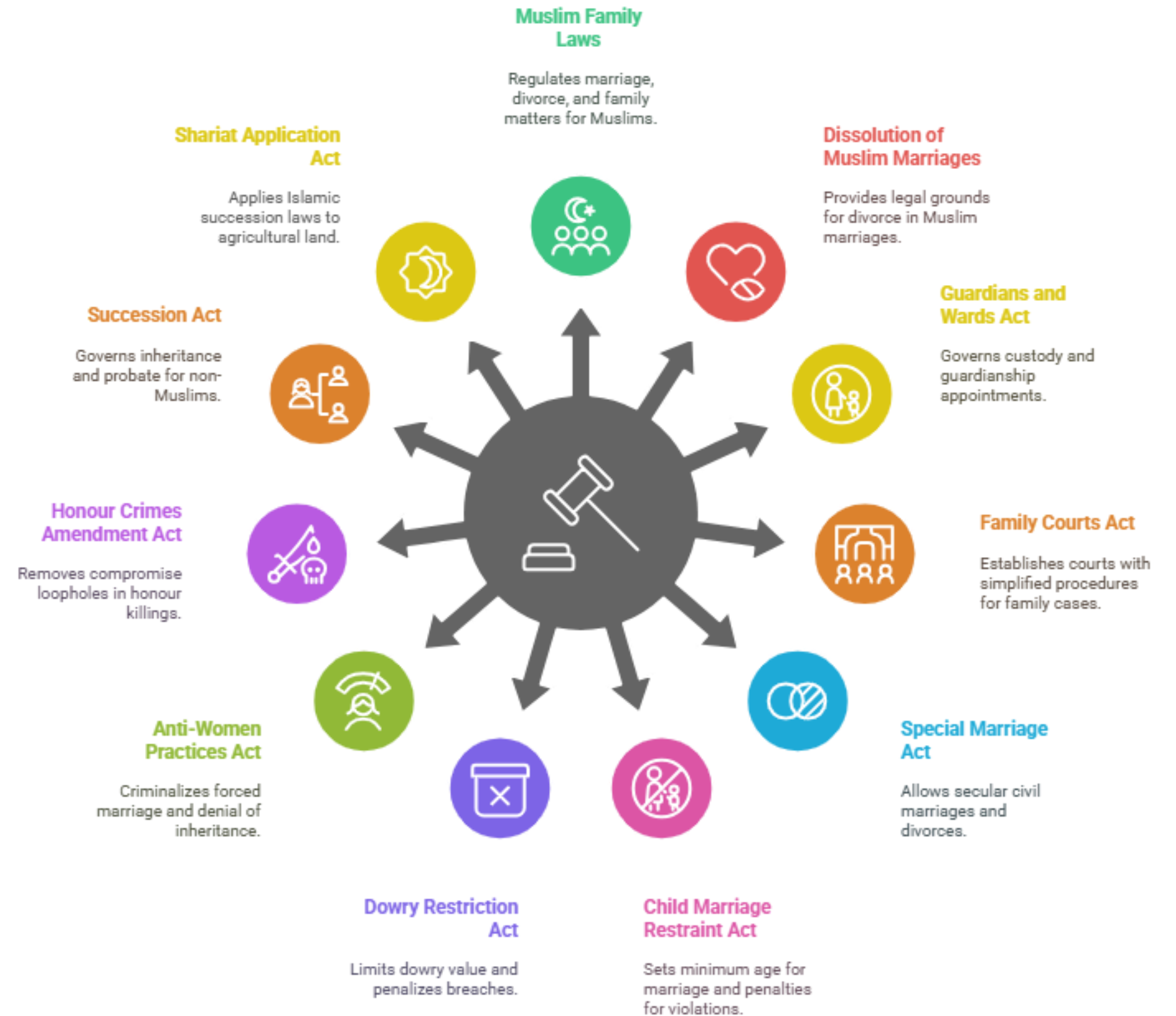
CHILD CUSTODY

Guardians and Wards Act, 1890
Hague Convention 1980
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LIST OF ALL LAWS

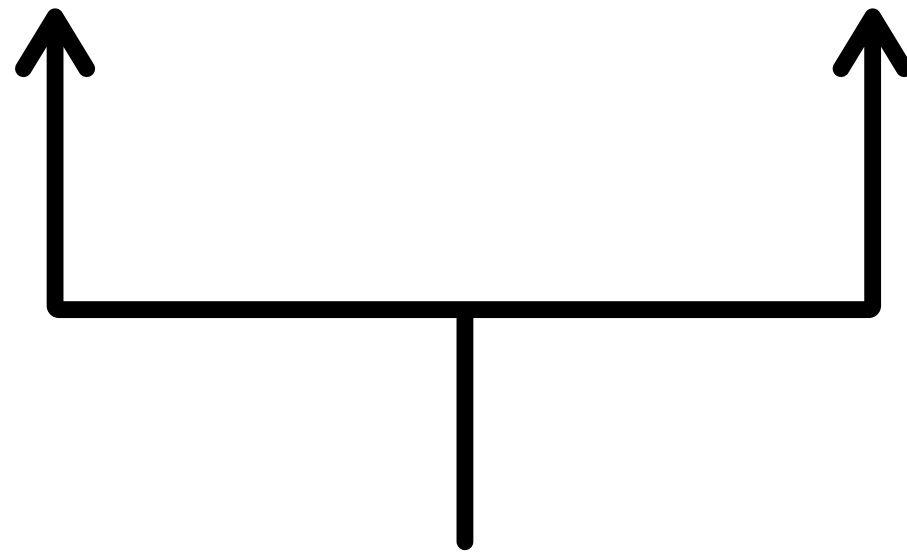
Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961
Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act, 1939
Guardians and Wards Act, 1890
Family Courts Act, 1964
Special Marriage Act, 1872
Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 (amended 2016)
Dowry & Bridal Gifts (Restriction) Act, 1976
Prevention of Anti-Women Practices Act, 2011
Criminal Law (Honour Crimes) Amendment Act, 2016
Succession Act, 1925
West Pakistan Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1962
Sindh Domestic Violence (Prevention & Protection) Act, 2013
Balochistan Domestic Violence (Prevention & Protection) Act, 2014
Punjab Protection of Women against Violence Act, 2016
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Domestic Violence Against Women Act, 2021
Islamabad Capital Territory Domestic Violence Bill, 2020
Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (amended 2024)
Divorce Act, 1869
Hindu Marriage Act, 2017
Parsi Marriage & Divorce Act, 1936
Punjab Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage Act, 2018
Muslim Family Ordinance Rules, 1961
Family Courts Rules, 1965
Guardian & Wards (West Pakistan Amendment) Ordinance, 1962
Criminal Law Third Amendment Act, 2011

