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## **Dedication**

This Handbook is dedicated to the memory of Cassandra Balchin,  
and her advocacy, activism and inspiration in campaigning for women's  
rights across borders and boundaries

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## Acronyms

ABH	Actual Bodily Harm
AD	Appellate Division
AJ&K	Azad Jammu and Kashmir
BLD	Bangladesh Legal Digest
BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
BPC	Bangladesh Penal Code, 1860
CAFCASS	Child and Family Court Advisory Support
CAT	Convention against Torture or Cruel, Degrading and Inhuman Treatment or Punishment, 1989
CBI	Central Bureau of Investigation
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1981
CMA	Christian Marriage Act, 1872
CMRA	Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929
CPS	Crown Prosecution Service
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1990
CrPC	Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898
DLR	Dhaka Law Reports
DMMA	Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act, 1939
SDVC	Specialist Domestic Violence Courts
ECI	European Casework Instructions
EEA	European Economic Area
EWHC	England and Wales High Court
FANA	Federally Administered Northern Areas
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas
FCA	Family Courts Act, 1984
FCO	Family Courts Ordinance, 1985
FCR	Family Courts Rules, 1984
FLR	Family Law Reports
FMPA	Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007
FMPO	Forced Marriage Protection Order
FMU	Forced Marriage Unit
FPC	Family Proceedings Court
G&WA	Guardians and Wards Act 1890
GBH	Grievous Bodily Harm
GP	General Practitioner
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966
ICO	Interim Care Order
IDA	Indian Divorce Act, 1869
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advisors
IPC	Indian Penal Code, 1860
ISVA	Independent Sexual Violence Advisors
IWRAW-AP	International Women's Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific

MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MCA	Matrimonial Causes Act
MFLO	Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961
MFLR	Muslim Family Laws Rules 1961
MMDRA	Muslim Marriages and Divorces (Registration) Act 1974
NASS	National Asylum Support Service
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NWFP	North West Frontier Province
PATA	Provincially Administered Tribal Areas
PCMA	Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006
PLD	Pakistan Law Digest
PPC	Pakistan Penal Code
PPO	Personal Protection Order
PR	Parental Responsibility
PWDVA	Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005
QC	Queen's Counsel
SARC	Sexual Assault Reporting Centre
SMA	Special Marriages Act, 1872
UK	United Kingdom
UKBA	United Kingdom Border Agency

## Glossary

Affidavit	Written statement confirmed on oath for use as evidence in Court
Affinity	Related by marriage
Balance of probability	Standard of proof in civil trials
Care order	A legal arrangement in the UK for the local Social Service Department to look after a child instead of the child's parents
Care proceedings	Court proceedings issued by the Social Services Department of the Local Authority in the UK where an application is made for a "Care Order" or "Supervision Order" in respect of a child
<i>Certiorari</i>	Writ issued for the purpose of exercising superintending control over inferior courts
Consanguinity	Related by ties of blood, descended from the same ancestors
Contact order	An order requiring the person with whom a child lives, or is to live, to allow the child to visit or stay with the person named in the order, or for that person and the child otherwise to have contact with each other
Crown Prosecution Service	The principal public prosecuting authority in England and Wales, with responsibility for conducting the majority of prosecutions for alleged criminal offences within the jurisdiction
<i>Darul Aman</i>	Shelter home for women run and operated by the Government of Pakistan
<i>Detenu/e</i>	Male/Female detained in custody
Decree of nullity/nullity decree	Judicial order determining in effect that the marriage in question never existed
Desertion	The act by which a person abandons and forsakes, without justification, a condition of public, social, or family life, renouncing its responsibilities and evading its duties



