

## **Predicting Pakistan's Case Pendency: Institutionalizing Mediation as a Critical Reform Agenda**

### **Abstract**

Pakistan currently faces a chronic case backlog of 2.1 million cases with a limited number of judicial officers available to dispense justice in courts. In order to understand the trajectory of case pendency, the Legal Aid Society conducted an extensive research leading to a Quantitative Evaluation of Case Diversion Potential & Community Demand for Alternative Dispute Resolution. The results are promising.

This event will showcase the trajectory of case pendency in Pakistan and will present mediation, a globally-recognized and tested dispute resolution mechanism, as an alternative means of accessing justice.

The Legal Aid Society (LAS) and Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) cordially invite you to the launch event of Pakistan's first quantitative research on case pendency and its expected trajectory. The event will be graced by prominent judges, intellectuals, internationally-accredited mediators and will bring to light mediation as a potential solution to Pakistan's case pendency problem.

### **List of Speakers**

#### PIDE

Dr. Nadeem ul Haque, VC  
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#### Judges

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah – Supreme Court Justice  
Justice Sardar Ejaz Khan

#### Accredited Mediators

Hassan Raza – Orr, Dignam & Co.  
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