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*Dedicated
to
my beloved daughter, Noor-ul-Sehr,
though she is not in this world
but
I'll never forget her during my life.*

.....G. M. Chaudhry

Preface

I felt a great need of a book on the Intellectual Property when I was the student of the Diploma in Intellectual Property Laws programme at University of the Punjab but no such a book was available in the market which may provide comprehensive information about the Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Rights. I had planned for a book which may cover all aspects of the Intellectual Property i.e. from its conceptual and philosophical logic, Intellectual Property Rights and their justifications, collection of the Intellectual Property Laws in Pakistan as well as international Treaties and Agreements on different aspects of the Intellectual Property Rights. I have started work on this project in the year 2000 with a target to complete it before the 31st December, 2001, but due to different reasons beyond my control or some times due to laxity at my part, even in the presence of all relevant documents, I could not complete this task within my stipulated time. However, the idea remained lurking in my mind and I could not get rid of this idea till today when a quite comprehensive work is in your hands, though delayed for three years.

Intellectual Property remained an ambiguous concept till the emergence of World Trade Organization wherein the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) forced the individuals, institutions, nations and states to learn about the Intellectual Property Rights because it is practically impossible to survive in business and trade sector ignoring the Intellectual Property Rights.

In our environment, I got the post-graduation qualification in the field of the Intellectual Property when even majority of the people in our country were not having exact idea about the Intellectual Property (IP) and its nature, Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and logic and necessity for recognition of Intellectual Property Rights. Sometimes I had enjoyed a lot when even well-read persons were asking about the location of Intellectual Property as their perception about this was like other tangible properties and assets. It has even kept this idea about writing a comprehensive research paper or a book highlighting all aspects of Intellectual Property, its nature, need and importance.

Today, nobody can deny the importance of the Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Rights.

Present work is comprehensive in its nature as it is covering almost all aspects relating to Intellectual Property Rights as there is a part of this book which is providing information about all aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and its administration at national, regional and international levels. It will be a useful work for students, beginners and even for experts because it is providing latest information on the issue. Latest and up to date amended laws, treaties and agreements have been made part of this book for ready reference. It will provide you exact knowledge about Intellectual Property Rights laws enforced in Pakistan and international treaties and agreements. This single book may provide you the basic information about all aspects of Intellectual Property. However, I am not claiming about perfection because it is impossible. But it will prove a first step in our country to dilate about theoretical, logical and moral aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

Everyone may benefit from this work including students, lawyers, judges, academicians, researchers and all other who have an ambition to learn about the Intellectual Property Rights.

Laws relating to intellectual property rights are an important part of this work. However, laws are subject to change and amendment by the Parliament or Government and require more care while consulting and it is always requested to consult the amendments made in the relevant laws from time to time. Similarly, international treaties and agreements are also subject to change. Therefore, latest amended texts of international treaties and agreements may also be consulted from authentic sources. We are not taking any responsibility about any amendment in any law, treaty or agreement made hereafter or any error or omission inadvertently existing in or remaining the part of the legal texts though authentic sources have been consulted during compiling and editing of the legal texts.

This long surviving ideal has become a reality only with active assistance and help of my brother who has worked under my direction to materialize the idea into reality by sharing all types of efforts. Presently it is a collective effort incorporating variety of ideas and covering different aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

All suggestions and comments will be welcomed for improvement of quality of this work in its future editions.

You can also send us messages electronically at our e-mail address given on this page. Your questions and queries will be answered and advice about any legal aspect will also be provided.

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