Director of Public Prosecutions	The office or official charged with the prosecution of criminal offences in the UK
Domicile	The permanent residence of a person; a place to which, even if he or she were temporarily absent, they intend to return.
Dower	See <i>Mahr/ Mehr/ Meher</i>
Duress	A threat of harm made to compel a person to do something against his or her will or judgment; a wrongful threat made by one person to compel a manifestation of seeming assent by another person to a transaction without real volition
Emergency Protection Order	An order issued by a Magistrate in the UK when an individual is in immediate danger and may have to be taken away from home quickly
Exclusion order	An order issued by a Court in the UK preventing a person from going somewhere or having contact with another person/s
Extrajudicial	Not legally authorized
<i>Ex parte</i>	One-sided; a court proceeding or order that takes place or is made in the absence of one party
<i>Fiqh</i>	Muslim law as developed by noted jurists
<i>Fosterage</i>	The act of caring for or bringing up a foster child
General Licence	A Registrar General's Licence is a special legal provision in the UK allowing a marriage or civil partnership to take place at very short notice in circumstances where one of the parties is seriously ill and is not expected to recover. It is designed to be used when the normal legal procedures for marriage or civil partnership cannot be complied with due to their ill health
Guardian	A person who has the legal authority (and the corresponding duty) to care for the personal and property interests of another person, called a ward.
<i>Habeas Corpus</i>	Writ to produce a person before a Court

<i>Hadd</i>	Specific penalties (with corresponding evidentiary requirements) for particular offences as expounded by the jurists from the primary sources of Islamic law
<i>Hudood laws</i>	Laws applicable in Pakistan and some other countries that prescribe certain offences, penalties and evidentiary rules in accordance, purportedly, with Muslim law
<i>Iddat</i>	Period of a woman's waiting following divorce or death of her husband before she remarries, under Muslim law
Inchoate offences	Offences that are incomplete. No harm is done.
Inherent jurisdiction	A doctrine of the English common law that a superior court has jurisdiction to hear any matter that comes before it, unless a statute or rule limits that authority or grants exclusive jurisdiction to some other court or tribunal
Injunction	A Court order by which an individual is required to perform, or is restrained from performing, a particular act
Jactitation	Declaration by Court to silence a false claim of marriage that can be sought by a party who denies the existence of the marriage
Judicial review	A Court's authority to examine an executive or legislative act and to invalidate that act if it is contrary to constitutional principles
<i>Kabin-nama</i>	Marriage contract, under Muslim law
<i>Kitabi/a</i>	A follower of any of the revealed religions (Christianity/Judaism, or under Shia law, Zoroastrianism)
<i>Khula</i>	A form of divorce available to a woman generally on compensating the husband, under Muslim law
Legal aid	Legal assistance provided, as by a specially established organization, for those unable to afford a lawyer
Legal guardian	A person appointed by a parent or a Court to act as the legal representative of the child in the

	event of the parent's death, or a person appointed by a court to act as guardian in relation to the property, financial affairs or personal welfare of a person with incapacity
<i>Lex domicilii</i>	The law of domicile. The law of the country of domicile determines such matters as capacity to make a will in respect of personal property, the validity of such a will, succession to personal property, consent to marriage, and the proper law of a marriage contract or settlement.
Local Authority	A local authority is an organization that is officially responsible for all the public services and facilities in a particular area in the UK
<i>Locus Standi</i>	Standing, or the right to appear in legal proceedings
<i>Mahr/ Mehr/ Meher</i>	Dower or the payment (in goods and/or cash) to be given by the groom to the bride as a requirement of marriage, under Muslim law
Malice	Wrongful intention, including all types of intent that law deems to be wrongful
<i>Mandamus</i>	Writ to compel a person performing functions in connection with the affairs of the Republic or a local authority to do something that he or she is required to do by law
Means and merits test	Test to determine whether an applicant has a reasonable claim or defence or whether the grant of legal aid to an applicant is justified, in the UK
<i>Mubara'a/ Mubarat</i>	A form of divorce by mutual agreement, under Muslim law
<i>Nikah</i>	Marriage under Muslim law. It is defined as a contract for the legalization of intercourse and the procreation of children.
<i>Nikah</i> Registrar	Marriage Registrar, responsible for registration of marriages under the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 (in Bangladesh and Pakistan)
<i>Nikahnama</i>	Marriage contract, under Muslim law
Non-molestation injunction	An order to stop a partner "molesting" a person or their children