Federal Family Laws Legal Frameworks in Pakistan



Helping your client: How do you think as a family lawyer?

Marriage | Divorce | Maintenance/Dower | Custody/Guardianship



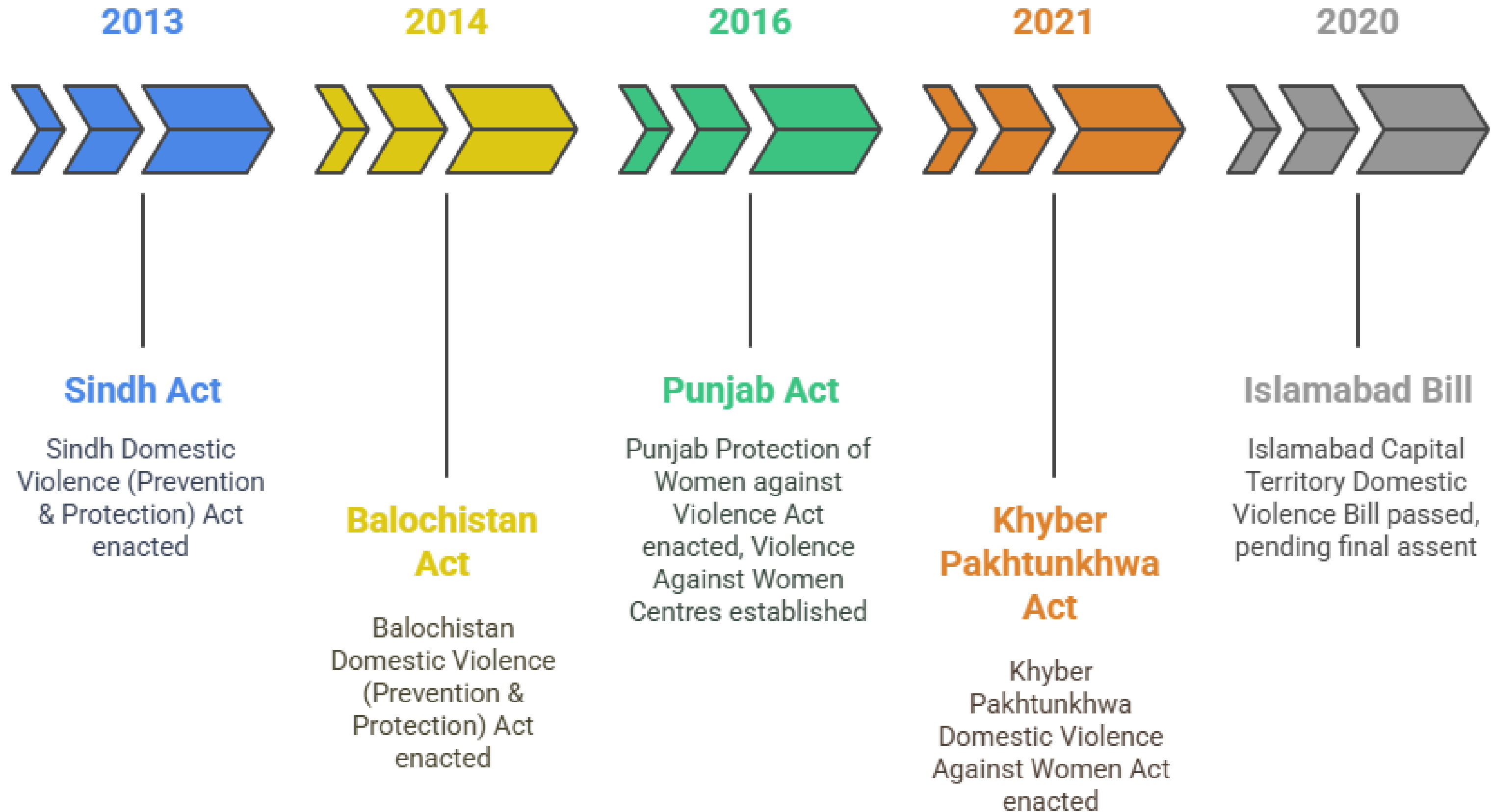
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Court/or Settlement (Parental Agreement)

Domestic Violence Laws

Key Domestic Violence & Women Protection Laws in Pakistan



CAREER QUESTIONS