Non-molestation orders	Orders available from a court in the UK for preventing a partner or ex-partner from using or threatening violence against a person or their child, or intimidating, harassing or pestering a person, in order to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the person and their children.
Nullity petition	Petition for declaration that the marriage in question never existed
<i>Parens patriae</i> jurisdiction	A doctrine that grants the inherent power and authority of the state to protect persons who are legally unable to act on their own behalf
Parental responsibility	A set of duties that adults have in relation to children if they have a significant role in the child's life as the basis of their relationship
<i>Paurashava</i>	Municipality
Penal notice	Directions attached to an order of a Court stating the penalty for disobedience may result in imprisonment
Personal protection order	An order that may be issued by a Court in the UK to prevent a disclosure in a legal proceeding that would prejudice the rights of a party, or prevent the legal process from being used to harass, embarrass, or cause someone undue burden or expense.
Petitioner	A party who presents a petition to a Court or other official body especially when seeking relief on appeal
Positive obligations	A state's obligation to engage in an activity to secure the effective enjoyment of a fundamental right, as opposed to the classical negative obligation to merely abstain from human rights violations
Private law proceedings	A branch of law that deals with the relations between individuals or institutions, rather than relations between these and the state.
Prohibited degrees	Persons forbidden to marry each other because of their ties of blood, marriage or fosterage, as relevant under any particular law

Prohibited steps order	An order by a Court in the UK for prohibiting a parent from allowing a child to associate with a particular person and changing a child's name
Public law proceedings	The law of relations between individuals and the state
<i>Quo warranto</i>	Writ requiring the person to whom it is directed to show under what authority they exercise a right or power (or "franchise") they claim to hold
Residence order	An order made by a Court settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom a child is to live
Residence/habitual residence	A place of settled dwelling that constitutes a person's ordinary residence
Respondent	The party that responds to a claim filed in Court against them by a plaintiff
<i>Sapinda</i>	Relationships where there is a common lineage
<i>Shariat</i>	Muslim code of religious law
Solicitor guardian	A guardian who is a member of the legal profession qualified to deal with conveyancing, the drawing up of wills, and other legal matters, in the UK
Specific issue order	An order that may be passed by a Court in the UK where a parent of a child makes an application to a court to determine a specific issue concerning the child
<i>Sui juris</i>	Of full age and capacity
<i>Suo motu</i>	Used in reference to a Court acting of its own motion
Supervision order	A legal arrangement in the UK for the local Social Services to supervise and befriend the child's parents and support them in providing appropriate parenting for the child
<i>Talaq</i>	Unilateral dissolution of marriage by husband, under Muslim law

<i>Talaqnama</i>	Divorce deed
<i>Talaq e tawfiz</i>	Right of divorce delegated in writing to a wife by the husband, under Muslim law
Threshold criteria	The threshold criteria means the test which must be satisfied before the Court can make a care or supervision order in favour of the local authority in the UK. The local authority has to prove that; the child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm and that this is because of the care being given or likely to be given by the parent falling below a reasonable standard or that the child is beyond parental control
Tipstaff Officer	An officer of a Court or, in some countries, a law clerk to a judge
Tort	A breach of duty leading to liability for damages
<i>Union Parishad</i>	The smallest rural administrative and local government unit in Bangladesh
Unreasonable behavior	Conduct by a spouse sufficient to cause the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage
Unsoundness of mind	Mind of an adult who from infirmity of mind is incapable of managing themselves or their affairs
<i>Vakil</i>	Agent, under Muslim Law
Valid marriage	The legal status, condition, or relationship that results from complying with the essentials of marriage, under any particular law
Void marriage	A marriage that is unlawful or invalid under the laws of the jurisdiction where it is purportedly contracted/solemnized
Voidable marriage	A marriage that is initially invalid but which remains in effect unless terminated by court order
<i>Wali</i>	Guardian for marriage, under Muslim law
Ward of court	A person, especially an infant or incompetent, placed by the court in the care of a guardian

Wardship order

An order placing a person, especially an infant or incompetent, in the care of a guardian

Without notice order

An order made by the Court order without the defendant being aware of the application, or having a chance to oppose it

*Zina*

Extra-marital sex; a criminal offence under Pakistan law

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